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AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR DECLINING TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) informs postsecondary institutions about student eligibility for grants, work-study opportunities, and student loans. In addition, some scholarship providers require information from student FAFSA's to determine eligibility and award amounts. Financial aid awards based on submitting a completed FAFSA help students pay for educational expenses after high school, reducing barriers to postsecondary education.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-729, provides that, beginning in school year 2024-2025, each public high school student must complete and submit to the United States Department of Education a FAFSA prior to graduating from high school except as otherwise provided on this form.

A public high school student is **not** required to complete and submit a FAFSA if this form is completed for the student, signed, and submitted to the high school principal and one of the following options applies:

OPTION 1: A parent or legal guardian of or a person standing in loco parentis to the student authorizes the student to decline to complete and submit a FAFSA;

OPTION 2: The student who is 19 years of age or older or an emancipated minor declines to complete and submit a FAFSA; or

OPTION 3: The high school principal or the high school principal's designee authorizes the student to decline to complete and submit a FAFSA for good cause as determined by the principal or principal's designee.

Signing and submitting this form does not prohibit a student from completing and submitting a FAFSA at any time, now or in the future.

Opt-Out Authorization

_____, born on __/__/____, shall not be required to complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to graduating from high school.

I am:

___ The student's parent or legal guardian or a person standing in loco parentis to the student, and I authorize the student to decline to complete and submit a FAFSA.

___ A student who is 19 years of age or older or an emancipated minor and I am declining to complete and submit a FAFSA.

___ The high school principal or the high school principal's designee who has determined that there is good cause to authorize the student to decline to complete and submit a FAFSA.

Signature

Date