

Appeal Awarding Policies

To qualify for most financial assistance programs, a family must demonstrate "financial need." Financial need is the difference between the cost of attending Pepperdine University, Seaver College, and the amount you and your family are expected to contribute to your education. The basis of the calculation is a federal formula called "Federal Methodology." The formula considers both the income and the assets of a family. The data needed for the analysis is collected from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Office of Financial Assistance (OFA) determines the accuracy of the data by comparing it to [Verification](#) documents requested in the "To Do List".

All students requesting appeal consideration must complete the initial financial assistance process. This includes completing the FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov and submitting/completing all items in the "To Do List" plus any other supporting documentation. Appeals submitted with insufficient documentation or not following appeal policies will be cancelled after two weeks, unless otherwise noted. Students requesting appeal funds are expected to "accept" and borrow their student loans that are offered on the financial assistance award. **Students that decline their student loans will not be granted appeal consideration.**

When reviewing appeals and the financial assistance budget, we have already considered and accounted for students that were offered scholarships/grants, but will choose not to attend Pepperdine University.

We do not match or consider scholarship/grant offers from other schools.

Academic scholarships are offered to newly admitted students for the fall who qualify; there is not a separate application. Students that met the academic scholarship criteria were notified. There is no appeal process for academic scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact the Academic Scholarship Committee at admission-seaver@pepperdine.edu.

Students receiving institutional, federal, state or outside grants/scholarships that meet or exceed the total cost of tuition will not be granted additional university grant or scholarship assistance. Only loans or work-study assistance may be offered.

Due to the limited availability of university financial assistance funds, approved appeals may be funded with additional student and/or parent loans. Appeals are approved on an annual basis and **may not** carry forward to future years.

I authorize the OFA to reduce, cancel, and/or reassign my loans including PLUS if grant funds are approved. Furthermore, if loans are reassigned, I understand that I am required to "accept" all loan adjustments in order for my aid to process and remain at the same level before the adjustment. Unaccepted loans may create outstanding charges due along with finance charges on my student account.

Newly admitted students are required to confirm admission by securing the \$750 deposit. Appeal responses will be made on a rolling basis after the May 1 deposit deadline and communicated as they are determined by the Appeals Committee.

I understand that missing, incomplete, or lack of sufficient documentation may cause my appeal to be delayed and/or cancelled.

Returning Students will receive appeal responses via their Pepperdine email account on a rolling basis, as the appeal decisions are determined by the Appeals Committee. Returning students will not receive appeal decisions prior to aid being offered for the 2015 academic year.

I/we certify by signing this form that all information contained within is true, complete, and accurate to the best of our knowledge. I/we accept, agree, and will follow all of the above policies and the [Financial Assistance Terms and Conditions](#). I/we understand that any false misrepresentations will be cause for reduction, denial, and/or repayment of financial assistance. I/we also certify that if our family circumstances change after an exception has been granted, we will immediately notify the Office of Student Financial Assistance. We reserve the right to report all suspected and confirmed fraud cases to the Federal Processing Center for legal prosecution.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
and/or
Parent(s) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return To:

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