Accept, Decline, & Reduce Financial Aid at Pitt

As a student, you have the right to accept, reduce or decline aid you are offered. For undergraduate students, grants are automatically accepted for you because grants do not require repayment. For all students, scholarships are automatically accepted because scholarships do not require repayment. For all students, loans will NOT disburse until the loans are accepted and a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling have been completed.

Log into Your MyPitt Account
- Sign in with your Pitt username and password
- Select the PeopleSoft Student Center

Accessing the HighPoint Dashboard
- In Peoplesoft, click on the Main Menu
- Go to HighPoint, then Campus Experience
- Under Campus Experience, click on Dashboard
The HighPoint Dashboard – Accept/Decline Awards

- On the HighPoint Dashboard, you will see a variety of tabs
- Under the Financials section, select Accept/Decline Awards

Accept/Decline Awards

- You will see a screen that shows the financial aid award offer
- Keep in mind that this screen shows the awards that are offered for the academic year
- In this particular example, we can see that this is for the aid year 2021-2022
- For each award, you will want to select an action

- To accept a loan in full, you will want to select the accept action to the right and confirm that the full amount is in the Accepted amount location as indicated on the left-hand side of this image
- If accepting an award, you can reduce the amount, however the amount will be split evenly between the fall and spring semesters if it were offered as a full year award
- To reduce a loan, you will want to first accept it, then type in the reduced amount in the accepted amount location
- To decline a loan, simply select the decline action option to the right
- You will want to repeat these steps for each loan that is offered
• For federal work study, you can accept or decline a federal work study offer.
• If you would like to find a job on campus at the University of Pittsburgh of Johnstown, make sure to accept the federal work study offer
• If you are not seeking part-time employment at the University of Pittsburgh Johnstown, click the decline action next to federal work study

Once you have selected the appropriate to accept, decline, or reduce all awards listed, you can then hit the submit button at the bottom
Confirming Your Aid

- And finally, you know that your selections have been made official when you see the submit confirmation screen. This confirms that your awards have been successfully submitted.
- If you have accepted federal work study, you will then want to visit the Pitt site join.pitt.edu and look at the part time jobs under the Student section of the website.
- Keep in mind that federal work study allows a student to get a job on campus and the student is directly paid in a paycheck; federal work study will not pay tuition charges directly.

Viewing Accepted/Declined Awards

- One thing to keep in mind is that you can use HighPoint to see your accepted awards and your declined awards after you complete this process.
- As you can see, HighPoint stores new, accepted, and declined awards for each year.
Viewing Your Financial Aid

- Another feature of HighPoint is that you can also view your financial aid.
- To do this, you will want to go to your HighPoint Dashboard and under Financials and select View Financial Aid.
- This will allow you to view all awards for a given aid year.
- In this example, the financial aid offer for 2021-2022.
- Please note that aid is split in half between fall and spring semesters.
- This screen allows you to see your specific financial aid offer, how much was offered, accepted, and disbursed.
- You can also see the expected disbursement date as well as the aid totals for each semester and year.
Viewing to do Items

- HighPoint’s dashboard also gives you the ability to view any To Do Items that the Financial Aid Office may need
- For example, the Financial Aid Office may require that you verify your FAFSA information.
- This will come up as a To Do Item
- You can select this item and a description of what is needed and instructions will be provided for you

Contacting the Financial Aid Office

- If you have any questions regarding this process or need any assistance with your financial aid, please feel free to reach out to the Financial Aid Wellness Center
- We are working remotely at this time so we are accessible via phone at 814-269-7045 or email at upjaid@pitt.edu
- If you would like to meet with a member of the financial aid team virtually, you can also utilize Pathways and set up an appointment to go over your financial aid