

# Financial Aid Office

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Financial Aid Income and Expense Appeals



Western Nebraska  
Community College

# Agenda

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- FAFSA and income reporting
- Financial aid income and expense appeal general information
  - <https://www.wncc.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/application-materials-deadlines>
- Financial Aid Income Change Appeal
- Financial Aid Special Expense Appeal
- Steps to complete an appeal
- Financial Aid Office contact information

# Income Change Appeal

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# Reasons for Income Change Appeal

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- Reduction in income from that reported on FAFSA
  - Unemployment
  - Reduction of hours or wages
  - Retirement
  - Separation or divorce of parents
- Student or parent
- [2021-2022 Income Change Appeal Form](#)

# What you need to know

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- Important documentation will need to be submitted
  - Review instructions carefully
- Allow time for review and respond promptly to requests
- If you have an EFC of 0, then nothing to be gained by appealing
- Income protection allowances included in federal calculation
- Not all aid adjustments will result in increased aid

# What you need to know (cont'd)

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- WNCC's financial aid adjustment will not transfer to another college
- WNCC appeal decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S. Department of Education
- All other financial aid eligibility requirements must also be met to qualify for appeal
- [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#)

# Special Expense Appeal

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# Reasons for Special Expense Appeal

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- Expenses incurred in excess of student budget
  - Child care or elder care costs
  - Computer purchase
  - Excessive transportation costs
  - Tuition and fees above 12 credit hours
- [2021-2022 Special Expense Appeal Form](#)



# What you need to know

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- Important documentation will need to be submitted
  - Review instructions carefully
- Allow time for review and respond promptly to requests
- May result in increase loan eligibility, but not in additional Pell Grant
- Not all aid adjustments will result in increased aid

# What you need to know (cont'd)

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- WNCC's financial aid adjustment will not transfer to another college
- WNCC appeal decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S. Department of Education
- All other financial aid eligibility requirements must also be met to qualify for appeal
- Review Satisfactory Academic Progress and financial aid eligibility [requirements](#)

# Steps to complete

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# Steps

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- Thoroughly review the requirements of the appeal found on the [Application Materials and Deadlines](#) web page
- Gather all requested documents, complete form, sign and submit to WNCC Financial Aid Office
  - Secure file transfer  
<https://docsafe.wncc.edu/filedrop/FINAID>
  - Fax 308-635-6732
  - Mail to WNCC Financial Aid Office, 1601 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361
  - Hand deliver

# Questions?

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# For assistance

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- Schedule an appointment
  - Last name A-M: Rosa Rosario at <https://wncc.libcal.com/appointment/64508>
  - Last name N-Z: Margarita Gurrola at <https://wncc.libcal.com/appointment/61240>
- WNCC Financial Aid Office:
  - [financialaid@wncc.edu](mailto:financialaid@wncc.edu)
  - 308-635-6011 or 800-348-4435, extension 6011

# Financial Aid Office

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- Sheila Johns, Director
  - Rosa Rosario, Assistant Director
  - Margarita Gurrola, Associate
  - Christina Garcia, Technician
  - Janette Lookabill, Receptionist
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- Reference information: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions, Published May 11, 2021, Updated May 24, 2011, <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/arpfaq.pdf>, direct outreach to financial aid applicants.