INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

2012-2013 Special Circumstances Information

Financial Aid Office, CAPS

The Special Circumstances Forms are used to report situations or changes in your family's and/or your financial situation, which may impact your ability to pay for your education. Circumstances are reviewed per award year. The time frame for which we will consider exceptions for the 2012-2013 award year is July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. We must have a complete, valid FAFSA on file before we can review Special circumstances and re-evaluate your financial aid package.

Complete the appropriate Special Circumstances Form for each relevant situation from the list provided below. Submit each completed form to the CAPS Financial Aid Office along with any requested supporting documentation. Be certain to complete the student information at the top and to sign and date each form. Failure to submit a completed form with the requested supporting documentation will result in denial of the request for exception. Feel free to attach a statement to explain your individual situation in more detail.

Adjustments made by Indiana Wesleyan University's CAPS Financial Aid Office are made on a case-by-case basis, are not guaranteed, and affect student financial aid eligibility only while the student is enrolled at IWU. The exception you receive from IWU does not apply at other colleges or universities nor do their decisions apply at IWU.

Below are the areas that Indiana Wesleyan University's CAPS Financial Aid Office has determined as Special circumstances, followed by a general description. Please click on the appropriate link to be directed to that specific form. Contact our office with any questions at the contact information at the bottom of the page.

Death of Parent/Spouse

The death of one or both parents of a dependent student or the spouse of an independent student.

Divorce or Separation

The **parents** of a **dependent** student who divorce or who become separated.

Excessive Medical Expenses

Consideration is given to a family's payment of excessive medical expenses not covered by their insurance. Information for determining what costs are acceptable and what costs are excluded can be found in the IRS Tax Form 1040, Schedule A instructions. We cannot consider amounts billed but not paid.

Loss or Change of Job/Income

One or both parents of a dependent student or, for an independent student, the student or the student's spouse loses or changes jobs after filing the FAFSA resulting in reduced income.

Loss of Child Support

At the point the FAFSA was filed, the parent of a dependent student or, for independent students, the student or the student's spouse may have been receiving child support that will not continue when the student enters college or reaches a certain age.

Natural Disaster

The family has faced the events of a natural disaster (i.e., tornado, hurricane, flood, mudslide, etc.), which have impacted the financial resources listed on the FAFSA. Consideration is given to the loss of resources not covered by insurance.

Tuition Paid

Consideration is given to tuition payments for a dependent student's younger sibling(s) attending an elementary, junior high, or senior high school. Consideration is also given for tuition paid to an accredited college or university if one or both of a dependent student's parents is currently enrolled and attending.

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