

Professional Judgment (PJ) / Special Circumstances

Professional Judgement (PJ)/Financial Aid Appeal Process

Use the PJ Advisor portal to expedite the financial aid appeal process. PJ Advisor is an accessible, intuitive tool that will guide you through the process to request a professional judgement/appeal.

Please note the deadline for submitting an appeal is 8/16/2021.

What Happens Next?

Start your request by accessing PJ Advisor at <https://inceptia.org/pjadvisor/bulldog2021>. You (or a parent, spouse, or legal guardian) will need to do the following*:

- **Create** a secure user name and password.
- **Select** your dependency status as reported on the FAFSA.
- **Answer** the pre-screening questions and select your appeal category.
- **Explain** your situation in detail, upload supporting documentation, and submit.
- **Print**, sign, and upload the signature page.

**** Dependent students that provided parental information on the FAFSA are required to have one parent signature on the signature page once all documentation has been submitted.***

Upon receipt of all required documents, **South Carolina State University** will conduct a preliminary review to ensure the submission is accurate and complete. You will be notified via email if there are any questions or if any additional documentation is required. Once the submission is verified as complete, the Financial Aid Office will review for final determination and contact you with the results.

Questions

If you have any questions about the appeal process, please contact your Financial Aid Counselor.

South Carolina State University Financial Aid Office

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