

Appeal Awarding Policy

All students requesting appeal funds must have an official 2022-2023 FAFSA on file at Pepperdine at the time the appeal is submitted. **An appeal submitted with insufficient documentation or not following appeal policies will be canceled after two weeks.** **All items listed on page one (under REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPEAL) must be submitted along with applicable documents in order for the appeal to be reviewed.** Students with **approved appeal funds are required to accept and process the full amount of federal student loans offered on their financial assistance award after the May 1, 2022 deposit deadline.** Please note, federal policy allows all students to request that the school cancel their federal loans within 14 days after the disbursement. However, if you decide to cancel your federal student loan(s), your approved/disbursed appeal funds will be revoked. Approved appeal funds will be revoked if you do not accept and process the student loans offered prior to the first day of the Fall semester, adhere to the appeal awarding policies or cancel your student loans later in the school year.

Please do not make any changes after you have submitted the appeal unless additional documentation is requested. Appeals are approved on an annual basis. If you need to make changes, contact our office for authorization and instructions on how to proceed.

A parent can complete the Federal Parent PLUS Loan online credit check after the May 1, 2022 deposit deadline at www.studentaid.gov. If the Federal Parent PLUS Loan is denied, the student may be eligible to receive an additional Federal Unsubsidized Loan up to \$4,000 as a Freshman/Sophomore or \$5,000 as a Junior/Senior. If the Federal Parent PLUS Loan is approved, parents are not required to take the loan, however the appeal statement should include an explanation for not taking the loan.

Information

To qualify for most financial assistance programs, a family must demonstrate "financial need." Financial need is the difference between the cost of education at Pepperdine University, Seaver College and the amount you and your family are expected to contribute to your education, as determined by the FAFSA.

Due to the limited availability of university financial assistance funds, approved appeals may be funded with additional student and/or parent loans. Approved summer appeals funds will not carry forward.