

# Hawkeye Community College

## 2025-2026 DECLINING FEDERAL AID

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(On your Hawkeye ID Card)

You have indicated that you are unable or unwilling to file or complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and/or would like to decline the Federal Pell Grant for which you may otherwise be eligible for.

As was discussed, Hawkeye Community College uses the FAFSA to calculate all potential aid for students including but not limited to: Grants, Scholarships (that require a FAFSA), Federal Direct Loans, Federal Parent PLUS Loans, Federal Work-Study.

The Federal Pell grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid, except under certain circumstances. Students have the right to decline Federal Pell Grant funds during the academic year to preserve eligibility for future enrollment periods. However, there is no guarantee that student may be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant in the future because eligibility is determined annually with the submission of the FAFSA.

By initialing each category below and signing this letter, I understand that I am declining:

\_\_\_\_\_ Grants, including the Federal Pell Grant

\_\_\_\_\_ Institutional Scholarships that require a FAFSA

\_\_\_\_\_ Federal Direct Loans

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Plus Loans

\_\_\_\_\_ Federal Work-Study

from the Federal Government and the State of Iowa. I understand that if I am seeking assistance through a private loan, it could potentially be more costly than seeking Federal and State aid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature, required if dependent student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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