



2025–2026
FINANCIAL AID
COA APPEAL

Student Information:

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

LTCC ID Number

Explanation

Your financial aid eligibility for 2025-2026 aid year is partly determined upon your Cost of Attendance (COA) budget, which represents the maximum you can receive in Financial Aid for the year. You may request a COA Appeal to increase this budget, if necessary to accommodate all of your grants, loans, and work awards. Please be advised that personal expenses for lifestyle choices and consumer goods (e.g, credit card/loan payments) are not considered unusual or special circumstances. The appeal process may result in a change to data elements reported on your financial aid application resulting in a change to your COA. If your appeal is approved, any changes to your award will be effective for the 2025-2026 aid year. The Lake Tahoe Community College Financial Aid Administrator's decision is made on a case-by case basis, and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Instructions

Complete the COA Appeal process only if you (or your parent(s) if you are a dependent student) have unexpected/emergency education-related expenses (e.g., medical, dental, child care, transportation, broken laptop, etc.) that exceed the default budget items in your Cost of Attendance.

- Complete and sign this Appeal form.
- Provide supporting documentation.
- Attach a statement explaining the circumstances that caused these expenses.

Supporting Documents (examples):

- Medical bills
- Child Care contracts.
- Dental bills.
- Contracts/quotes for new vehicle or vehicle maintenance.
- New housing lease agreements/invoices/necessities.
- Any other documents to clarify your situation.

Certification:

As certified by the signature(s) below, all information provided by myself or others is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. I understand that the LTCC Financial Aid Office may request additional documentation to verify the attached information.

Note: If you are a dependent student, your parent must also sign this form.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____