General Application

General Application Short Answer Guide

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(e) Describe your financial need. Please explain changes in your financial or personal situation that will affect the upcoming academic year (e.g., parent's or spouse's contribution, job change, marriage, divorce, number of dependents, medical, etc.).

Think about recent changes in your financial need. What has changed in the recent year or will change in the coming year?

- Did you or a parent/guardian experience a loss or reduction of income?
- Did you or a parent/guardian go through a separation or divorce?
- Did you or a parent/quardian experience a loss or reduction of benefits?
- Was there a death in the family?
- Did you or a parent/quardian have any extraordinary medical expenses?
- Did you get married, have children, or acquired dependents?
- Are you or a parent/guardian working multiple jobs to help pay for living and school expenses?
- Did you or a parent/guardian need to take out any loans for higher education?

Writing Tips

- Use the maximum word limit
 - o Each question on the General Application allows for responses up to 250 characters, which is about a small paragraph.
 - o You should be writing 250 words or close to it!
 - Use the maximum word count to distinguish yourself from a competitive pool of applicants.
- Be selective
 - o Choose significant details of what you are trying to answer.

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