

CHANCELLOR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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INFORMATION ONLY: Waiver of ACT/SAT Scores for Board of Trustee Scholarships

COVID-19 and the corresponding cancellations of ACT and SAT testing dates continues to impact the ability of students to meet minimum requirements set forth in Board Policy 3400 for the Board of Trustees' Scholarships for the upcoming 2021-22 academic year. In Board Item 2.4 approved at the June 2020 Board meeting, the Board granted to the Chancellor the authority to temporarily grant exceptions to and/or temporarily waive Board of Trustees Policy requirements in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

Pursuant to that authority and in consultation with the Student Affairs, Marketing and Enrollment Committee, in order to ensure the ACT/SAT scores do not prevent otherwise qualified students from being eligible for the Board of Trustees' Scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year, the Chancellor is temporarily waiving the minimum ACT/SAT requirements set forth in Board Policy 3400. Rather, Colleges may draw upon student GPA and class rank (if available) to demonstrate academic excellence and potential consistent with the significance and expectations of the scholarship.

As more Colleges and Universities move away from reliance on standardized test scores for admission and scholarship decisions, we will also evaluate the value of the ACT/SAT scores as an eligibility criteria for system-level scholarships and other programs.