SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPEAL FORM
DEPENDENT STUDENT 2020-2021

Student Name:____________________________________________________________

Student ID: ___________________________ Phone (______) ________ - ________

Student Email:____________________________________________________________

If you believe that there are special conditions that were not considered in your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or you can now document a significant change in your family's financial circumstances, subsequent to filing your FAFSA, please complete this Special Conditions Appeal Form to request an evaluation of your financial aid eligibility. Submission of an appeal does not guarantee approval of an appeal nor guarantee an adjustment to the financial aid award. Additionally, submission of this form does not prevent accrual of late fees on any unpaid student account balances. You are responsible for all outstanding charges with Iona College.

Federal regulations and institutional policies require that special conditions fall within certain parameters and that they are accompanied with supporting documentation in order to recalculate financial need and eligibility. Therefore, Iona College is held accountable for all decisions made and must be able to fully document why a decision was made to adjust a student's FAFSA. If an appeal application is incomplete it will not be reviewed and will be returned to the student.

Section 1: Explanation of Special Conditions/Circumstances and Verification Documentation
All requests must be accompanied by the following documentation:

☐ Attach a typed statement that explains your circumstances in detail, including date change occurred
☐ Completed 2020-2021 Dependent Verification Form, available online at www.iona.edu/sfs
☐ Signed 2018 and 2019 Federal 1040 Tax Return, including all schedules for parent(s) and student
☐ W-2’s for parent(s) and student, if applicable, for 2018 and 2019.

Section 2: Reasons for Special Conditions Appeal
Select the applicable condition for consideration below and provide all applicable documents listed under each condition that applies to you.

☐ Loss of employment or reduction in wages:
  ☐ Last paystub from employer and if parents are married, current paystubs for both parents
  ☐ Letter from previous employer verifying job status/change, including severance benefits
  ☐ Official statement of unemployment (from State Dept. of Labor, showing beginning and end dates of benefits)
  ☐ For reduction in wages, indicate date the change occurred: ___________
  ☐ Attach a copy of the statement of disability or social security benefits including date benefits will start

☐ Loss of benefits or untaxed income:
  ☐ Unemployment Benefits (attach a copy of notification of loss of unemployment benefits indicating benefit ending date and monthly amount received before loss)
  ☐ Child Support (attach a copy of the Court of Child Service Agency documents stating benefit ending date and monthly amount received before loss)
  ☐ Other Untaxed Income (attach documentation verifying the change in untaxed income before loss)
☐ Retirement:
☐ Attach a copy of the retirement (IRA distribution, pension benefits, or annuities) or social security benefits verification (Form SSA-1099-Social Security Benefit Statement) that shows the total amount to be received and the date benefits will start. Include documentation of other income received.

☐ Divorce or separation of parent since completion of 2020-2021 FAFSA:
☐ Date of separation or divorce: _______________
☐ Attach separation papers or agreement, divorce decree/statement, a letter from a participating attorney or mediator stating marital status. Please also document separate residences (i.e. utility bills, lease or mortgage statement)

☐ Death of parent since completion of 2020-2021 FAFSA:
☐ Attach documentation of death (e.g., copy of death certificate, obituary, and/or funeral Program.) Document any income from social security benefits, pension or other compensation.

☐ Unusually high medical and/or dental expenses not itemized on Federal Tax Return or covered by insurance:
☐ Attach a copy of Schedule A (Form 1040) – Itemized Deductions, along with medical, dental, and pharmacy bills that were paid out of pocket in calendar year 2019
☐ Provide documentation of the amount you pay per month, excluding employer contributions for medical/dental insurance

☐ Private elementary or secondary school tuition:
☐ Provide copies of official tuition invoices on school letterhead where the sibling(s) of the dependent student is attending. Only tuition for 2020-2021 academic year may be considered.

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to consider an appeal for circumstances that include, but are not limited to:
Parent/step-parent unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA and/or assist in paying for college, high consumer debt and other discretionary spending, expenses that have not yet occurred, families with prior Special Conditions whom under estimated their income, reductions in pay due to voluntary overtime, bankruptcy proceedings, gambling/lottery winnings, bonuses, inheritances, settlements, distributions from pension, IRA, 401k, life insurance, capital gains, etc.

Section 3: Acknowledgement

By signing below,
1. We affirm that the data contained on this form and on all attached supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of our knowledge.
2. We acknowledge that submission of an appeal does not guarantee an adjustment to the student's award.
3. We recognize that submission of an appeal does not prevent the accrual of late fees on unpaid balances and we will make arrangements to pay our bill on time and not wait for the outcome of this appeal.
4. We understand that if any of our projections change, we will immediately notify the Student Financial Services Office.
5. We will provide all required documents as requested, to the Student Financial Services Office, and understand that my appeal will not be processed until all documents are submitted.

Written notification of the special conditions appeal decision will be provided. Please sign and submit this form, including all supporting documentation, to the Student Financial Services Office by the stated deadline.

Student Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________

Parent Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________