

TCU Financial Aid Office  
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**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPLICATION**  
**for INDEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATES**  
**AND GRADUATE STUDENTS**  
**2009-2010**

This form will not be processed until TCU receives the results of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and any required documentation. Failure to provide all requested documentation may delay processing and/or result in denial of this request.

**The TCU Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid will not consider the following situations as a special circumstance:**

- Unforced Retirement
- S-Corporations
- Unemployment less than 3 months
- Private-secondary education
- Recurring situations that remain unchanged from the previous year

Student's Name	TCU ID #		
Phone Number	E-mail address		
Address	City	State	Zip

**Have you filed a Special Circumstance with our office in a previous aid year?**     Yes  No

**A. Loss of income from work:** at least 12 consecutive weeks. \*\* (See Comment below)

Period of unemployment from \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ to \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ Layoff: Provide letter from employer or unemployment commission stating effective date.

\_\_\_ Termination: Provide letter from employer or unemployment commission stating effective date.

\_\_\_ Disability: Date of disability \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ . Attach documentation of disability.

\_\_\_ One-time income: (i.e. inheritance, moving expense, back year's social security payments, lump sum retirement or IRS distribution. You must attach a separate sheet identifying source of income and how funds were spent or invested.)

**B. Loss of untaxed income:** at least 12 consecutive weeks\*\* (See Comment below.)

\_\_\_ Social Security: Provide Social Security Administration Notification of Termination of Benefits.

\_\_\_ Child Support: Provide court document stating termination of benefits.

\_\_\_ Worker's Compensation: Provide a letter from Bureau of Worker's Compensation stating termination date of benefits.

**C. Divorce:** After filing the FAFSA, you and your spouse have separated or divorced. Date of divorce or separation \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ . If divorced, attach copy of the divorce decree, 2008 tax return and W-2 form(s). If separated, attach a copy of 2008 W-2 forms, 2008 tax return, and current address of your spouse. \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Death:** After applying for financial aid, your spouse has died. Date of death \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ .  
Attach a copy of the death certificate.

**E. Graduate student quitting full-time employment to attend TCU full-time:** Please provide most recent paycheck stub(s) indicating gross earnings year-to-date for you and your spouse (if applicable) along with first two pages of your 2008 tax return. If approved, your financial aid award will be based on your expected 2009 income; however, loan disbursements will be on hold until our office receives the following:

\_\_\_ Resignation letter to your employer or letter from employer indicating your last date of employment.

\_\_\_ Final paycheck stub/s with gross year-to-date earnings from employer/s.

**F. Other unusual circumstances.** Provide complete information regarding other unusual expenses. Attach appropriate documentation.

\*\*Please note, when you have been unemployed less than 12 weeks, TCU reserves the right to evaluate the application at a later time.

TCU ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the best possible estimates for the period of January 1, 2009- December 31, 2009. Additional documentation may be requested.

<b>EXPECTED INCOME FOR 2009</b>	<b>ACTUAL 1/01/09 TO TODAY</b> ____/____	<b>ESTIMATED TODAY TO 12/31/09</b>	<b>TOTAL - ACTUAL INCOME PLUS ESTIMATED INCOME</b>
Expected income earned from work by student in 2009			
Expected income earned from work by spouse in 2009			
Other taxable income (interest, pensions, unemployment compensation, severance, etc.) <b>Source:</b>			
Other untaxed income (child support, Social Security, Welfare, worker's compensation, cash received, etc.) <b>Source:</b>			
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR 2009</b>			

Important Information:

- The first two pages of the 2008 tax return must accompany all Special Circumstance applications. Failure to submit a tax return will result in delayed processing.
- Please attach an explanation letter and provide any additional information that explains your circumstance. If approved, your financial aid award will be based on your expected 2009 income; however, loan disbursements will be on hold until our office receives all requested documents.
- Please note, general processing time for the Special Circumstance Application takes about 4-6 weeks.

**CERTIFICATION:**

*All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this form. I also realize that if I do not give proof when asked, I may not receive financial assistance. I also authorize the examination of any documents, including medical records, which may be submitted as a part of this Special Circumstance application.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date