



2025-2026 Cost of Attendance Appeal Form
School of Law

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USD ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal regulations require institutions to establish a Cost of Attendance (COA) which serves as an estimate of the student's educational expenses during a period of enrollment. The COA consists of tuition and fees; books and supplies; housing and food; transportation; and personal/miscellaneous costs. While some costs are fixed, such as tuition and fees, other costs such as housing will vary from student to student. Thus, estimates and averages are used to determine the COA which is a key component of determining a student's financial aid eligibility. Students may appeal and request an increase to the COA if their actual costs significantly exceed the estimates. The additional costs must include current annual costs which occur during the given award year.

Allowable costs which are out-of-pocket and may be included on the Appeal are rent/mortgage, required books and supplies, auto repair, childcare, computer, and medical care. Appeals are not guaranteed and are approved at the discretion of the Financial Aid Office. Approved appeals are offered in additional loan eligibility.

PART 1

Type of expense(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If monthly expense(s), list the monthly amount of the additional expense(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If a one-time expense(s), list the one-time amount of the additional expenses(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PART 2

Please explain your reason and details for the expense(s) which exceed(s) the published and current Cost of Attendance for 2025-2026. Additional expenses may be required or preferred. Please include explanations for any expenses, as required for consideration. Please attach additional sheet(s) of paper as necessary to fully document your request.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing the explanation of expenses.

PART 3

Attach documentation to fully convey the details of your expense and proof of the out-of-pocket purchase(s). Examples of sufficient documentation are lease agreements, statements, receipts, cancelled checks, contracts, letters from physicians, and other documentation suited to the expense.

PART 4

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Return this form to:
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