

Professional Judgment Case Study #1: Katie

Katie is a dependent student but believes she has special circumstances that should allow her to be considered independent. She submits an official request to the Financial Aid Office for a review of her situation. She makes the following points in her appeal:

1. She earns a livable wage through her employment and receives no parental assistance.
2. She lives in her own apartment for which she pays the rent.
3. She is also responsible for all additional expenses, such as utilities.
4. Her parents have indicated that they will not assist her with school costs.

To support her case, Katie submits copies of the following documents:

1. A signed lease demonstrating her own residence separate from her parents;
2. Utility bills in her name;
3. A paystub confirming her employment and weekly earnings; and,
4. A signed letter from her parents stating that they will not help with college expenses.



Professional Judgment Case Study #2: Harry

Harry, a full-time student, has been struggling in his first year of school. Both he and his parents believe that his former roommate, who was a bad influence causing Harry to party too hard and receive poor grades, may be partly to blame. Due to these roommate concerns, Harry requested and has been approved for a single dorm room by the Housing Office. His parents hope this may help him focus on his studies. However, the single room will add \$2,000 to his room and board charges.

His parents would like to obtain a PLUS loan to assist with the cost, but Harry's aid package already covers the full Cost of Attendance. His EFC was 0.

In addition, Harry's ex-girlfriend claims that he is the father of her newborn son and is requesting that Harry pay \$200/month toward basic childcare which includes daycare while she is at work. Harry is pretty sure the child is his and wants to do the right thing by being the best father he can be. Harry's parents are asking your office to consider these additional expenses.

Harry's COA:

Tuition and fees:	\$10,660
Room and board:	\$7,300
Books and supplies:	\$1,000
Transportation:	\$500
Miscellaneous/personal:	\$1,200
Loan fees:	<u>\$65</u>

TOTAL: \$20,725

Harry's Aid Package:

Pell Grant:	\$5,775
FSEOG:	\$1,500
State Grant:	\$3,000
Sub. Direct Loan:	\$3,500
Institutional Grant:	\$1,950
Outside Scholarship:	<u>\$5,000</u>

TOTAL: \$20,725



Professional Judgment Case Study #3: Charlotte

Charlotte is a single, independent student with two children. She visits the Financial Aid Office to discuss the high medical costs that she is paying for her son who has a rare, chronic medical condition. In the last calendar year, the medical costs were \$7,000 and she is in need of additional financial support to help pay her college and living expenses.

When reviewing Charlotte's ISIR you see the following:

Household Size: 3

Number in College: 1

EFC: 2972

AGI: \$59,123

IPA: \$21,890

