

2027-2028 FAFSA Waiver Request

Student's Name: _____ **Student ID (if assigned):** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Terms Requested: ☐ Fall 2027 ☐ Spring 2028 ☐ Summer 2028

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required annually to receive Briar Cliff University (BCU) institutional aid. Students who are unable or choose not to complete the FAFSA may submit a FAFSA Waiver Request. An approved waiver allows the student to receive BCU institutional aid (scholarships and grants only) without a FAFSA on file. **Federal and state aid programs, including the Iowa Tuition Grant and other Iowa state aid programs, require the FAFSA and cannot be waived.**

Circumstances that may support a waiver request include, but are not limited to:

- Religious or personal objection to providing financial information on the FAFSA.
- An immigration status preventing FAFSA completion.
- Inability to obtain required parental information for dependent students despite documented good-faith efforts.
- Other documented circumstances that prevent FAFSA completion, at the discretion of the Director of Financial Aid.

Waiver requests are reviewed by the Director of Financial Aid on a case-by-case basis. A waiver, if approved, applies only to the academic year for which it is submitted and must be renewed annually. **Approval is not guaranteed.** The Office of Financial Aid will notify the student of the decision via email.

Reason for Request (check all that apply):

- ☐ Religious or personal objection to providing financial information on the FAFSA
- ☐ Immigration status preventing FAFSA completion
- ☐ Dependent student unable to obtain required parental information despite good-faith efforts
- ☐ Other circumstance preventing FAFSA completion

Instructions:

1. Attach a typed, signed written statement explaining why you are unable to complete, or are choosing not to complete, the 2027-2028 FAFSA. If you are a dependent student unable to obtain parental information, describe your good-faith efforts to obtain it.
2. Attach any applicable supporting documentation, such as a statement from a religious leader or congregation, or a letter from a school counselor, teacher, clergy member, social worker, or other third party familiar with your situation.
3. If you are a dependent student, your parent/guardian must also sign this form, unless you are requesting a waiver because you are unable to obtain parental information.

4. Submit this form, your statement, and any supporting documentation to the Office of Financial Aid by email at **financial.aid@briarcliff.edu** or by mail to Office of Financial Aid, Briar Cliff University, 3303 Rebecca Street, Sioux City, IA 51104.

Certification:

By signing this form, I am requesting a waiver of the FAFSA requirement for BCU institutional aid for the 2027-2028 academic year. I understand and acknowledge that:

- An approved waiver allows me to receive BCU institutional aid (scholarships and grants only) without a FAFSA on file.
- If my waiver is approved, I am not eligible for federal or state financial aid programs during the waiver period. This includes, but is not limited to, Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study, Federal Direct Loans, Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loans, and Iowa state aid programs such as the Iowa Tuition Grant.
- A waiver, if approved, applies only to the 2027-2028 academic year and must be renewed annually.
- Waiver requests are reviewed by the Director of Financial Aid on a case-by-case basis, and approval is not guaranteed.
- I may still complete the 2027-2028 FAFSA at any time, and I must notify the Office of Financial Aid if I do.
- The Office of Financial Aid will notify me of the decision via email at the address provided on this form.

I certify that the information provided on this form and in any attached documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(Required for dependent students, except when the waiver is requested because parental information cannot be obtained.)

For Office of Financial Aid Use Only:

Date Received		Award Year	2027-2028
Decision	☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Pending – additional information requested		
Rationale / Notes			
Director Signature		Decision Date	
Student Notified (Email)		Entered in System	