



Many appeals are denied because the student, parents or school do not provide documents to support their claims of hardship, or the claim of a hardship does not meet the basis for a hardship by WIAA rules and regulations. The burden of providing evidence that a hardship exists shall be borne by the student. When a family chooses to enroll their student in a non-resident, they choose to accept the expenses and commitments associated. The eligibility committee will be looking for ***a change in financial status*** that is different or new from when the choice was made to attend the non-resident school. The situation should not be something the family chose or was reasonably foreseeable by the family.

Waivers of eligibility regulations shall be considered for:

- ◆ Extenuating, unique and/or new circumstances
- ◆ Circumstances must be different from those that exist for the majority or even a small minority of students
- ◆ Beyond the student's or where applicable, the parent's or legal guardian's control
- ◆ Not the result of acts or actions by the student or family unit
- ◆ Deemed to have significantly influenced or contributed to the cause of the student's non-compliance
- ◆ Have you ever started a school sports season and not completed it (been removed from a program)? If 'yes', please explain:

Eligibility requirements are typically not waived for:

- ◆ Academic or athletic deficiencies in a school including Running start for private school students
- ◆ Execution and/or decision to transfer was for athletic purposes or motivated by a desire to gain an athletic outcome
- ◆ Circumstances that are the result of acts or actions by the student or family unit
- ◆ Usual maturation problems or family situations
- ◆ Loss of eligibility in itself or an injury
- ◆ Transportation when attending school outside of school of residence

There shall be a direct, causal relationship between the alleged hardship and the student's inability to meet the specific eligibility rules:

- ◆ Time Frame corresponds with indicated hardship
- ◆ Direct correlation between the situation that caused the hardship and the timing of the transfer
- ◆ Circumstances or hardship were not in existence when initial choice was made to attend the school and was not something the family chose or was foreseeable

Documentation of a Financial Hardship:

The following are examples of documents that would be important and are **suggested** in supporting a financial hardship:

- ◆ Demonstrating a family's loss of income due to employment or other issues:
 - W-2 forms / Income Tax Returns\
 - Pay stubs
 - Letter from employer
- ◆ Demonstrating an increase in expenses:
 - Letters indicating additional costs
 - Copies of bills
 - Demonstrating unexpected bills
 - Medical bills
- ◆ Property Loss documentation:
- ◆ Other

Does Not Constitute a Financial Hardship:

- ◆ Transportation to and from school (cost of gas, car, time)
- ◆ Older siblings in college / impact on siblings
- ◆ Running Start

Financial Aid Info:

If this transfer is from a private school or involving expenses attached to school, a meeting with the business/financial office at the PREVIOUS SCHOOL is required for the claim of a financial hardship.

Previous School: _____

Date Student Enrolled: _____ Date of Financial Meeting: _____

Cost of Tuition (Prior to Financial Hardship): _____

Current Cost of Tuition and any Additional Expenses: _____

Financial Assistance Provided: _____

Additional Information: _____

Attach Relevant Documentation (tuition assistance award letter or similar)

Yes No - Previous school is aware of the Financial Hardship

Yes No - Previous school offered financial assistance to the degree they are able

SIGNATURES

School's Financial Staff(printed): _____

Financial Staff's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**By typing your signature, you acknowledge all of the above information to be valid and true*

STUDENT STATEMENT

Previous School: _____ **Current School:** _____

State, in your own words and in detail, what hardship condition exists that has prevented you from complying with the WIAA eligibility regulations. **Please include a clear, concise and detailed timeline of events to demonstrate the relationship between the hardship and your declaration of ineligibility.**

I have attached relevant documents and/or statements (initial): _____

Student: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

**By typing your signature, you acknowledge all of the above information to be valid and true*

PARENT STATEMENT

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

State, in your own words and in detail, what hardship condition exists that has prevented you from complying with the WIAA eligibility regulations. **Please include a clear, concise and detailed timeline of events to demonstrate the relationship between the hardship and your declaration of ineligibility.**

I have attached relevant documents and/or statements (initial): _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

**By typing your signature, you acknowledge all of the above information to be valid and true*