Q) I'm having a difficult time affording college. What can I do?

Complete a 2021-2022 FAFSA Application

If you haven't already, students should <u>submit a 2021-2022 FAFSA</u> in order to explore financial aid options for the 2021-22 academic year (Fall 2021 and Spring 2022). The 2021-22 FAFSA uses information from Tax Year 2019. Within 2-3 weeks, the Financial Aid Office will contact the student (via UWGB email account) with a financial aid offer or next steps.

Q) I completed the 2021-22 FAFSA, but my (or my family's) 2019 income was higher than my 2020 income. What can I/we do?

Complete a 2021-22 Reduced Income Appeal Form

For students or parents that may have had a job loss or significant reduction in income between 2019 and 2020, the Financial Aid Office offers a <u>Reduced Income Appeal Form</u>. The completed form should be returned to the Financial Aid Office, along with signed copies of 2020 federal tax returns and any supporting documentation that may be helpful in reviewing the appeal. More information can be found by clicking on the link to the form.

Q) I completed the 2021-22 FAFSA, but my/our change in income occurred in 2021. What can I/we do?

Contact the Financial Aid Office

For students or parents that may have had a temporary or permanent job loss or other significant reduction in income during 2021, the Financial Aid Office has a separate appeal process. We will review every appeal, but it may be difficult to accurately estimate income for 2021. For that reason, we generally do not consider such requests until July, and we may request end of year tax documents before making any adjustments.

In order to allow us to assess your unique situation, you'll want to contact the Financial Aid Office at <u>financialaid@uwgb.edu</u>. Please provide information regarding your situation and request to appeal using estimated 2021 income. If you can, gather copies of the following documents (as applicable):

- Job termination or layoff notice
- Most recent or last pay stub for 2021
- Unemployment benefits received in 2021
- Severance package details
- Other taxable and untaxable income sources and amounts for 2021 (such as child support, interest income, pension, etc)
- Signed copies of 2019 and 2020 federal tax return pages 1-2 and Schedules 1-3 if filed.

Contact the Financial Aid Office at <u>financialaid@uwgb.edu</u> or 920-465-2075 with any questions.