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2026-2027 Budget Adjustment Appeal

The 2026-2027 Budget Adjustment Appeal is intended to address extenuating education costs not included in the standard cost of attendance (COA). The standard COA is based on the average educational costs incurred for students. Costs must occur within the nine-month academic enrollment period.

A. Student Information

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Last name First name M.I. USI Student ID number (SSN if ID is unknown)

B. Instructions

Complete, sign, and return this form (in black or blue ink) with documentation. Pay special attention to documentation required in each category. Incomplete requests will not be processed.

Note: Increasing your COA may allow for additional borrowing through the Direct Loan Program(s) if you have not already been awarded the maximum amounts permitted for your dependency status, grade level and degree; the Direct PLUS Loan or Graduate PLUS Loan programs; or an alternative private student loan.

Expenses that are covered by a third party will not be considered.

Submission of this form does not guarantee approval, will not likely result in additional grant or scholarship eligibility and will not automatically increase any loans already borrowed. It may allow us to increase your financial aid Cost of Attendance/Budget.

C. Budget Adjustment

- ☐ Child Care Expenses (Independent students who are paying out-of-pocket for daycare/childcare)
  - ✓ Dependent children must live with you and be 12 years of age or younger.
  - ✓ Documentation must show the child's name, age and monthly expense for each child.
  - ✓ Examples of documentation include a statement from the daycare provider, cancelled checks, receipts, etc.
- ☐ Transportation Expenses (Commuter students who are traveling over 60 miles round-trip per day)
  - ✓ Documentation must include a written statement detailing the number of miles per day (in excess of 60 miles round trip) and the number of days per week you drive to Evansville.
- ☐ Off campus-housing (Students whose COA is based on living with parents or living on-campus, but are now living off-campus in an apartment or house)
  - ✓ Documentation must show your name and monthly charges.
  - ✓ Examples of documentation include your lease or rental agreement.
- ☐ Computer Expense (One-time purchase of a computer, not to exceed $1800)
  - ✓ Attach proof of purchase.
- ☐ Other:_____
  - ✓ We **cannot** consider expenses incurred/paid by roommates, spouses, and children or other family members, car payments, credit card payments and expenses incurred outside of the current enrollment period.

D. Certification and Signature(s)

Typed/Electronic signatures are NOT accepted

I hereby certify that all information contained in this appeal is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false or fraudulent statements and/or documentation, my appeal will be denied and my eligibility for Federal and State student aid jeopardized. **Note:** Federal regulations stipulate that evidence of fraud must be reported to the U.S. Department of Education for possible investigation by the Office of the Inspector General and possible prosecution by the United States Attorney.

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Student Signature (Required) **Date**