

# Request to Decline Federal Pell Grant Funds 2026/27



Name \_\_\_\_\_ RCC ID \_\_\_\_\_

You may choose to decline all or part of a Pell Grant payment you are eligible to receive (see your Award Offer). You might want to do this if you expect your Student Aid Index (SAI) to decrease later or if you want to save funding for a more expensive program in the future.

Before you decline any funding, understand the following:

- 1) Declining Pell Grant funding is voluntary, and it may not be the best choice. Future funding, eligibility for need-based aid, and the value of declined funds are **not guaranteed**.
- 2) Other need-based federal aid cannot be awarded to replace Pell Grant funds that you decline.
- 3) Declining funds may require a partial or full return of your Pell Grant payment, if already disbursed.
- 4) Your request will be denied if you have a repayment balance that has not been cleared.
- 5) This request may apply only to the current academic year.
- 6) The deadline to submit this request is the final installment payment due date for the current term.
- 7) Once RCC returns declined funds to the federal Pell Grant program, you may not be able to get them back (for example, after the academic year ends).
- 8) Federal Pell Grants have a lifetime limit of six full-time-equivalent years (18 quarters or 12 semesters at full time), or 600%, for an undergraduate degree. Usage has been tracked since 1972 through the federal Common Origination and Disbursement system. You can check your Pell Grant usage at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).

**Choose one:**

- **I want to decline my Pell Grant for:** Summer '26 \_\_\_\_ | Fall '26 \_\_\_\_ | Winter '27 \_\_\_\_ | Spring '27 \_\_\_\_  
I understand any other terms will be awarded based on my actual enrollment.
- **I want to cancel this portion of my Pell Grant** (choose one only):  
Summer '26 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ | Fall '26 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ | Winter '27 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ | Spring '27 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The percentage of Pell used will be reduced to reflect the amount of Pell award you keep.

**Student Certification:** *I have read the information above about declining my eligible Pell Grant. If I have questions, I will contact my Financial Aid Advisor before submitting this request. If declining this aid causes a financial aid repayment, I agree to pay the full amount right away after my aid is adjusted. If the repayment cannot be processed for any reason, I understand that this request will be denied and my full Pell Grant will be reinstated. I also understand that RCC may take up to 30 days to report any change in my Pell Grant use. This will update my Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU).*

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

Submit this form by email to your [FinAid Advisor](#) or in person with a FinAid Advisor in [Rogue Central](#). Physical copies can be mailed to: RCC Financial Aid 3345 Redwood Hwy Grants Pass, OR 97527