

Almost Nobody Appeals. Most Who Do, Win.

Financial aid offers aren't final. Here's who actually has a case.

3 IN 4

families who appeal a financial aid offer get more aid, per a NerdWallet survey

But only **~12%** of families who might have a case ever file one.

Do You Qualify?



Income dropped significantly since your FAFSA's tax year



Extraordinary medical or dental expenses



Lost untaxed income — e.g. child support that ended



Death of a parent or spouse

NEW THIS CYCLE

The FAFSA Simplification Act eliminated the "sibling discount" — an estimated 1.5–2 million multi-child families see reduced aid eligibility each year.

Appeal to each school individually — ask for a "Special Circumstances" or "Professional Judgment" review.