

## **Definition of “Hardship”**

The Hardship Review Committee will review eligibility cases which include extraordinary medical, financial or other circumstances that occur or are initiated within the immediate household of the student being petitioned and are deemed to have contributed to non-compliance with specific eligibility rules.

**Extraordinary Circumstances:** cases meeting “all” of the following circumstances may result in the hardship committee decision to allow eligibility.

- A. Are unforeseeable, unavoidable and uncorrectable on the part of the student and immediate household.
- B. Are not the result of actions by the student, with due consideration given to the age of the student and the nature of the circumstances resulting in non-compliance.
- C. Bear a direct, causal relationship to the hardship and the student’s inability to meet the specific eligibility criteria.
- D. Are unique to the student and immediate household.

**Note: Extraordinary circumstances are not applicable where it is proven that the move was athletically motivated or there was undue influence on the part of the receiving school.**

### **Medical:**

- A. A long-confining illness, injury or death that results in:
  - A change of the residence or the school attendance of the student’s immediate household.
  - The significant interruption of the student’s normal progression toward graduation.
- B. Illness, injury, or other circumstances of a similar nature must be verified in writing by a licensed health professional

### **Financial:**

- A. Changes in financial condition which are permanent (minimally for the duration of the student’s high school attendance), substantial and significantly beyond the control of the student or the student’s immediate household.
- B. The following documentation, verifying the financial circumstances, must be submitted with the petition. Failure to provide adequate documentation will result in denial of the petition.
  - 1. Statement of “Changes in Family Financial Condition” (attached form)
  - 2. Documentation supporting changes as per the form, or as requested by the committee

Note: Financial documentation provided by the petitioner, with the exception of the “Changes” form, will be distributed to the committee just prior to the hardship hearing. The NMAA office will retain one copy in the petition file and all additional copies will be destroyed in order to maintain the financial privacy of the petitioner.



## Changes in Family Financial Condition

	Amount Before	Amount After	Documentation Provided
<b><u>Income (Monthly):</u></b>			
Wages: Father	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
Mother	_____	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____	_____
Commissions	_____	_____	_____
Bonuses	_____	_____	_____
Interest	_____	_____	_____
Dividends	_____	_____	_____
Net Business Profit	_____	_____	<u>Business Tax Ret./Form C/ Financials</u>
Net Rental Income	_____	_____	<u>Tax Ret. Form R or Property Schedules</u>
Other Income:	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	<b>Change in Income \$ _____</b> Increase <decrease>
<b><u>Expenses (Monthly):</u></b>			
Payee _____			
Rent/Mortgage: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
Vehicle Payments: _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Credit Cards: _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Utilities: _____	_____	_____	_____
(phone, water, gas, electric)	_____	_____	_____
Insurance: _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Tuition: _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Expenses:	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	<b>Change in Expenses \$ _____</b> <Increase> decrease
<b>Total overall decrease in monthly cash flow:</b>			<b>\$ &lt; _____ &gt;</b>

Note: If needed attach an additional page to fully document the change in financial condition. Please provide as much supporting documentation as possible. All information will remain confidential.