



2025-2026 Budget Increase Request

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Students may appeal for an increase to their standard budget (also called cost of attendance) if they have unusual expenses that are greater than those of a typical student. The standard budget includes education related expenses, such as tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation, medical insurance, and a reasonable living allowance. Examples of unusual expenses would be:

- High medical/dental costs not covered by insurance
- Costs for equipment or supplies required for a specific class
- Disability related expenses not covered by other programs

Non-educational related costs will not be considered for an increase to the standard budget. These costs include, but are not limited to: car payments, car maintenance, credit card balances or payments, other consumer loans, high mortgage or rent costs, and living costs during periods of non-enrollment. Car repairs may be considered if off campus travel is required for a specific program or class.

Amount of budget increase requested \$ _____

Required Documentation (attach the following):

- ☐ A typed and signed explanation of the nature of the unusual expenses.
- ☐ Documentation of the expenses. Examples include, but are not limited to: insurance statements showing amounts of medical costs not covered, receipts for equipment or supplies (or written estimates from the provider), statements from instructors or your department that certain items are required, etc.

NOTE: Budget adjustments do not generally increase eligibility for grants or work-study, and usually only increase loan eligibility. Many students are already eligible for the maximum federal student loan limits through their standard budget so this appeal, if approved, may not result in additional financial aid eligibility. To be considered for a budget increase, the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office must receive all appeal documents no later than 30 days before the last day of enrollment for the current semester or academic year.

By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported is complete and accurate. I understand if I purposely give false or misleading information on this form, I may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Student Signature (required)

Date

Upload completed forms to www.ucdenver.edu/fadocs

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