



# *Using Professional Judgment to Adjust a Student's Need*

- ❖ Unusual circumstances
- ❖ Applied case-by-case only
- ❖ Justify and document in student's file



# *Where Professional Judgment Adjustments are Made*

## ❖ COA

- (broad authority)

## ❖ EFC data elements

- (limited authority)
- never adjust EFC directly



## *“School Use Only” Box*

- ❖ On Part 2 of the SAR
- ❖ Make EFC adjustments
- ❖ Title IV institutional code and FAA’s signature required



## *Four Other Areas of Professional Judgment*

- ❖ Overriding dependency status
- ❖ Certifying additional unsubsidized loan amounts
- ❖ Adjusting SAP requirements
- ❖ Declining to certify a loan application or certifying it for a lesser amount



# *Session 17*

## Adjustments and Professional Judgment