Vassar College

2026-2027 Request for Financial Aid Reconsideration

Student Name: _____ Vassar/Applicant ID #: _____

If your family's financial circumstances have changed since you completed your financial aid application, or if there are unusual circumstances not reflected in your CSS Profile, you may request a reconsideration of your financial aid offer. We understand that circumstances can change, and welcome the opportunity to review your family's situation. To initiate a request, please complete this form and email it, along with the supporting documentation, to finaid@vassar.edu.

Person completing this request: ☐ Student ☐ Parent:

Check	Reason(s) for Appeal	Required Documentation
☐	Loss of Employment Date of change _____ We understand that a loss of employment can create financial uncertainty. Vassar will wait approximately 6 months before evaluating changes in income. This waiting period allows time for severance, unemployment benefits, and opportunities for reemployment to be taken into account. Once we receive your form, our office will provide guidance on next steps based on the date of your reported employment change. Additional documentation may be required.	• 2025 1040 tax return, including all pages and schedules • 2025 W2 statements • 2025 Corporate and/or Partnership tax return(s), including all pages • Termination/Separation letter from employer • Recent paystubs • Documentation of unemployment benefits
☐	Reduction in Recent Income Financial aid for the 2026-27 academic year is based on 2024 income. If your recent (2025) income was less, and more indicative of your current financial situation, we may be able to take that into consideration.	• Detailed statement explaining reason for income decrease • 2025 1040 tax return, including all pages and schedules • 2025 W2 statements • 2025 Corporate and/or Partnership tax return(s), including all pages
☐	One-time / Nonrecurring Income If your 2024 tax return includes an unusual, one-time source of income, such as a hardship withdrawal from a retirement account or one-time capital gain from the sale of property, we may be able to make an adjustment to more accurately reflect your current financial circumstances.	• Detailed statement identifying the source of the income, amount, and how it was used • Documentation of income type (i.e. 1099 Form, property sale statement, inheritance, etc.) • 2025 1040 tax return, including all pages and schedules
☐	Death of a Parent We recognize that the loss of a loved one is a difficult time, and that its impact extends beyond financial concerns. We are here to support you through this process. Upon receipt of this form, we may follow up with additional guidance and/or request further documentation to best evaluate your eligibility for additional funding.	• Copy of death certificate • Detailed statement explaining the changes to family circumstances (*optional*) • Documentation of survivor's benefits: distributions from life insurance, retirement/pensions, or other assets; anticipated social security benefits for all members of the household
☐	Parent Separation or Divorce If your parents have separated or divorced, they must be living in separate residences for your circumstances to be considered under this category. Please note that Vassar will continue to consider both parents' ability to contribute towards educational expenses, regardless of marital status.	• Detailed statement explaining change in circumstances and how family finances have been impacted • Documentation of separate residences and their costs (i.e. apartment lease, mortgage statement)

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☐	**High Medical Expenses** Vassar may consider unusually high medical expenses that were paid out-of-pocket during the tax year used to determine financial aid eligibility. Expenses must have been paid during the applicable tax year and cannot include outstanding (unpaid) bills or amounts reimbursed or covered by insurance.	• Schedule A of 1040 and statement of itemized deductions • Documentation of the actual expenses and payments made (i.e. paid invoices from medical/dental providers, explanation of benefits documents from the insurance company, etc.) • If expenses were incurred and paid for in a more recent tax year, the complete 1040 tax return, W2 statements, etc. for that tax year are also required
☐	**Expenses related to a Natural Disaster** In the event of a natural disaster, Vassar may consider related, unexpected expenses paid during the income tax year used for financial aid eligibility. Expenses must have been paid during the applicable tax year and cannot include outstanding (unpaid) bills or amounts reimbursed or covered by insurance.	• Statement outlining damage and impact on finances • Copies of invoices and payment documentation for expenses related to the damage • Insurance claim documentation • If expenses were incurred and paid for in a more recent tax year, the complete 1040 tax return, W2 statements, etc. for that tax year are also required
☐	**Parent Educational Debt Repayment** Repayment obligations for loans a parent borrowed for their own education may be taken into consideration. Parent PLUS loans borrowed to help cover the educational expenses of other children are not eligible under Vassar policy.	• Documentation of the loan, type, principal balance remaining, and all payments made during the income tax year used for financial aid eligibility
☐	**Eldercare / Family Member Support** We understand that supporting an elderly relative or disabled family member can place additional demands on a family's finances. Vassar may consider significant out-of-pocket expenses related to the care or support of a family member such as medical care or financial assistance with essential living expenses.	• Detailed statement outlining family members who received support (name, age, relationship to family, location), type of support received, and what the funds were used for • Documentation of the payments made (i.e. copies of bills paid on their behalf, bank transfers, etc.) • If payments were made in a more recent tax year, the complete 1040 tax return, W2 statements, etc. for that tax year are also required

Please be aware that we do NOT reconsider aid eligibility for the following circumstances:

- Parent refusal to contribute
- Parent early retirement
- Anticipated changes that have not yet occurred
- Consumer debt (i.e. credit card, auto loans, etc.)
- Purchase of discretionary items, extracurricular activities, etc.
- Fluctuations in asset values
- High mortgage payments or costs to maintain a home
- Construction/renovation costs
- Education loan repayment for student or student's siblings
- Financial aid offers from other institutions
- Currency devaluation (International students)

Certification and Signature

I certify that all the information reported on this form and any attachments are true, complete and accurate. I acknowledge that if there are significant discrepancies between the documentation submitted for the appeal and future documentation, the college reserves the right to re-evaluate and restructure the financial aid retroactively for the year in which the reconsideration was performed.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

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