

## Why Should I Complete a Professional Judgment?

- If you have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and you or your family's financial situation has been negatively impacted due to unusual circumstances that resulted in a significant change in your household income, you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted.
- Completing a professional judgment and providing adequate documentation to support your claim to the Office of Financial Aid, allows the financial aid administrator to gain insight to your current situation. The financial aid administrator will then review the items submitted and make an assessment to determine if your federal student aid should be adjusted.
- We ask that you please allow 3-5 business days for the financial aid administrator to receive and review the documents. After that time, you may contact the Office of Financial Aid to check the status and discuss how your current situation may have affected your financial aid eligibility.

**Please Note:** The decision made by the school's financial aid administrator is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

## Reasons for submitting a Professional Judgment:

- Loss of Employment/Income
- Loss of untaxed income (Unemployment, Social Security Benefits and Child Support)
- Divorce or Separation

## Criteria:

- Have a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file here at UNC-Pembroke.
- Once FAFSA application is processed and awarded, then complete the Professional Judgment form that corresponds with same aid year located on the Office of Financial Aid webpage based on your dependency—Dependent or Independent Student.
- Provide adequate documentation to support your claim.

## Additional Information:

- Professional judgments are reviewed in the order in which they are received and upon receipt of ALL supporting documents.
- Professional judgments are at the discretion of the financial aid administrator and on a case-by-case basis.
- Students will be notified by email or letter once a decision has been made.
- For more information, you may contact Brave Central at 910-775-4620 to discuss your options today or send an email to the Office of Financial Aid at [fa@uncp.edu](mailto:fa@uncp.edu)