



Office of Financial Aid

2026-2027 University Loan Appeal Form

This form is to be completed **ONLY** a student who was denied a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan or a Private Education Loan, has appealed the decision and made all reasonable attempts to clear up any credit report discrepancies or to secure a co-signer, but is still unable to get approval for either type of loan.

Based on the information you provide below; the Columbia School of Social Work will assess your funding needs in order to identify your basic cost of attendance (COA) during the academic year. Basic COA is defined as: tuition and fees, books, transportation, rent, utilities, phone, food, and basic personal expenses (e.g. such as for toiletries and everyday items).

The school cannot provide you funding for the following items:

- Credit card payments
- Education or private loan repayment
- Discretionary (optional) medical or dental procedures
- Spousal maintenance expenses
- Child *support* expenses
- Student conferences
- Purchase/maintenance of a car (*Federal law prohibits the School from providing aid for consumer debt, which includes car payments and car insurance.*)
- Other non-educational related expenses
- Expenses incurred during periods of non-enrollment

PLEASE NOTE: Submitting an appeal does not guarantee that the School will be able to offer you funding equal to the amount you are requesting. The School has very limited funding and, while we do all we can to assist students with high need, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your desired level of funding. All funding appeals are carefully reviewed by the Associate Director and by the Director of Financial Aid

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ CUID: **C00**

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Needed for Term: ☐ Summer 2026 ☐ Fall 2026 ☐ Spring 2027 ☐ Summer 2027

Amount Needed: \$ _____

NEEDED ITEMS FOR TERM: ☐ TUITION/FEES ONLY ☐ TUITION/FEES/PERSONAL EXPENSES

BUDGET ITEM:	COST/EXPENSE
Tuition & Fees (as noted in your award letter)	\$ _____
LIVING EXPENSES	MONTHLY EXPENSE
Housing (your share only if you are living with someone) <i>submit lease w/ name on it</i>	\$ _____
Utilities (your share only; gas/electric, etc.) <i>two months of statements while a student</i>	\$ _____
Phone <i>(submit bill w/ your name and cell number on it)</i>	\$ _____
Internet (if applicable)	\$ _____
Food <i>(if you have dependent and cost exceeds COA amount)</i>	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____
Personal expenses (e.g. for toiletries and basic every day needs)	\$ _____
Child Care ¹ <i>Must be on agency letterhead with child's name, dates, time (duration) and amount with 1 canceled check</i>	\$ _____
Medical (if applicable): Itemized bill <i>or letter head of Dr showing amount of out-of-pocket expense not covered by insurance</i>	\$ _____
Other: _____ Signed copies of receipts/related documentation	\$ _____
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TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES	\$ _____

¹ Maximum of \$1,000/month; only allowed if single parent or if spouse is also enrolled in school or employed at least part time.

NOTE: For your above-listed living expenses (e.g. rent, food, utilities, etc.), please provide copies of at least one month's bills or receipts for the indicated item(s) and total cost. Examples include: a copy of your lease or rental agreement to verify your monthly rent; a copy of your utility bill; a copy of your monthly phone bill; one month's worth of food bills/receipts, etc.

By signing this form, you agree that all of the information and documentation presented to the Office of Financial Aid is accurate to the best of your knowledge, and that you will notify the Office of Financial Aid if there is any change to the information you have provided. Appeals are generally reviewed within 2-3 weeks of receipt, and you will be notified via your Columbia email address when that review has been completed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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CU Scholarship	_____	Total cost of attendance: _____
Federal Unsubsidized Loan	_____	Total funding received: _____
Federal Work Study	_____	Total funding needed: _____
Outside (non-CU funding)	_____	Total to be awarded in CU Loan: _____