

To: All enrolled FAFSA students

Subject: Reminder – Professional Judgement Option



Dear Student,

Financial Aid Administrators have the authority to take into consideration unique family circumstances not reflected on the application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). An aid administrator may use Professional Judgment (PJ) on a case-by-case basis to adjust the following:

- Student's Cost of Attendance
- FAFSA Data Elements used to calculate the Student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Students Dependency Status

The 2021-2022 FAFSA requires 2019 tax information and the 2022-2023 FAFSA that opens October 1, 2021 requires 2020 tax information. The Department of Education recognizes that many students and families have experienced financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that the information reported on the FAFSA may not accurately reflect a student's current financial situation. If this situation applies to you and your family, you may be eligible for a Professional Judgment. Additional information is available at saic.edu/sfsappeals and here. If a Professional Judgment is approved, your financial aid maybe updated, which could mean an update in federal aid or institutional need-based aid, depending on the availability of funding.

To apply for a professional judgment consideration, please click on the link below that applies to you to begin the process.

[New Undergraduate](#)

[Continuing Undergraduate](#)

[New Graduate](#)

[Continuing Graduate](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the Student Financial Services Office at saic.sfs@saic.edu or 312.629.6600. Virtual and telephone appointments can be scheduled online at saic.edu/sfs. Details in the gold box.

Thank you,

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