

### **Appeal Awarding Policy**

All students requesting appeal funds must have an official 2025-2026 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.** You will need to create a new appeal if your appeal is cancelled. 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 for the current academic year. 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 appeals funds will be revoked, if you do not accept and process the student loans offered, adhere to the appeal awarding policies or cancel your student loans later in the school year. Appeal funds will only be applied toward the cost of tuition.

We request that every parent complete the Federal Parent PLUS Loan credit check online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov), which takes approximately 15 minutes. If approved, you are not required to accept the loan, but please provide an explanation in your appeal statement why the loan will not be processed. If 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.

### **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.