



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

TITLE: Tuition and Fee Waiver for Foster Youth

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE # 5137

RELATED TO POLICY # 5135 TUITION WAIVER

Umpqua Community College will provide a tuition and fee waiver to a current foster child or a former foster child under 25 year of age enrolled in courses totaling one or more credit hours. The waiver is reduced by the amount an eligible student receives from the Oregon Opportunity Grant and other federal aid (Pell Grant, FSEOG). The Chaffee Education and Training Grant may not be applied to reduce the tuition waiver.

The following eligibility requirements and limitations apply:

1. The student must be in the care and custody of Department Human Services (DHS), or one of the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, and is or will be an undergraduate student; or must be a former foster youth who has spent at least 180 days in substitute care, also known as foster care, after age 14, AND did not leave substitute care and custody of (DHS or Tribe) prior to the youth's 16th birthday. The undergraduate student must access the Tuition and Fee Waiver prior to the age of 25.
2. Students are expected to complete the FAFSA as early as October 1st each year and fulfill FAFSA verification requirements if selected. Students who do not submit the FAFSA and submit verification documents as requested will not be eligible to receive the tuition and fee waiver.
3. Oregon DHS partners with the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) to determine potentially eligible students and to match DHS data with the student's FAFSA information. OSAC then provides a list of eligible students to be considered for the Tuition and Fee Waiver in the OSAC Financial Aid Offices Portal.
4. The Financial Aid Office then determines waiver eligibility based on student enrollment and fulfillment of verification requirements. Each student's eligibility is then documented via the OSAC Financial Aid Office Portal. If it is determined the student's tuition and fee costs are more than the student's federal and state funds, the Financial Aid Office will direct the Accounting and Finance department to set up each student's tuition waiver.

REFERENCE: HB 2595

RESPONSIBILITY:

The Assistant Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services is responsible for implementing and updating this procedure when rules dictate change.

NEXT REVIEW DATE:

DATE OF ADOPTION: 4/1/2021 by CC

DATE(S) OF REVISION:

DATE(S) OF PRIOR REVIEW: