

## Special Circumstances – Dependent Student

### 2026-27

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hope College ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your eligibility for financial aid is determined using the information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We use the FAFSA data to provide an equitable and consistent review for all students. The 2026-27 FAFSA calculation considers your 2024 income as a good indicator of the financial strength of your family.

We understand that families may experience financial changes that are not reflected on the FAFSA. If your parent/s 2024 or 2025 income is expected to be significantly less than that of 2024, please complete the information listed below and provide all noted supporting documentation.

- Submit a signed copy of parent/s 2024 and 2025 federal income tax return with W-2 forms
- Submit a written explanation of your parents' change in income
- Submit supporting documentation of income estimates

Projected 2026 Income	Father/Stepfather	Mother/Stepmother	Required Document(s)
Gross Income from Work	\$	\$	Current/Final Pay Statement
Severance Pay	\$	\$	Letter from Employer
Unemployment Benefits	\$	\$	Documentation from Agency
Pension Distributions	\$	\$	1099R or Pension Statement
Business Income	\$	\$	Quarterly Statement
Workman's Comp Benefits	\$	\$	Documentation from Agency
Taxable Social Security Benefits	\$	\$	Documentation from Agency
Untaxed Social Security Benefits (including SSI)	\$	\$	Documentation from Agency
Child Support Received	\$	\$	Letter from Court
Alimony	\$	\$	Letter from Court
Early Withdrawal from Retirement Funds	\$	\$	Letter outlining how funds were used
Non-Education Veterans Benefits	\$	\$	Documentation from Agency
Other Untaxed Income: _____	\$	\$	Documentation from Source

## Certifications and Signatures

*Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date. Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.*

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(signature must be in ink)