



ILLINOIS WESLEYAN  
UNIVERSITY

New Student  
Financial Aid Appeal  
Questionnaire  
2017-18

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**Submit All Documents To:**

**Financial Aid Office**

Illinois Wesleyan University

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## 2017-2018 Appeal Questionnaire

Student's Info		
Name	ID #	Phone Number

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street City St ZIP

Please read the attached instructions while completing this form. All income and worksheet figures should be reported for each year. Please **do not** leave blank lines.

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| <p>1. Parent(s') estimated Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>                                | <p>10. Current net worth of parent(s') investments (value minus investment debt).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>_____</span> </div>   |
| <p>2. Parent(s') estimated income tax paid.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>  | <p>11. Medical expenses that were not covered by insurance, flex spending accounts, and/or health saving accounts.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div> |
| <p>3. Parent 1 – Estimated wages/earnings. This figure should be a portion of the AGI.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div> | <p>12. Current value of parent(s') cash, savings, and checking.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>_____</span> </div>   |
| <p>4. Parent 2 – Estimated wages/earnings. This figure should be a portion of the AGI.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div> | <p>13. Is the custodial parent(s) a dislocated worker? (Y or N)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>  |
| <p>5. Parent's total Unemployment Compensation in AGI.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>                                 | <p>14. Student's estimated Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>  |
| <p>6. Additional Financial Information for Parent(s) (pg. 2).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>                          | <p>15. Student's estimated income tax paid.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>  |
| <p>7. Worksheet for Untaxed Income for Parent(s) (pg. 2).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>                              | <p>16. Student's estimated wages, salaries, and/or tips.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>   |
| <p>8. Anticipated non-custodial parent support for college expenses.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>                   | <p>17. Additional Financial Aid Information for Student (pg. 2).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>   |
| <p>9. Untaxed Social Security to be received for all family members.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>                   | <p>18. Worksheet for Untaxed Income for Student (pg. 2).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>2016 _____</span> <span>2017 _____</span> </div>   |

Parent(s)		Additional Financial Information	Student	
2016	2017		2016	2017
_____	_____	a. Education credits (Hope and Learning tax credits) from IRS form 1040 - line 49 or 1040A line 31.	_____	_____
_____	_____	b. Child Support paid because of divorce decree or separation due to legal requirements.	_____	_____
_____	_____	c. Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs such as Work Study and need-based portions of fellowships, and/or assistantships.	_____	_____
_____	_____	d. Grant and scholarship aid reported as taxable income in the Adjusted Gross Income includes AmeriCorps benefits, fellowship, and assistantships funds.	_____	_____
_____	_____	e. Combat pay or special combat pay. Do not enter untaxed combat pay portions	_____	_____
_____	_____	<b>Totals for Question 6</b>	<b>Totals for Question 17</b>	_____

Parent(s)		Worksheet for Untaxed Income	Student	
2016	2017		2016	2017
_____	_____	a. Payments to tax deferred pensions and savings plans (directly or withheld from earnings including but not limited to amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Box 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S.	_____	_____
_____	_____	b. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040 - line 28 or 1040A – line 17.	_____	_____
_____	_____	c. Child support received for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments.	_____	_____
_____	_____	d. Tax exempt Interest income from IRS Form 1040 – line 8a or 1040A – line 8b.	_____	_____
_____	_____	e. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040 – lines 15a minus 15b or 1040A Lines 11a minus 11b. Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter \$0 here.	_____	_____
_____	_____	f. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040 – lines 16a minus 16b or 1040A lines 12a minus 12b. Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter in \$0 here.	_____	_____
_____	_____	g. Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits).	_____	_____
_____	_____	h. Veterans noneducation benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.	_____	_____
_____	_____	i. Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability, etc. Don't include student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare Payments, untaxed Social Security benefits and income, Workforce Investment Act Education benefits, combat pay, benefits from flex spending accounts, foreign income Exclusion, or credit for federal tax on special fuels.	_____	_____
_____	_____	j. Money received or paid on your behalf, not reported elsewhere on this form.	_____	_____
_____	_____	<b>Totals for Question 7</b>	<b>Totals for Question 18</b>	_____

I (we) understand that the Financial Aid Office may verify all income, asset, and cost information at a later time. Should this estimate appear later to be inaccurate, I (we) will submit new information in writing. I (we) also understand that financial aid awards issued on the basis of inaccurate parent/student information are subject to revision, including cancellation and back billing. I (we) affirm and attest that the information provided is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

## Appeal Questionnaire Situation Summary

The IWU Financial Aid Application and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may not reflect your unusual financial circumstances. Listed below are special circumstances which may warrant an adjustment to your financial aid proposal. Check all of the below circumstances which may apply to you and your family's situation.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Loss or Reduction of Income

My family is experiencing a loss or reduction of income as of \_\_\_\_\_ due to the following:

_____ Unemployment	_____ <small>Date of Incident</small> Loss of Unemployment Compensation
_____ Reduced Wages or Furloughs	_____ Death or Disability
_____ Dual Household Expenses	_____ Other (Detailed Below)

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Parents Recently \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Separated

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Paying High Medical Expenses Not Covered by Insurance, Flexible Spending, and/or Health Savings Accounts

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Along with this appeal form, please submit documentation to support your situation. For example: Medical expense appeals require documentation such as [but not limited to] receipts and account summaries showing 'out of pocket' payments made. The below list may help you clearly and completely document your special circumstances.

1. Provide a detailed description of your situation.
2. Attach documentation verifying your situation.
3. Give an actual cost of the situation.
4. Give the date the special circumstance occurred and a timeframe you expect it to end.
5. Include all 2015 W-2 information and a signed copy of your 2015 Federal Tax Return including all schedules.
6. Include all 2016 W-2 information and a signed copy of your 2016 Federal Tax Return (if available) including all schedules.
7. Include a copy of your most recent 2017 paystub.

## Appeal Instructions

Please use these instructions to complete the Appeal Questionnaire. The appeal must be signed by the student and custodial parent. The 2015 IRS lines are provided as a guide to estimate future or current income figures.

1. Report or Estimate the Parent(s') AGI. 2015 IRS Form:  
-1040 line 37 or -1040A line 21 or -1040EZ line 4  
**\*\*Do not include non-custodial parent income\*\***
2. Report or Estimate the Parent(s') Income Tax Paid. 2015 IRS Form: -1040 line 46 minus 56 or -1040 line 36 minus 28 or -1040 line 10  
**\*\*Do not include FICA, Self-Employment, or other taxes\*\***
3. Report or Estimate Parent Wages. 2015 IRS Form: -1040 line 7 or -1040A line 7 or -1040EZ line 1.  
**\*\*If you own a business or farm, also add lines 12 and 18 on 1040.\*\***
4. Refer to question 3 instructions.
5. Self-Explanatory.
6. Complete Parent Additional Financial Information on page 2.
7. Complete Parent Untaxed Income Information on page 2.
8. Non-custodial parent refers to a biological parent not living in the household.
9. Self-Explanatory.
10. Investments include real estate (other than your home), trust funds, money market funds, mutual funds, CD's, stocks, bonds, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), and other securities. Investment value includes the market value of these investments. Do not include the value of life insurance and qualified retirement accounts. Investment debt refers to the amount of debt related to the investment.
11. These figures should include all out of pocket payments (such as co-pays and other payments) made after insurance, flex spending, and/or health savings account payments. Documentation supporting the total amount paid for medical expenses is required. Examples of documentation would include (but limited to): account summaries, receipts, canceled checks, Schedule A (if you itemized medical expenses as part of your tax return), and any other documentation that showing payments made.
12. The answer must be completed as of the day you complete the questionnaire. Do not include qualified retirement accounts.
13. In general, a person may be considered a dislocated worker if they are receiving or did receive Unemployment Compensation benefits due to being laid off or loss of a job and are unlikely to be returning to the job, was self-employed but due to economic conditions or natural disaster is now unemployed, a displaced homemaker, or a spouse of an Armed Forces member on active duty who lost a job due to being relocated due to change in duty station.
14. Report or Estimate the Student's AGI. 2015 IRS Form:  
-1040 line 37 -1040A line 21 -1040EZ line 4
15. Report or Estimate the Student's Income Tax Paid. 2015 IRS Form: -1040 line 46 minus 56 or -1040 line 36 minus 28 or -1040 line 10  
**\*\*Do not include FICA, Self-Employment, or other taxes\*\***
16. Report or Estimate Student's wages. 2015 IRS Form: -1040 line 7 or -1040A line 7 or -1040EZ line 1
17. Complete Student Additional Financial Information on page 2.
18. Complete Student Untaxed Income Information on page 2.

## Policies and Adjustments

### Policy

To qualify for most financial aid programs, a family must demonstrate 'financial need.' Financial need is the difference between the cost of your education and the amount you and your family are expected to contribute to your education, as determined by the Financial Aid Office from the information you supply when you apply for financial aid.

The basis of the calculation is a combination of the federal formula called "Federal Methodology" and "Institutional Methodology." The formulas consider both the income and assets of the family. The data needed for the analysis is collected from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the IWU Financial Aid Application or the CSS PROFILE. The Financial Aid Office determines the accuracy and reasonableness of the data by comparing it to the tax return information. Separate contributions toward the cost of education are calculated for the student and the parents. The two combined contributions constitute the expected family contribution.

An appeal is a request for a re-evaluation of your financial aid eligibility due to changes in your situation from the time you applied for financial aid. When considering your appeal, the Financial Aid Office takes into account the availability of funds, the timeliness of your original application for financial aid, the timeliness of your appeal, and the nature of the change in circumstances. Appeal decisions are subject to Federal, State, and University regulations.

### Funding and Financial Aid Adjustments

Due to limited availability of assistance, approved appeals may be funded with IWU, State, and/or Federal grants in addition to student loans. Regardless of circumstances, additional awards may be provided only if money is available at the time your appeal is reviewed.

### How to Appeal the Family Contribution

You may complete the enclosed questionnaire including an appeal letter which details your change in circumstances. Please also include any supporting documentation with this form and return the requested information to the IWU Financial Aid Office.