



**Financial Aid, Student Employment  
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## 2020-21 Request for Budget Adjustment Instructions

If you feel the amounts in your cost of attendance (COA) listed on your financial aid award do not accurately reflect your current situation, you may be eligible to have your COA re-evaluated based upon submitting the appropriate documentation. Please note that increasing your COA does not change your eligibility for grants and/or scholarships.

Annual and aggregate loan limits restrict eligibility for federal loans, so please review the annual Federal Direct loan limits listed below:

<b>Annual Loan Limits</b>	<b>Dependent*</b>	<b>Independent*</b>
Freshman	\$5,500	\$9,500
Sophomore	\$6,500	\$10,500
Junior/Senior	\$7,500	\$12,500
Graduate	N/A	\$20,500

\*Status determined by the FAFSA, not the student.

Most students find they have already borrowed their maximum eligibility for federal and state financial aid for the academic year. Students having no remaining eligibility may borrow a private alternative loan, Parent PLUS Loan, or Grad PLUS Loan (if they are a graduate student), but these loans do require a credit check. In these cases, students should contact the Financial Aid Department prior to submitting this form to see if these loans can be applied for without submitting additional documentation.

**Please Note:**

- If forms are incomplete or you fail to submit all the required documentation at the same time, the forms will be returned, and processing may be delayed.
- The items listed on the form must apply to the student and could be purchased by a parent (if the student is dependent) or a spouse (if independent and married).
- The date of service or purchase must occur during the 2020-21 academic year. For those enrolled during the fall 2020 and spring 2021 terms the dates are September 2020 - May 2021. For those enrolled in the summer 2021 term, the dates are May 2021 - August 2021. Computer purchases may occur three months prior to the start of the 2020-21 academic year.
- Please submit all budget adjustment requests for the fall and spring terms at one time as multiple requests will not be honored. Summer term requests should be submitted separately between April 2021 and May 2021.
- The form and appropriate documentation should be submitted as soon as possible as processing times do vary from 3 to 6 weeks depending upon the time of the year. The documents should be submitted no later than the dates indicated below for each term:

Fall 2020 – November 23, 2020	Spring 2021 – April 19, 2021	Summer 2021 – June 1, 2021
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- There is no guarantee that forms submitted after the dates indicated above will be reviewed prior to the end of the term.
- If you have questions about the process or are unsure whether you should complete the form, please contact the Financial Aid Department to discuss your situation with a staff member.
- Once the review of the file has been completed, the student will be notified accordingly via his/her UWM email account regarding the outcome of this request and any additional required steps.

# 2020-21 Request for Budget Adjustment

## Section A – Student Information (Please print clearly)

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STUDENT NAME:	STUDENT ID #:
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## Section B – Indicate Reason(s) for Budget Adjustment Request

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\_\_\_\_\_ **A. Personal computer**

The maximum amount that a student's cost of attendance will be increased is equal to the actual cost of the computer hardware and software, or \$2,000, whichever is less. The cost of attendance will only be increased once per degree for a computer purchase. **Documentation required:** Proof of purchase or a personalized estimate (store ads are not acceptable). The signed and dated personalized estimate must include the type of hardware/software to be purchased, the cost, the vendor from whom you will be making the purchase, and the estimated date of purchase.

\_\_\_\_\_ **B. Disability**

An allowance for expenses related to a student's disability may be included in the cost of attendance. These expenses include special services, personal assistance, transportation, equipment, and supplies that are reasonably incurred and not provided by other agencies. **Documentation required:** Proof of payment (such as official receipts) for at least two months. Please total amounts.

\_\_\_\_\_ **C. Transportation, Books/Supplies, and Housing**

Please complete worksheet on the next page to document your additional expenses.

**Suggested Documentation:**

- **Books/Supplies:** receipts showing the actual costs for at least one term
- **Housing:** signed lease detailing your cost and time frame
- **Transportation:** documentation detailing miles driven to and from class and how many times per week; include a Mapquest or similar document

Please total amounts if providing such documentation. You must also document how the expenses are relevant to your educational costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ **D. Child Care**

For a student with dependent(s), an allowance for costs expected to be incurred for dependent care may be included in your cost of attendance. This covers care during periods that include, but are not limited to, class time, study time, field work, internships, and commuting time for the student. If approved, the amount of the allowance will be based on the number and age of such dependents and will not exceed reasonable costs in the community for the kind of care provided. Note that the expense will be divided equally if married and your spouse is also attending college. **Documentation required:** Proof of payment (documentation showing payment to the child care provider or a contract showing future commitment). Complete Child Care section on next page. Please note that if this information changes at any time after submission you must notify us.

## Section C – Student Statement of Certification

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I certify that the information provided on this form is accurate. I understand that all financial aid monies are to be used for my cost of education, as any other use is considered fraudulent and prohibited by law.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

To avoid processing delays, please return this form with all other supporting documentation as detailed on the form at the same time. Please make sure to include your student ID# on all documents submitted.

## Child Care (Must be completed if you checked letter D in Section B)

This section is to be completed by the **Child Care Provider**:

Name of Child Care Facility of Individual:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone number:		
Supervisor (if applicable):		

Identify the children that are enrolled in this Child Care Facility:

Name	Age	Dates of Expected Child Care Enrollment	Number of Hours per week of Child Care	Rate per hour	Total cost per week
		_____ to _____			
		_____ to _____			
		_____ to _____			
		_____ to _____			
		_____ to _____			
Total Cost for Child Care				\$	
<p>Is this parent receiving W2, State of Wisconsin, or any other assistance/reimbursement for Child Care Expenses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Are you, the care provider, receiving W2, State of Wisconsin, or any other assistance/reimbursement for this person's Child Care Expenses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please provide the name of the source: _____</p> <p>What is the <b>amount</b> and <b>frequency</b> of the childcare assistance/reimbursement? _____</p>					
<b>I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.</b>					
Signature of Child Care Provider					Date

## **Additional Expenses (Must be completed if you checked letter C in Section B)**

Please complete the following chart documenting that your expenses for the 2020-21 academic year exceed the amount allocated in your budget for each category. The original budget for each category is listed; generally, the maximum any one category will be increased is by 20% of the original budget. For each category in which you are requesting a budget adjustment, please provide all appropriate supporting documentation.

\*Please indicate the semester(s) for which this budget adjustment is being considered:

Fall 2020       Spring 2021       Summer 2021

<b>Common Budget Categories for Adjustment</b>	<b>Original Budget (per semester)</b>	<b>Your reported amount per <u>month</u></b>	<b>Your reported amount per <u>semester</u> (4 months)</b>
<b>Books/Supplies</b> <i>Suggested documentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receipts or quotes showing actual costs of books/supplies</li> <li>• Syllabus indicating supplies needed</li> </ul>	\$400	\$_____/month	\$_____/semester
<b>Housing</b> (if not living with parent or on campus) <b>(Include only your portion)</b> <i>Suggested documentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed lease detailing cost and timeframe</li> <li>• Statement from housing provider with rent amount</li> </ul>	Undergraduate \$3251  Graduate \$4847	\$_____/month	\$_____/semester
<b>Transportation</b> <i>Suggested documentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MapQuest or other printout showing miles traveled</li> </ul>	\$742	\$_____/month	\$_____/semester

### **Other Expenses**

Please use the space below to explain any expenses that may be unique to your circumstance and provide appropriate supporting documentation.

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