

**2026 2027
BUDGET APPEAL REQUEST**

Financial aid is awarded based on a standard 'cost of attendance', which includes tuition, fees, books, supplies and estimated living and personal expenses. This cost of attendance serves as the limit of aid a student can receive including grants, federal loans, private loans and work-study. Complete this form to request a review of your specific circumstances and an adjustment to your cost of attendance. Due to limited funding, approved increases will only allow for an increase in student loans. Please note: budgets can only be adjusted for expenses incurred during the current academic year.

Name: _____

Hofstra ID: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Enrollment Plan: indicate the number of credits you are taking each semester

_____ credits Summer 2026

_____ credits Fall 2027

_____ credits Winter 2027

_____ credits Spring 2027

Anticipated Graduation Date: (mm/yy) ____/____

Living Plan: on campus off campus (*paying rent*) off campus (*with family*)

Request to Adjust Budget:

Transportation: The standard budget allows for five 20-mile round trips at \$0.725 per mile (*IRS rate for business use effective 1/1/26*) for 30 weeks. If you commute further than 10 miles from campus, or utilize public transportation, you must provide proof of travel and/or expenses, such as a map of mileage or LIRR cost.

Driving: _____ Round trips to campus per week _____ One-way mileage

\$_____ daily/weekly/monthly LIRR ticket price \$_____ daily/weekly/monthly MetroCard purchase

Out-of-state Residents: You may include costs for travel home, which exceeds the standard allotment of \$1,250. To request this, you will need to provide documentation, such as plane reservations or invoices.

Computer Purchase: Each student is allowed a one-time adjustment to their cost of attendance for the purchase of a computer with a maximum value of \$1,500. You must submit a copy of the receipt to request this.

Dependent Childcare Costs: These costs can only be included for the days you are attending classes. To request this, please provide proof of parentage and proof of payment for childcare.

Other Personal Educationally-Related Expenses: Describe expenses, such as the purchase of professional clothing for internship/externship or federally required health insurance paid fully by you, and provide documentation to support your request. _____

Bar Exam Registration Cost: Provide confirmation of payment, made while currently enrolled.

Rent, utilities, car payments/insurance, and food costs (other than for religious purposes) cannot be requested for an increase.

Certification:

I certify that the above information and all attachments to this form are true and correct. I also understand that if additional information is needed to substantiate my request, it is my responsibility to provide it. I am aware that this request will result in an increase to my loan(s). _____

Signature & Date