Enclosed is your Williston State College Award Notice as a result of your application for federal financial aid (FAFSA). You may accept/deny these awards through Campus Connection online, or by signing this Award Notice and returning it to the Financial Aid Office.

1. To accept, decline, or change your award electronically through Campus Connection:
   - Click on Campus Connection at www.willistonstate.edu and login using your User ID and Password (Click Student Center-Finances-Accept/Decline Awards). Please read and follow the instructions carefully. If you were awarded a North Dakota State Grant, you will not be able to accept it electronically. The Financial Aid Office will accept the grants once the funds have arrived from the State.

2. If you were awarded a Federal Perkins Loan:
   - Please read through the enclosed Perkins Loan information and follow the instructions provided. If you plan to accept a smaller amount please check the accept box and make sure that change is indicated before clicking on the submit button. If this is your first Perkins Loan, you will need to sign the enclosed Master Promissory Note, and complete entrance loan counseling at www.mappingyourfuture.org.

3. If you were awarded a Federal Direct Loan and would like to accept the amount or a lower amount:
   - Accept the amount, up to the award, of the loan you would like to borrow. The accept box must be checked in order to adjust the loan amount. Click on the “Declined Awards” box if you choose to decline the award. Then click the “submit” button.
   - All new borrowers for 2012-2013 will be required to complete a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Loan Counseling with the Department of Education. You must complete the MPN and Entrance Loan Counseling requirement at https://studentloans.gov.

4. If you have been awarded Federal Work Study (FWS):
   - Work study awards are an opportunity to work part time on campus around your academic schedule.
   - Work study earnings are paid bimonthly directly to the student in the form of a paycheck.
   - If you have not been awarded FWS, and are interested in working on campus, contact the Financial Aid Office to be placed on a waiting list, if eligible for the program.

5. If you have been awarded scholarships from sources other than Williston State College:
   - Click on “Contact FA Office” and type the scholarship name and amount and any other information that applied to other assistance for your college expenses. Click on “Save” and your requests will become available for the Financial Aid Office to work with.
   - If responding by mail, please indicate additional scholarship awards on your paper Award Notice and return to the Financial Aid Office.
OTHER IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Additional Loan Resources
If you need to consider additional funding such as Federal PLUS Loans for parents, please access https://studentloans.gov for an application. You may also apply for Alternative Loans through private lenders. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information on alternative loans. Please note that PLUS Loans for parents generally provide a lower, more stable interest rate than alternative or private loans.

Verification
If you are selected for verification and have not forwarded the previously requested documents, please submit them immediately to avoid any delays. This process can take several weeks to complete after you submit all of the requested documentation. For those selected, we are required to collect and verify specific data items before you can receive any federal aid. It is important to remember that the financial aid file must be complete before any federal disbursements can be made.

Direct Deposit
Direct deposit of excess aid is available and is recommended, especially for Distance Education students. The application for Direct Deposit is available on the WSC website (Future Students<Financing Your Education<Financial Aid<Online Applications<Application for Direct Deposit). The process to enroll takes at least 10 business days. Distance Education students not using Direct Deposit will receive checks by mail at their billing or home address. Students should check their address on Campus Connection to make sure it is correct.

Satisfactory Academic Progress
Students receiving federal aid are expected to progress through their program at a satisfactory rate. It is very important to become familiar with the SAP Policy located on our website. Financial Aid ineligibility will occur if SAP requirements are not met.

Withdrawing from the College
Students considering withdrawing from the term must review the WSC Withdrawal and Refund Policy (Future Students<Financing Your Education<Financial Aid<Policies<Refund/Repayment) to be aware that it may result in possible repayment to federal aid programs. Students who quit participating in all classes should contact the Admission and Records Office to officially withdraw. If not, it will result in receiving all F’s for the term and financial aid ineligibility.

Tuition and Fees Due Dates
Check your Campus Connection account for the amount of your charges, as the Student Finance Office will not be sending paper statements. Fee payment days are Sept 5th (fall semester), and January 23rd (spring semester)

Enrollment Deadlines for Pell Grant
Your initial award notice reflects full-time enrollment (12 credits or more). Your grant will be pro-rated based on your enrollment on August 31, 2012 at 12:00 a.m. (fall semester) or January 19, 2013 at 12:00 a.m. (spring semester). To be eligible for the North Dakota State Grant, you must be registered for 12 or more credits. It is important you check Campus Connection prior to the above dates to be sure you are registered for the correct number of credits. Being on a waitlist does not constitute being registered.

Please be sure to contact our office with any questions, concerns, or special circumstances you would like us to review.

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