

JOINT CUSTODY ISSUES

Single independent students can be assessed as sole-support parents for the entire study period if they have joint custody of the child(ren) and the children reside with them for 50% of the time.

If the formal custody agreement indicates that the student has custody but the child(ren) do not reside with the applicant, a review can not be considered. A student with visitation rights will be considered a single independent student during the study period.

If the student are not living with the student during the pre-study period, he or she can initiate an exceptional expense review based on the amount of any child support payments he/she has made.

Supporting Documentation Required:

- A copy of the separation/divorce agreement, custody agreement or court order which specifies that the student will have custody for 50% or more of the study period. An update from the student's lawyer is required if the agreement differs from the current living arrangements. If the student and former spouse did not legally update the custody/living arrangements, than a signed statement from the former spouse is required;
- A letter from the applicant detailing the joint residence agreement during the pre-study and the study period. The amount of support received from the former spouse during the time the child(ren) reside with the applicant must also be listed in the statement.

**Appeal Submission Cover Sheet –
Joint Custody Arrangements**

Please forward to:
Student Awards & Financial Aid Office
401 Sunset Ave.
Windsor, ON N9B 3P4

Office Use: Date Received: _____ Date Reviewed: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved

LAST NAME:	
FIRST NAME:	
U OF W STUDENT ID:	
SOCIAL INSURANCE #:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	
APPEAL SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A letter from you outlining your request for appealing your OSAP assessment and under what grounds you are appealing; ○ Supporting documentation to support your request for appeal. ○ Be sure that your letter(s) are SIGNED, DATED and that your name and student ID# appears on all of your supporting documentation.

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