

Request to Decline Federal Pell Grant Funds

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Disclosure: Per the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-74), lifetime eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant is limited to six full-time-equivalent years (18 quarters/12 semesters), or 600% of an annual Federal Pell Grant award, toward an undergraduate degree. Usage is calculated from 1973 as reported in the Common Origination and Disbursement system.

To manage your usage, you may decline part or all of your Pell award. You may want to do this if you expect your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to decrease in the future, or if you'd like to save possible funding toward a more expensive college/program.

Before you decline funding, you need to understand the following:

- 1) This action is completely voluntary and not necessarily recommended, as future availability of the program is NOT guaranteed.
- 2) It may represent a partial or full return of your disbursement(s) for the current and/or future terms.
- 3) It will be denied if any applicable repayment cannot be processed.
- 4) It will apply only to your current academic year.
- 5) The deadline to submit this request is the current term's final Installment Loan due date.
- 6) Once CGCC returns declined funds to the Federal Pell Grant program, any request to recover the funds may not be possible (ex. after the close of the academic year).

Full Name: _____ **CGCC ID:** _____

Term: [] Summer '20 [] Fall '20 [] Winter '21 [] Spring '21 [] Current Term to End of Academic Year

Pell Grant Amt Returned: \$_____ Summer '20 \$_____ Fall '20 \$_____ Winter '21 \$_____ Spring '21

Portion of Pell Award You Wish to Decline (mark one):

[] **Partial:** \$_____ Summer '20 \$_____ Fall '20 \$_____ Winter '21 \$_____ Spring '21

The percentage of Pell used will be reduced to reflect the amount of Pell award you keep.

[] **Full:** The percentage of Pell used for the indicated term(s) will be reduced to 0%.

I understand that declined/returned Pell Grant funds may not be available to me once the award year is over. If returning funds, I am attaching a personal check made payable to CGCC for the returned amount. Any remaining balance due on my account will be paid according to the college's payment terms, as applicable. If my repayment cannot be processed for any reason, I understand that this request will be denied and my full Pell award and usage will remain. I understand that CGCC has up to 30 days to report any change in Pell usage so that my Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) is updated.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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