

Attention Bryant Student:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 requires that Bryant University conduct direct outreach reminding all federal financial aid recipients about the opportunity to communicate changes in family financial circumstances associated with recent change in employment circumstances to your counselor in the financial aid office.

If your- or your family's financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax return (for example, if you've lost a job or otherwise experienced a significant drop in income), you may be eligible to have your federal financial aid (*i.e.*, Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, *etc.*) adjusted. While you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) questions *exactly* as instructed on the form (*including the transfer of tax return and income information through the IRS Data Retrieval Tool*); additional information pertaining to income changes experienced after filing the form should be communicated directly to the University's financial aid office. It is important to note that Bryant's decision regarding your eligibility for aid and/or any adjustments resulting from the review of such information is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Most families of students currently attending Bryant have already reported recent changes in income status which may have impacted their eligibility of aid this year. If you or your family have experienced significant changes in income between 2019 and 2021 and you have still not reported those changes, please contact the financial aid office. For those students expecting to attend Bryant as undergraduates in the upcoming 2022-23 academic year and who anticipate experiencing a significant decline in family income between 2020 calendar-year figures reported (*on the 2022-23 FAFSA*) and 2022, it will be important to provide documentation associated with these circumstances to Bryant University's Office of Financial Aid after spring grades are released in May.

Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@bryant.edu or at (401) 232-6020 if you have questions regarding this reminder.