
2018-19 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

WHAT IS A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT?

When students and/or their families experience a change in circumstances, such as an increase in mandatory or non-discretionary expenses, the cost of attendance (COA) established by Financial Aid & Scholarships (FAS) may no longer reflect the student's actual costs. In some cases, FAS *may* be able to adjust the cost of attendance based on those expenses.

Adjustments to the cost of attendance do not guarantee additional financial aid will be awarded.

Please note:

- Students who live in on-campus housing with costs exceeding the standard budget for room & board need only email our office to request a review of the COA for additional housing expenses.
- Students enrolled in hours exceeding the standard budget (15 for undergraduate students, 12 for graduate students, 15 for law students) need only email our office to request a review of the COA for additional tuition expenses.

WHAT ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE CONSIDERED?

Adjustments may be considered for increases of the following types of mandatory or non-discretionary student *paid* expenses during the academic year:

- Medical / dental / disability expenses paid by the student during the academic year
- Additional required educational expenses
- Additional transportation expenses for commuting costs and/or paid car repairs
- Food and shelter expenses for children/dependents of independent students
- Housing and utility expenses for graduate students
- Childcare expenses
- Computer Purchases
 - For computer purchases of up to \$1,500 (maximum \$500 if purchasing software only) if purchases are made between July 15, 2018 and April 1, 2019.
- Other non-discretionary expenses

HOW DO I REQUEST A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT?

1. Complete the 2018-19 Budget Adjustment Request form at affordability.ku.edu/forms
2. Provide required supporting documentation to KU Financial Aid & Scholarships

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Your request will be evaluated only after the original FAFSA and all supporting documentation have been reviewed. It can take four to six weeks for this process to be completed. If more information is needed to complete your request, FAS will contact you. This could result in a delay in processing your request.

WILL I GET MORE AID?

Increasing your budget does not increase your Federal aid eligibility. The maximums are set by the Federal government. However, additional aid options may come in the form of a PLUS loan or a private loan. You can review additional loan options at affordability.ku.edu/financialaid/loans.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Please call 785-864-4700 and make an appointment to speak to a Financial Aid Counselor.