

Hurricane Harvey Special Circumstances Appeal

Use this appeal form to request consideration of relevant expenses and/or parent income changes based on circumstances related to Hurricane Harvey.

You must have completed a 2019-20 FAFSA in order to appeal for Harvey-related special circumstances. If you have not yet filed a FAFSA and do not have access to your 2017 income information, please contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid for assistance.

Name: (First, Middle, Last) _____

UT EID _____

Required for All Appeals

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Attach a signed personal statement written by you, the student, describing your circumstances. (A parent may submit a secondary statement with additional relevant details, if desired.) Include a narrative of events with dates and an explanation of how these events affected your/your family's ability to pay for your education.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: See the *Required and Supporting Documentation Checklist* on page 2.

Hurricane-Related Expenses

Include home, medical and travel expenses for household family members that were paid out of pocket and not covered by insurance or reimbursed by a third party.

Who incurred expenses?

- Parent/Stepparent 1
- Parent/Stepparent 2
- Student
- Spouse

Property damage | Total cost paid for repairs in the most recent 12-month period:

\$ _____

Medical expenses | Total cost paid for medical expenses in the most recent 12-month period:

\$ _____

Travel expenses | Additional travel costs incurred in the most recent 12-month period:

\$ _____

Reduction in Financial Resources or Income due to Hurricane Harvey

Who experienced a reduction in income?

- Parent/Stepparent 1
- Parent/Stepparent 2
- Student
- Spouse

Report/estimate your/their **future expected monthly** income over the next nine months from the sources below.

\$ _____

Employment

Social Security Benefits

\$ _____

Other Income

Source: _____

\$ _____

Retirement (Pension) Benefits

From: _____ to: _____

Additional Hurricane-Related Expenses

Provide the total cost paid of Hurricane Harvey-related expenses in the most recent 12-month period and **not covered above**:

\$ _____

Please explain: *Additional documentation may be required.*

By signing below, I certify that all the information reported is complete and accurate. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information I may be fined, sentenced to prison, or both. My signature indicates that I understand that not all circumstances can or will change my eligibility for financial aid and that any professional judgment exercised by a financial aid counselor applies only to financial aid eligibility at UT Austin. Professional judgments cannot be overturned without significant documentation.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent signature (required if dependent): _____ Date _____



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Required and Supporting Documentation Checklist

Review the checklists below to determine what types of acceptable supporting documentation you may need to submit with your appeal. Student name and UT EID are required on all submitted documents. Submit unaltered photocopies of your documents.

Personal Statement: Required for All Appeals

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Hurricane-Related Expenses

For home, medical and travel expenses for household family members that were paid out of pocket, not covered by insurance or reimbursed by a third party, and that will be incurred over the next nine months.

- Please provide:** Copy of 2017 tax return, all 2017 W-2 forms, and all tax schedules and forms
 - Please check if tax forms are unavailable due to Hurricane Harvey-related loss.*
- **As applicable:** Documentation of any out-of-pocket costs for home repair, including insurance claim history/summary
If insurance claim summaries are not yet available, please include contractor estimates and explain in your personal statement.
- **As applicable:** Documentation of any out-of-pocket payments made for medical expenses and insurance claim history/summary
- **As applicable:** Documentation of any out-of-pocket payments for travel. Include receipts for hotel stays due to evacuation, car rental, fuel, extended travel requirements, etc.

Reduction in Financial Resources or Income

- REQUIRED:** Signed copy of 2017 income tax return, all 2017 W-2 forms, and all tax schedules and forms
- REQUIRED:** Signed copy of 2018 tax return, all 2018 W-2 forms, and all tax schedules and forms
If tax forms are not available to be submitted due to Hurricane Harvey-related loss, please explain in your personal statement.
- REQUIRED:** Documentation of all sources of income
 - a) Employment earnings (last 6 months' paychecks/payroll deposit notices)
 - b) Unemployment benefits (Workforce Commission Statement of Wages and Potential Benefit Amounts)
 - c) Severance pay/lump sum paid leave
 - d) Pension or retirement benefits (1099-R)
 - e) Other income sources

Submit completed and signed appeal form, personal statement and supporting documentation to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid by fax at (512) 475-6296, in-person in suite 3.200 of the Student Services Building (SSB), or by mail. To maintain the security of all students, we cannot accept e-mail attachments.