



**2021-2022 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE APPLICATION**

**Circumstance: Dependent Student Medical or Dental Expenses**

*An approved Special Circumstance Application does not guarantee an increase in financial aid.*

**Deadline to submit application and all required documentation has been extended to December 17, 2021.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Kent State ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Kent State email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Things to consider before completion:

- Medical/Dental expenses must be reported/itemized on Schedule A of the Federal Income Tax Return for either 2019 or 2020. If medical/dental expenses are not report/itemized on Schedule A of the Federal Income Tax Return, special circumstance does not apply, and this application will be denied.*
- The total medical or dental expenses must exceed 10% of the AGI for the household.*

**SECTION 1: PARENT INFORMATION**

Include parent information only if that parent was included on the FAFSA.

FAFSA Parent	SSN (last 4 digits)	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth
Parent/ Stepparent #1	XXX-XX-			
Parent/ Stepparent #2	XXX-XX-			

**FAFSA Parent(s) Marital Status (check one):**

- Married/Remarried
- Divorced/Separated
- Not Married but live together
- Never Married
- Widowed

**Date of Marital Status:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

Please list below anyone who will be in the above parent’s household from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. The above parent must provide at least 51% of the person’s financial support to include them in the household. Do not include foster children or children for which they are paying child support. Do not include the student or the above parent. If the above parent has remarried, the stepparent must be included.

First and Last Name of Household Member	Date of Birth	Relationship to Student	Will this person live in your parent’s household through June 30, 2022?	Will your parents support this person at least 51% through June 30, 2022?	Name of college they will attend at least half time during 2021-2022 (if applicable)
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
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Attach additional sheet of paper if necessary.

**SECTION 3: STATEMENT**

Provide a brief explanation of the expenses that were incurred and include the year that the medical expenses were reported on Schedule A of the Federal Income Taxes in your statement.

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**SECTION 4: STUDENT TAX FILING STATUS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

**Were the medical/dental expenses reported on Schedule A of your parents' 2019 Federal Income Tax Return?**

- YES – You must complete the table below with your 2019 Tax Information.**
- NO – SKIP the 2019 Tax Information table below. Proceed to the 2020 Tax Information section.**

**2019 Tax Information – Choose the student's federal tax filing status: SELECT ONLY ONE OPTION**

**OPTION #1**

**I completed a 2019 IRS Federal Income Tax Return.**

**Select one option below:**

- I used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool on the FAFSA.
- I will submit a signed copy of my 2019 IRS Federal Income Tax Return (including all schedules) or an IRS Tax Return Transcript (*We do not need copies of City/State Tax Returns.*)

**OR**

**OPTION #2**

**I did not work in 2019. I will not file, and I am not required to file a 2019 IRS Federal Income Tax Return.**

**You must sign this statement:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I was not required to file and will  
(Student signature) not file a 2019 IRS Federal Income Tax Return.

**OR**

**OPTION #3**

**I worked in 2019, but I am not required to file a 2019 IRS Federal Income Tax Return.**

**You must sign this statement:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I was not required to file and will  
(Student signature) not file a 2019 IRS Federal Income Tax Return.

**The following MUST be submitted:**

- Copies of 2019 W-2 forms from all employers (if applicable)
- List below all your employers and the amount you earned from each in 2019 (attach additional sheet of paper if necessary)

Employer's Name	2019 Earnings	Was a W-2 Issued?
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES – Submit copy with worksheet</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO – Please explain</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES – Submit copy with worksheet</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO – Please explain</b>

**SECTION 4: STUDENT TAX FILING STATUS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION CONTINUED**

Were the medical/dental expenses reported on Schedule A of your parents' 2020 Federal Income Tax Return?

- YES – You must complete the table below with your 2020 Tax Information.
- NO – SKIP the 2020 Tax Information table below. Proceed to Section 5.

**2020 Tax Information** – Choose the student's federal tax filing status: **SELECT ONLY ONE OPTION**

**OPTION #1**

I completed a 2020 IRS Federal Income Tax Return.

**Select one option below:**

- I will submit a signed copy of my 2020 IRS Federal Income Tax Return (including all schedules) or an IRS Tax Return Transcript (*We do not need copies of City/State Tax Returns.*)

OR

**OPTION #2**

I did not work in 2020. I will not file, and I am not required to file a 2020 IRS Federal Income Tax Return.

**You must sign this statement:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I was not required to file and will not file a 2020 IRS Federal Income Tax Return.  
(Student signature)

OR

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I worked in 2020, but I am not required to file a 2019 IRS Federal Income Tax Return.

**You must sign this statement:**

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(Student signature)

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Employer's Name	2020 Earnings	Was a W-2 Issued?
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES – Submit copy with worksheet <input type="checkbox"/> NO – Please explain
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES – Submit copy with worksheet <input type="checkbox"/> NO – Please explain

**SECTION 5: PARENT TAX FILING STATUS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

Select the year(s) that medical/dental expenses were reported on Schedule A of the parents' Federal Income Tax Return  
(select all that apply).

**2019 Tax Year**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>OPTION #1</b> The parents/stepparent on my FAFSA completed a joint or separate 2019 IRS Federal Income Tax Return(s). <b><i>The following MUST be submitted for 2019:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> They will submit a signed copy of their 2019 IRS Federal Income Tax Return(s) (including all schedules) or an IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) <i>(We do not need copies of City/State Tax Returns.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Schedule A of the 2019 Federal Income Tax Return</p>
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**2020 Tax Year**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>OPTION #1</b> The parents/stepparent on my FAFSA completed a joint or separate 2019 IRS Federal Income Tax Return(s). <b><i>The following MUST be submitted for 2020:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> They will submit a signed copy of their 2020 IRS Federal Income Tax Return(s) (including all schedules) or an IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) <i>(We do not need copies of City/State Tax Returns.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Schedule A of the 2020 Federal Income Tax Return</p>
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**SECTION 6: UNTAXED INCOME INFORMATION**

If a section does not apply, enter a zero.

Student	Untaxed Income Information	Parent(s) or Stepparent
<p>\$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rollover</p>	<p>Untaxed portions of Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Distributions and Pensions reported on <b>2019</b> Federal Income Tax Return (Lines 4a + 4c) minus (Lines 4b + 4d). If negative, enter zero.</p> <p><b>Check the box if this was a rollover.</b></p>	<p>\$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rollover</p>
<p>\$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rollover</p>	<p>Untaxed portions of Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Distributions and Pensions reported on <b>2020</b> Federal Income Tax Return (Lines 4a + 5a) minus (Lines 4b + 5b). If negative, enter zero.</p> <p><b>Check the box if this was a rollover.</b></p>	<p>\$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rollover</p>
<p>\$ _____</p>	<p>Payments in <b>2020</b> to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S. Do not include amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits).</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>

## SECTION 7: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

**This form must be signed by the student and at least one FAFSA parent.  
The signatures must be hand-written – we cannot accept electronic signatures on this form.**

By signing this application, you hereby affirm that all information reported on this form and any attachment hereto is true, complete, and accurate to the best of your knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, you agree to provide additional proof of information provided on this form. You understand that the Student Financial Aid Office at Kent State University will correct the FAFSA application, as necessary, based on the information submitted. You agree that you understand that if you received federal student aid based on incorrect information, you will need to repay it. You may also be required to pay fines and fees. By signing below, you certify that you (1) will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education, (2) are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, (3) do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, (4) will notify your college if you default on a federal student loan and (5) will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one college for the same period of time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## SECTION 8: IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION INFORMATION

### **Federal Income Tax Return or IRS Tax Return Transcript**

An IRS Federal Income Tax Return Transcript can be obtained online or by mail, free of charge, by visiting [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (click on “Get My Tax Record”) or by calling **1-800-908-9946**. Be sure to request a **“Return Transcript”** and **not** an **“Account Transcript.”** Federal financial aid policies do not allow us to accept a copy of your state tax return.

- If you filed a 2020 Federal Income Tax Return and you did not originally use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when you filed the FAFSA, you may submit a correction at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) and use the tool instead of submitting an IRS Federal Tax Return or Transcript. Some tax filers may not be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. If that applies to you, submit the IRS Tax Return or Transcript.
- If you filed an amended tax return for 2020, you must provide a copy of your tax transcript (which will include only information from the original tax return) and a signed copy of the 2020 IRS form 1040X that was filed with the IRS.
- If you or your parent/stepparent has a 2020 tax extension beyond the automatic six-month extension, you must submit IRS form 4868 for tax year 2020, a copy of the IRS’s approval of an extension beyond six months, and a copy of all 2020 W-2’s. Additionally, you must submit an IRS Non-Filing Letter dated after October 1, 2021.
- If you were a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and cannot obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript, you can instead provide a Tax Return Database View (TRDBV) Transcript and a statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft. You must contact the IRS at 1-800-904-4490 to request a TRDBV Transcript.
- If you filed a foreign 2020 tax return or a tax return with Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, please contact the One Stop for Student Services for further instructions.

### **IRS Non-Filing Letter**

If you did not file a 2020 federal income tax return and were not required to file, an IRS Non-Filing Letter can be obtained online or by mail, free of charge, by visiting [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (click on “Get My Tax Record”) or by calling **1-800-908-9946**. To obtain an IRS non-filing letter, individuals must complete the process for requesting a tax transcript as listed above. The IRS will provide a non-filing letter only if a return was not filed.

**Documents can be submitted to:** One Stop for Student Services • Kent State University • P.O. Box 5190 • Kent, Ohio 44242  
330-672-6000 • 330-672-6001 (fax) • “Contact Us Form” @ [kent.edu/onestop](http://kent.edu/onestop) • Regional Campus Representative