

STUDENT AFFAIRS, NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM

POLICY: 3400

Tuition Remission

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BOARD POLICY

It is the policy of the Board that financial assistance be made available to all qualifying students. In some instances, such assistance may be provided as tuition remission and/or scholarships. Remissions may be awarded up to the limits specified (if any) in each individual category below. If an individual category is not fully awarded and remission funds remain, the Colleges may reassign the remaining amounts to qualifying students in other categories, except in the case of Athletic Remissions. Any tuition waivers outside the enumerated categories or beyond the limits specified in this policy require the written approval of the Chancellor. Except in the case of staff waivers and staff dependent waivers which follow the guidelines below or those in the respective bargaining agreements, tuition remissions awarded for online courses will not exceed the comparable amount provided for an on-campus course for a resident student. By November 30 of each year, the Colleges shall provide the Chancellor with a summary of the remission funds awarded by category. The Chancellor shall provide a summary of remissions to the Board.

Board of Trustee Scholarships

The Board of Trustees' Scholarships are awarded by each College to students graduating from a Nebraska high school who meet the following criteria:

1. have standardized test scores of at least 25 for the ACT or 1100 composite for SAT;
2. are enrolling for the first time in a postsecondary institution;
3. provide one written reference from a high school teacher or administrator from the school of graduation;
4. such other factors which may be considered include grade point average and rank in class as appropriate.

The number of new Board of Trustee scholarships to be awarded by each College for each academic year is based on the full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment at that College for the fall semester of the preceding academic year. Each College shall receive 20 scholarships for the first 1,000 FTE students and one additional scholarship for every 200 FTE beyond 1,000 for each academic year. The number of scholarships offered should be determined by each College based on the number of scholarships available and the yield experienced in prior years. It is the intent of the Board that the full number of scholarships be awarded but not exceeded each year. The Colleges shall report to the Board by November 30 of each year the number of scholarships offered and the number actually in effect for that academic year, for each academic class (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior).

- * The scholarships are not transferable from one College to another.
- * The scholarship will be the waiver of resident tuition up to 16 credit hours per semester to a maximum of 128 hours toward an undergraduate degree.
- * All announcements and publicity will be in the name of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, specifically the Chair of the Board.
- * All authority for the scholarship is the responsibility of the Board.
- * Each College President, financial aid officer and/or scholarship committee shall act as an agent of the Board in administering the program as directed by the Board.

The scholarship is renewable to the total value of the equivalent of eight semesters, up to 128 hours. The recipient may use the scholarship during the five academic years following the initial use with a one-year delay in initial use allowable with the school's permission.

Should original recipients terminate their education before using the full value of the scholarship, the balance of the scholarship's value may be re-awarded.

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Board of Trustee scholarships are renewable each academic year, provided the recipient maintains a 3.25 GPA and standards are met. The College President may approve a waiver of this requirement for extenuating circumstances in the case of a first year student only. Each college scholarship committee will review all renewal candidates and recommend action to the College President, who will report such decisions to the Board.

The System Office of the Board shall have major responsibility for administering the program, including applications, announcements, press releases and certificates.

History: The Board of Trustees' Scholarship refers to the scholarship program established by the State of Nebraska in 1971 upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges.

Cooperative Schools Scholarships

Each College is authorized to award scholarships to students entering college for the first time from schools providing student teaching facilities, such scholarships to be for one-half of the tuition costs per semester for up to 16 credit hours per semester, not to exceed 128 credit hours toward undergraduate degrees. The College may authorize the cooperating school to designate one such scholarship for each three student teachers served based on recommendations by the high school principal. Criteria for the award includes academic ability (top one-half of class), service to the school and leadership qualities. Scholarships are renewable each academic year, provided the recipient maintains a 2.0 GPA.

Student Teacher Supervision Scholarships

Teachers who will be supervising the College's teacher-training students in their classrooms will receive a tuition waiver for the Student Teacher Supervision Course.

State Tuition Waiver

Each College may award waivers to Nebraska residents based upon financial need not to exceed 2.5% of the gross resident tuition during the previous fiscal year. In most cases these waivers will supplement available federal financial assistance.

History: Established in 1967 by LB 938.

Athletic Awards

These awards were established in 1971 by the Board and approved by the Legislature. Colleges are allocated funding equivalent to 60 FTE resident tuition waivers. The College may, with the Chancellor's approval, increase its athletic awards up to the maximum allowed by the conference or athletic association to which each College belongs. Full or partial awards to male or female athletes, residents or nonresidents, may be made at the discretion of each College within funding allocation. Student athletes receiving renewable awards must maintain the minimum GPA requirements of the conference or athletic association.

Special Activity Awards

These awards were established in 1971 by the Board and approved by the Legislature. The awards are used to attract students who have talent in activities such as music, art, theatre, journalism, etc. Colleges are allocated funding equivalent to 10 for the first 1,000 FTE students and one for each additional 200 FTE students enrolled. Full or partial awards may be made at the discretion of each College, within funding allocations. Students receiving renewable awards must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

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War Orphans

This tuition remission program for war orphans was established by Legislature. The awards provide tuition waivers to children of military personnel who have died while serving with U.S. Armed Forces.

Graduate Assistant/Aide

Graduate assistantships provide a stipend established by the College and adjusted as necessary, in addition to a waiver of up to 18 hours of tuition per academic year and the immediately-following summer session, depending upon workload and term of appointment, while employed as a graduate assistant. Each College is required to report its stipend policy to the Board.

International Student Scholarships

These scholarships provide tuition waivers to qualified undergraduate students who are citizens of other countries. The purpose is to provide exposure to the international community and bring diversity to the College. Each College is authorized to provide a total of 20 nonresident scholarships in this category. These scholarships are renewable, provided the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA.

Staff Waivers

The staff waivers were established in 1977 to provide tuition waivers for one course for each term to eligible employees. See Policies 5102, 5103 and 5104 and Collective Bargaining [Agreements](#) for details.

Staff Dependent Waivers

The staff dependent waivers were established in 1984 and amended later to provide 67% reduction in tuition for dependents (as defined by Federal Student Aid guidelines) of eligible employees. See Policies 5102, 5103 and 5104 and Collective Bargaining [Agreements](#) for details.

Survivors of Deceased Employees

These are full tuition waivers to spouse and/or children of College employees who die while under full-time, permanent system employment. Children must have been dependent status at time of employee's death. Waivers may be used only toward undergraduate degree or to complete a graduate degree in progress. Offered on space available basis only, but may be used at any College.

Discretionary Waivers

Each College is authorized to award additional waivers not to exceed 4% of gross tuition. Policies and procedures for these discretionary awards shall be set by each College, approved by the President, and reported to the Board.

Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) Waivers

The RHOP waivers were established as a cooperative program between the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and Chadron State and Wayne State Colleges to provide full tuition waivers for selected students accepted to RHOP. Selection of participants is determined by representatives of UNMC, Chadron State College and Wayne State College.

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Phi Theta Kappa Community College Transfer Scholarship

The purpose of the Phi Theta Kappa Community College Transfer Scholarship is to provide tuition waivers to graduates of community colleges who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and who were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Society. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage outstanding community college graduates to attend a State College. These scholarships are renewable each academic year, provided the recipient maintains a 3.25 GPA at the College and standards are met. The scholarships are the waiver of basic tuition to a maximum of 64 credit hours toward the baccalaureate degree.

Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program)

The Nebraska State College System is to provide tuition and fees assistance to eligible military veterans through the Yellow Ribbon Program. The colleges will provide up to \$2500 tuition and fees assistance in conjunction with education benefits provided by the federal government as a provision of the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Act of 2008.

In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Benefit (tuition and fees waiver)

The In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Benefit is established for children of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. In order for a child to be eligible for the benefit, the law enforcement officer or firefighter must have incurred the fatal injury on or after April 23, 2009. The benefit shall be for full-time undergraduate students who are pursuing a baccalaureate degree. The colleges shall waive tuition and fees remaining after the application of federal financial aid grants and state scholarships and grants awarded to the eligible dependent. To remain eligible, the dependent must comply with all requirements of the institution for continued attendance and award of a baccalaureate degree. Verification of dependent eligibility shall be made by obtaining a certificate of eligibility. Dependent eligibility also includes children of members of emergency medical services ambulance squads that are not associated with a paid or volunteer fire department.

Legal Reference:	RRS 85-504	State education institutions; fees; waiver
	RRS 85-501	State educational institutions; nonresident fees
	RRS 85-2304	In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Benefit; established; eligibility; waiver of tuition and fees; application; notice; determination; effect

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