



FGCU REGULATION 7.006

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Waiver of Tuition and Fees

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A. GENERAL STATEMENT

Florida Gulf Coast University (“FGCU” or “the University”) waives tuition, non-resident tuition, or associated fees as required by applicable Florida Statutes and Board of Governors (BOG) Regulations.

In addition to the waivers mandated by Florida Statutes and BOG Regulations, the University President, or designee, may waive tuition, non-resident tuition, or associated fees as authorized by Florida Statutes or BOG regulation. The University President, or designee, may also waive tuition, non-resident tuition, or associated fees for purposes that support and enhance the mission of the University.

The University shall waive the activity and service, health, athletic, and material and supply fees, assessed on a per credit hour basis, for credit hours for which the tuition is waived and, on a per student basis, only if a student’s tuition is waived for all credit hours. If a student is required to pay any portion of the assessed tuition, that student shall pay the activity and service, health, athletic, material and supply fees in full assessed on a per student basis.

The University shall report to the FGCU Board of Trustees the purpose, number, and value of all waivers of tuition and fees granted annually in the format prescribed by the BOG.

B. REASON FOR REGULATION

This Regulation is established in accordance with BOG Regulation 7.008, Waivers and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees. The Waivers fall into three (3) categories:

1. Mandatory Statutory Waivers governed under Florida Law;
2. Discretionary Statutory Waivers authorized under Florida Law and the BOG; and
3. Institutional Waivers authorized by the BOT (“FGCU Waivers”).

B. APPLICABILITY AND/OR ACCOUNTABILITY

This Regulation applies to Students and applicants for admission at FGCU.

C. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. *Student*: A Student is defined as any person admitted to the University or taking credit-

bearing courses at or through FGCU, either full-time or part-time, degree-seeking or non-degree-seeking, on campus, through distance learning, or as part of an international program. For purposes of this Regulation, Students are further delineated as:

- a. In-state, meaning either by physical residence within the state of Florida or statutory authority granted to receive the same benefits as a resident of the State of Florida; or
 - b. Out-of-state/non-resident, meaning they are not entitled to the benefits of residents of the State of Florida.
2. *Waivers*: For purposes of this Regulation, a Waiver is an amount granted to the Student that will offset a portion or all of the tuition and associated fees charged. There are three (3) distinct types of Waivers within this Regulation: Mandatory Statutory, Discretionary Statutory, and FGCU Waivers. The FGCU Board of Trustees (BOT) has authorized the University President, or designee, to grant FGCU Waivers for purposes that support and enhance the mission of the University. The approved FGCU Waivers are issued by the department or college and are reflected in their respective budget. Statutory Waivers are established pursuant to Florida Statutes and are considered mandatory. These mandatory Waivers are managed by the Office of the Bursar.

D. PROCEDURES

1. Mandatory Statutory Waivers

The following tuition and fee exemptions and Waivers are established pursuant to Florida Statutes and are considered mandatory:

- a. Deceased Law Enforcement, Correctional, or Correctional Probation Officers
Employed by the State or Political Subdivision thereof

The University shall waive certain educational expenses that the child or spouse of a deceased officer incurs while obtaining an undergraduate education or a postgraduate education if the law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer is accidentally killed or receives accidental bodily injury which results in the loss of the officer's life while engaged in the performance of the officer's law enforcement duties on or after June 22, 1990, or is unlawfully and intentionally killed or dies as a result of such unlawful and intentional act on or after July 1, 1980, while the officer was employed by a political subdivision of the state.

- 1) The amount waived by the University shall be an amount equal to the cost of tuition and associated fees for a total of 120 credit hours. The child or spouse may attend on either a full-time or part-time basis. The benefits provided to a child under this section shall continue until the child's twenty-fifth (25th) birthday. The benefits provided to a spouse under this subsection must commence within five (5) years after the death occurs, and entitlement thereto shall continue until the tenth (10th) anniversary of that death.

- 2) Upon failure of any child or spouse benefited by the provisions of this subsection to comply with the ordinary and minimum requirements of the institution attended, both as to discipline and scholarship, the benefits shall be withdrawn as to the child or spouse and no further funds may be expended for the child's or spouse's benefits so long as such failure or delinquency continues.
 - 3) A child or spouse receiving benefits under this section must be enrolled according to the customary rules and requirements of the University.
 - 4) Only a Student in good standing with the University may receive the benefits.
- b. Deceased Firefighters Employed by the State or a Political Subdivision thereof

The University shall waive certain educational expenses that the child or spouse of a deceased firefighter incurs while obtaining an undergraduate education or a postgraduate education if the firefighter is accidentally killed or receives accidental bodily injury which results in the loss of the firefighter's life while engaged in the performance of the firefighter's duties on or after June 22, 1990, or is lawfully and intentionally killed or dies as a result of such unlawful and intentional act on or after July 1, 1980, while the firefighter was employed by a political subdivision of the state.

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 - 2) Upon failure of any child or spouse benefited by the provisions of this subsection to comply with the ordinary and minimum requirements of the institution attended, both as to discipline and scholarship, the benefits shall be withdrawn as to the child or spouse and no further moneys may be expended for the child's or spouse's benefits so long as such failure or delinquency continues.
 - 3) A child or spouse receiving benefits under this section must be enrolled according to the customary rules and requirements of the University.
 - 4) Only a Student in good standing with the University may receive the benefits.
- c. Deceased Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic Employed by the State or Political Subdivision thereof

The University shall waive certain educational expenses that the child or spouse of a

deceased emergency medical technician or paramedic incurs while obtaining an undergraduate education or postgraduate education if the emergency medical technician or paramedic is accidentally killed or receives an accidental bodily injury that subsequently results in the loss of the emergency medical technician's or paramedic's life while engaged in the performance of their duties on or after July 1, 2019.

- 1) The amount waived shall be in an amount equal to the cost of tuition and associated fees for a total of 120 credit hours. The child or spouse may attend on either a full-time or part-time basis. The benefits provided to a child under this section must continue until the child's twenty-fifth (25th) birthday. The benefits provided to a spouse under this section must commence within five (5) years after the death occurs, and entitlement thereto may continue until the tenth (10th) anniversary of that death.
 - 2) Upon failure of any child or spouse who receives a waiver in accordance with this section to comply with the ordinary and minimum requirements regarding discipline and scholarship of the University, such benefits to the child or spouse shall be withdrawn and no further moneys shall be expended for the child's or spouse's benefits so long as such failure or delinquency continues.
 - 3) A child or spouse receiving benefits under this section must be enrolled according to the customary rules and requirements of the University.
 - 4) Only a Student in good standing with the University may receive the benefits provided in this section.
- d. Deceased Teacher or School Administrator Employed by a Florida District School Board

The University shall waive certain educational expenses that the child of a deceased teacher or school administrator incurs while obtaining an undergraduate education or a postgraduate education if the teacher or school administrator is killed or is injured and dies as a result of an unlawful and intentional act, provided such killing or injury inflicted by another person and the motivation for the act is related, in whole or part, to the fact that the individual is a teacher or school administrator, or such act is inflicted while they engaged in the performance of teaching duties or school administration duties while employed by a Florida district school board.

- 1) The amount waived by the University shall be an amount equal to the cost of tuition and associated fees for a total of 120 credit hours at the University. The child may attend on either a full-time or part-time basis. The benefits provided under this section shall continue until the child's twenty-fifth (25th) birthday.
- 2) Upon failure of any child benefited by the provisions of this section to comply with the ordinary and minimum requirements of the University, both as to

discipline and scholarship, the benefits shall be withdrawn as to the child and no further moneys may be expended for the child's benefits so long as such failure or delinquency continues.

- 3) A child receiving benefits under this section must be enrolled according to the customary rules and requirements of the University.
 - 4) A Student who becomes eligible for benefits under the provisions of this section while enrolled in the University must be in good standing with the University in order to receive the benefits provided herein.
- e. Deceased Active Duty Member of the United States Armed Forces

The University shall waive certain educational expenses that the child or spouse of the deceased active duty United States Armed Forces member incurs while obtaining an undergraduate education or a postgraduate education if a member is killed or receives bodily injury while on active duty which results in the loss of the member's life, provided that such killing is not the result of suicide and that such bodily injury is not intentionally self-inflicted. Members of the Florida National Guard who are killed, or who die as the result of injuries incurred, while on active duty qualify for educational benefits as a member of the United States Armed Forces as provided in this section.

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 - 2) Upon failure of any child or spouse who receives a Waiver in accordance with this section to comply with the ordinary and minimum requirements regarding discipline and scholarship of the University, such benefits to the child or spouse shall be withdrawn and no further moneys may be expended for the child's or spouse's benefits so long as such failure or delinquency continues.
 - 3) A child or spouse receiving benefits under this section shall be enrolled according to the customary rules and requirements of the University.
 - 4) Only a Student in good standing with the University may receive the benefits.
- f. Acceleration

The University shall waive payment of registration, tuition, and laboratory fees for any Student who chooses to participate in dual enrollment programs and who meets

eligibility requirements in accordance with BOG Regulation 6.006, Acceleration Mechanisms; FGCU Regulation 2.001, Undergraduate Admissions; and FGCU Regulation 3.005, Graduate Admissions. Early admission is a form of dual enrollment through which eligible secondary students enroll in a postsecondary institution on a full-time basis in courses that are creditable toward the high school diploma and the associate or baccalaureate degree.

g. Florida Department of Children and Families

The University shall waive tuition and associated fees, including lab fees, for any Student who is or was at the time they reached the age of eighteen (18) in the custody of the Department of Children and Families or a relative or nonrelative under section 39.5085, Florida Statutes; who was adopted from the Department of Children and Families after May 5, 1997; or after spending at least six (6) months in the custody of the Department of Children and Families after reaching sixteen (16) years of age. Additionally, material and supply fees and fees associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction shall be exempted. Any Student requesting this exemption must provide certification of eligibility from the Department of Children and Families or its contracted providers to the University. This Waiver shall remain valid up until the time the Student reaches the age of twenty-eight (28).

h. School Psychology Training Program

The University shall waive tuition and associated fees for internship credit hours applicable to an internship in the public-school system under the supervision of the Florida Department of Education certified school psychologist employed by the school system for any graduate Student.

i. Homeless

The University shall waive tuition and associated fees for any Student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, excluding University Housing, or whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private shelter designed to provide temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

j. Purple Heart Recipients

The University shall waive undergraduate tuition and associated fees for each recipient of a Purple Heart, or another combat decoration superior in precedence which was awarded for valor, and who:

- 1) Is enrolled as a full-time, part-time, or summer-school Student in an undergraduate program that terminates in a degree or certificate;

- 2) Is currently, and was at the time of the military action that resulted in the awarding of the Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence, a resident of this state; and
- 3) Submits to the University the DD-214 form issued at the time of separation from service as documentation that the Student has received a Purple Heart or another combat decoration superior in precedence. In situations where admissions or financial aid application deadlines preclude providing a DD-214 in time to meet such a deadline, the official (service specific) transmitting correspondence that would normally accompany such an award to a previously discharged service member would suffice until an updated DD-214 could be obtained and presented to the University. However, the updated DD-214 must be submitted to the University by the start of the Student's next term of enrollment for continued eligibility for the Waiver. In situations where a service member is on active duty and has not been issued a DD-214, the official (service specific) transmitting correspondence that would normally accompany such an award or a certification of the appropriate combat award by the service specific administrative record holder [e.g., Adjutant, G-1 (general staff officer - personnel), or JAG (Judge Advocate General)] would meet the documentation requirement.
- 4) A Waiver for a Purple Heart recipient or recipient of another combat decoration superior in precedence shall be applicable for one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the number of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the Student is enrolled. This Waiver is considered "countable aid" for Student financial aid purposes. Therefore, if this Waiver is administered by an office other than the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, college officials must notify the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid that a Student has qualified for the Waiver. The Waiver covers only tuition and fees associated with credit hour instruction provided directly by the University and does not include any additional fees that may be charged for specialized programs or by external organizations. This includes, but is not limited to, flight school, study abroad travel and living expenses, and courses taken elsewhere as a transient Student.

k. State Employees

The University shall waive tuition and fees for state employees, subject to approval by an employee's agency head or the equivalent, to enroll in up to six (6) credit hours of courses per term on a space-available basis. This does not include persons employed by a State University.

l. Wrongfully Incarcerated

The University shall waive tuition and associated fees for up to 120 hours of instruction if the wrongfully incarcerated person meets and maintains the regular admission requirement of the University; remains registered and makes satisfactory academic progress as defined by the University. A wrongfully incarcerated person is

someone who has had a felony conviction and sentence vacated by a court and the original sentencing court has issued its order finding that the person neither committed the act, nor did they aid, abet, or act as an accomplice or accessory to the act or offense.

m. Veterans

The University shall waive out-of-state fees for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed and Reserve Forces (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy) and the National Guard (Army and Air) who physically resides in Florida while enrolled at the University. Persons who are entitled to and uses educational assistance provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify for this Waiver if they physically reside in Florida while enrolled at the University in any term beginning July 1, 2015. Tuition and fees charged to a veteran or person who qualifies for the out-of-state fee Waiver under this section may not exceed the tuition and fees charged a resident Student enrolled in the same course.

n. Active Duty

The University shall waive out-of-state fees for a person who is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States residing or stationed outside of the state. Tuition and fees charged to a Student who qualifies for the out-of-state fee Waiver may not exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident Student.

o. Veterans, Active Duty, Spouse, and Dependents

The University shall waive the transcript fee for a person who is an active duty member or an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces and their spouse and dependents.

p. Welfare Transition Program

The University shall waive tuition and fees for any Student enrolled in an employment and training program under the welfare transition program. The local workforce development board shall pay the University for costs incurred for welfare transition program participants.

q. Non-Resident Waiver

- 1) The University shall waive out-of-state fees, including the out-of-state financial aid fee, for Students, including, but not limited to, Students who are undocumented for federal immigration purposes, who meet the following conditions:
 - a) Attended a secondary school in this state for three (3) consecutive years immediately before graduating from a high school in this state;

- b) Apply for enrollment in an institution of higher education with twenty-four (24) months after high school graduation; and
 - c) Submit an official Florida high school transcript as evidence of attendance and graduation.
- 2) The Waiver is applicable for one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the required credit hours of the undergraduate degree or certificate program for which the Student is enrolled.
 - 3) A Student granted an out-of-state fee Waiver must be considered a non-resident Student for purposes of calculating the system-wide total enrollment of non-resident Students as limited in BOG Regulation 7.006.
 - 4) A Student who is granted an out-of-state fee Waiver under this Regulation is not eligible for state financial aid.
 - 5) The University shall, within its non-resident Student enrollment, prioritize the enrollment of a veteran who is granted an out-of-state fee Waiver pursuant to section D.1.j. above over a Student who is granted an out-of-state fee Waiver under this section.
- r. Child Protection and Child Welfare Personnel
- 1) The University shall waive tuition and fees for employees, as defined in section 402.403, Florida Statutes, who are enrolled in an accredited master's degree in social work or a certificate program, and maintain at least a grade of 'B' in all courses.
 - 2) Eligible employees must have an approved Department of Children and Families, community-based agency, or a subcontractor Waiver form stating that the necessary employment qualifications have been met.
- s. Online Free Seat Program
- The University BOT shall waive the tuition and fees for one (1) online course for eligible veterans, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, active drilling members of the Florida National Guard, and nontraditional Students who enroll in an online baccalaureate degree program at a state university.
- 1) A Student whose tuition and fees are waived under this program must be a resident for tuition purposes under section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, must not have previously earned a bachelor's degree, and must be enrolled in an online baccalaureate degree program as defined in section D.1.s.2), provided the Student meets one (1) of the following eligibility requirements:

- a) Is a veteran as defined in section 1.01(14), Florida Statutes;
 - b) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces;
 - c) Is an active drilling member of the Florida National Guard; or
 - d) Is a nontraditional Student, defined for the purposes of this program as a Student who has been out of high school for at least five (5) years and has not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution in the last five (5) years.
- 2) For purposes of this program, an online baccalaureate program is defined as a major in which eighty to one hundred percent (80% - 100%) of the direct instruction of the program is available using some form of technology when the Student and instructor are separated by time, space, or both, and which is included in the BOG Online Program Inventory, available on the Florida BOG website.
 - 3) For all other courses in the online program, the University may not charge a Student described in section D.1.s.2) more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the tuition rate as specified in section 1009.24(4), Florida Statutes, and seventy-five percent (75%) of the tuition differential pursuant to section 1009.24(16), Florida Statutes, if the Student remains enrolled at least part-time in the program during each academic year. A Student who qualifies for this tuition discount is eligible to receive the discount for up to one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the number of required credit hours of the degree program for which the Student is enrolled.
 - 4) For purposes of this program, fees shall be those associated fees specified in BOG Regulation 7.001, Tuition and Associated Fees, and the distance learning fee defined in BOG Regulation 7.003, Fees, Fines and Penalties.
 - 5) Fee Waivers granted pursuant to this section may not exceed 1,000 Students system-wide each academic year. The Chancellor will determine the maximum number of Waivers for this program per institution.
- t. Programs of Strategic Emphasis Waiver

For every course in a Program of Strategic Emphasis, as identified in section D.1.t.3), in which a Student is enrolled, the University shall waive one hundred percent (100%) of the tuition and fees for an equivalent course in such program for a Student who:

- 1) Is a resident for tuition purposes under section 1009.21, Florida Statutes;
- 2) Has earned at least sixty (60) semester credit hours towards a baccalaureate degree within two (2) academic years after initial enrollment at a Florida public postsecondary institution;

- 3) Enrolls in one (1) of eight (8) Programs of Strategic Emphasis as adopted by the BOG. The BOG shall adopt eight (8) Programs of Strategic Emphasis in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics for which a Student may be eligible to receive the tuition and fee Waiver authorized by section 1009.26(18), Florida Statutes. The programs identified by the board must reflect the priorities of the state and be offered at a majority of state universities.
- 4) A Waiver granted under this section is applicable only for upper level courses and up to one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the number of required credit hours of the baccalaureate degree program for which the Student is enrolled.
- 5) For purposes of this program, fees shall be those associated fees specified in BOG Regulation 7.001, Tuition and Associated Fees.

u. Waiver for Resident Grandparent

- 1) The University shall waive the out-of-state fee for a Student who:
 - a) Has a grandparent who is a legal resident as defined in section 1009.21(1), Florida Statutes. For purposes of this subsection, the term “grandparent” means a person who has a legal relationship to a Student’s parent as the natural or adopted parent or legal guardian of the Student’s parent.
 - b) Earns a high school diploma comparable to a Florida standard high school diploma, or its equivalent, or completes a home education program.
 - c) Achieves any of the following scores:
 - i. Achieves an SAT combined score no lower than the 89th national percentile on the SAT;
 - ii. Achieves an ACT score concordant to the required SAT score in section D.1.u.1)c)i., using the latest published national concordance table developed jointly by the College Board and ACT, Inc.; or
 - iii. If a state university accepts the Classic Learning Test (CLT) for admission purposes, achieves a CLT score concordant to the required SAT score specified in section D.1.u.1)c)i., using the latest published scoring comparison developed by Classic Learning Initiatives.
 - d) Beginning with the Students who initially enroll in the 2022 fall academic term and thereafter, enrolls as a full-time undergraduate Student at a state university in the fall academic term immediately following high school graduation.
- 2) The Waiver under this subsection is applicable for up to one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the number of required credit hours of the degree program for

which the Student is enrolled.

- 3) Before waiving the out-of-state fee, the University shall require the Student or the Student's parent, if the Student is a dependent child, to provide a written declaration pursuant to section 92.525(2), Florida Statutes, attesting to the Student's familial relationship to a grandparent who is a legal resident and any other corroborating documentation required by the BOG. The University is not required to independently verify the statements contained in each declaration if the signatory declares it to be true under the penalties of perjury as required by section 92.525(2), Florida Statutes. However, the University may refer any signed declaration suspected of containing fraudulent representations to law enforcement.
- 4) Beginning with Students who initially enroll for the 2022-2023 academic year or thereafter, the University shall, within the non-resident Student enrollment system-wide, prioritize the enrollment of a Student who is granted a fee Waiver under this subsection over an out-of-state Student who is not eligible for an out-of-state fee Waiver if the Students have substantially similar academic and other credentials used in determining admission to the University.
- 5) Fee Waivers granted pursuant to this section may not exceed 350 Students system-wide each academic year; the Chancellor will determine the maximum number of Waivers for this program per institution.
- 6) For purposes of this program, fees shall be those associated fees specified in BOG Regulation 7.001, Tuition and Associated Fees.

2. Discretionary Statutory Waivers

The following tuition and fee exemptions and Waivers are established pursuant to Florida Statutes and are considered discretionary:

a. Florida Linkage Institutes

The University may waive out-of-state fee and out-of-state financial aid fee for up to twenty-five (25) full-time equivalent Students per year enrolled through Florida Linkage Institutes Program.

b. Florida Public Assistance Grant

The University may waive the tuition differential for Students who meet the eligibility requirements for the Florida Public Assistance Grant.

c. Intern Supervisors

Persons who supervise interns for institutions within the State University System may

be given one (1) non-transferable certificate (fee Waiver) for each full academic term during which the person serves as an intern supervisor. This certificate shall provide for Waiver of the basic fee (as defined in BOG Regulation 7.001, Tuition and Associated Fees).

- 1) Certificate holders are entitled to a Waiver of tuition for a maximum of six (6) hours credit instruction (including credit through continuing education) during a single term at any state university.
- 2) Certificates shall be valid for three (3) years from date of issuance.
- 3) Eligible recipients of an Intern Participation Certificate may be identified by the University as a person who engages in the direct supervision of at least one (1) University intern for 300 contact hours, which may be accumulated over multiple semesters provided at least 100 contact hours of direct supervision is provided per semester.
- 4) To be eligible for a Certificate, the internship program must be an essential part of the course of instruction and must be required as part of the degree.
- 5) The University shall develop procedures and policies to govern the issuance, distribution, security, and redemption of certificates.
- 6) The University shall maintain accurate data on Intern Participation Certificates and annually submit a report of certificate activity to the BOG according to a prescribed format.

d. University Employees

Pursuant to FGCU Policy 3.002, Tuition and Fee Voucher, the University may allow full-time University employees to enroll in up to six (6) credit hours of tuition-free courses per term.

e. Florida Residents sixty (60) years of Age or Older

The University may waive any or all application, tuition, and associated fees for persons sixty (60) years of age or older who are residents of this state and who enroll to audit courses being offered for college credit. No academic credit shall be awarded for attendance in classes for which fees are waived under this section. This privilege may be granted only on a space-available basis, if such classes are not filled as of the close of registration. The University may limit or deny the privilege for courses which are in programs for which the BOG has established selective admissions criteria. Persons paying full fees and state employees taking courses on a space-available basis shall have priority over those persons whose fees are waived in all cases where classroom spaces are limited.

f. Public School Classroom Teacher

The University may waive tuition and fees for a classroom teacher who is employed full-time by a school district and who meets the academic requirements established by the University for up to six (6) credit hours per term on a space-available basis in undergraduate courses related to special education, mathematics, or science approved by the Department of Education. The Waiver may not be used for courses scheduled during the school district's regular school day.

g. Sponsored Credit Courses and Programs

The University may waive tuition, associated fees, and fees for materials and supplies for participants in sponsored credit courses and programs in accordance with BOG Regulation 8.002 and section 1009.26(9), Florida Statutes.

- 1) Sponsored credit courses and programs are entities where substantially all the direct costs are paid by the external sponsoring entity, where there is no direct expenditure of Educational and General (E&G) funds for the conduct of the programs, and where no fees or other assessments are collected from Students by the sponsoring entity, the University, or any other entity.
- 2) In determining whether the direct costs are paid by the sponsoring entity, funds paid directly to the participants in a form including, but not limited to, stipends, travel, or book allowances should not be considered. "Direct costs" refer to the costs associated with the instruction or training which a participant receives. All funds collected from sponsoring entities for sponsored credit institutes will be remitted to the University's contract and grants trust fund and/or auxiliary trust funds.
- 3) Funds collected from courses offered through continuing education should be budgeted in the Auxiliary Trust Fund.
- 4) Neither the number of participants nor Student credit hours in these courses and programs may be counted for state-funding purposes.

h. Non-Resident Students

The University may waive the out-of-state fee of non-resident Students who are non-degree-seeking if the credit hours generated by such Students are non-state fundable and the cost for the program of study is recovered from the fees charged to all Students.

i. Admissions Deposit

If the University establishes an admissions deposit, it must also adopt policies that provide for the Waiver of this deposit on the basis of financial hardship.

3. FGCU Waivers

In addition to Waivers mandated by Florida Statutes and BOG Regulations, and consistent with this Regulation, the Provost, or designee, may waive tuition, non-resident tuition, associated fees, or any portion thereof for purposes that support and enhance the mission and strategic goals of the University. In collaboration with the Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance, Academic Affairs holds all authority for granting institutional tuition Waivers. The following Waivers are awarded based on the University's established key selection criteria of recruitment, retention, diversity, and service to Students who meet certain initial criteria, as well as to support University grant, sponsored, and recognized Student outreach programs.

a. Undergraduate Student Waivers Awarded at the Time of Admission

1) In-State Undergraduate Student Tuition Waivers

- a) In-state undergraduate Student tuition (matriculation) Waivers will be created to assist undergraduate admissions meeting the University's enrollment goals.
- b) An In-State Tuition Waiver Committee will be formed to designate which outreach strategies and campaigns will be supported through this Waiver.
 - i. The Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management will establish the Undergraduate In-State Tuition Waiver Committee which shall be comprised of the Assistant Vice President for University Admissions (chair), the Associate Vice President for Student Financial Enrollment and Business Services, the Director of the Enrollment Services Center, and a staff member from Undergraduate Admissions.
 - ii. The In-State Tuition Waiver Committee will meet at least annually to evaluate the purpose, scope, criteria, and effectiveness of the in-state undergraduate Student tuition Waivers.
- c) In-state undergraduate Student tuition Waiver awards are initially offered for two (2) semesters (normally fall and spring) and are contingent upon continued budget authorization and Students maintaining their renewal eligibility.
- d) Initial eligibility requirements include acceptance to the University as a degree-seeking (matriculated) Student. First-time-in-college Students may receive an in-state undergraduate Student tuition Waiver for a maximum of four (4) years (eight (8) semesters) and transfer Students may receive the Waiver for a maximum of two (2) years (four (4) semesters), provided they meet the renewal criteria.
- e) The President, or designee, shall provide the Undergraduate Admissions In-

State Tuition Waiver Committee with the annual allocation of Waivers to be awarded. The Associate Vice President for Student Financial Enrollment and Business Services will ensure that the allocation and all awards are disbursed to the Students.

- f) To renew, a Student must meet the renewal criteria including any renewal application deadlines as required by the Undergraduate Admissions In-State Tuition Waiver Committee.
- g) The Undergraduate Admissions In-State Tuition Waiver Committee shall establish and recommend to the President, or designee, annually, the purpose, scope, and criteria for award and renewal eligibility for in-state undergraduate Student tuition Waivers.

2) Out-of-State Undergraduate Student Tuition Waivers

- a) Initial eligibility requirements include being approved for admission to the University as a degree-seeking undergraduate Student, meeting the Waiver application deadlines, and satisfying the criteria required by the Undergraduate Admissions Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Committee.
- b) The Undergraduate Admissions Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Committee shall establish and recommend to the President, or designee, annually, the purpose, scope, and criteria for award and renewal eligibility for out-of-state undergraduate Student tuition Waivers.
- c) The President, or designee, shall provide the Undergraduate Admissions Out-of- State Tuition Waiver Committee with the annual allocation of Waivers to be awarded. The Associate Vice President for Financial Enrollment and Business Services will ensure that the allocation and all awards are disbursed to the Students.
- d) While strong academic credentials will be given proper importance, other factors, as determined by the Undergraduate Admissions Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Committee, may be taken into consideration. Priority for the award of a tuition Waiver will be given to new incoming Students. First-time-in-college Students may receive the Waiver for a maximum of four (4) years (eight (8) semesters) and transfer Students may receive the Waiver for a maximum of two (2) years (four (4) semesters), provided they meet all renewal criteria.
- e) To renew, a Student must meet all renewal criteria including any renewal application deadlines as required by the Undergraduate Admissions Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Committee.

3) In-State Undergraduate Student-Athlete Waivers

- a) With the assistance of a Student-Athlete Waiver Committee (consisting of an Athletics Compliance professional, Senior Woman Administrator, and NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative), the Director of Athletics, with approval of the University President, may authorize in-state undergraduate Student-athletes tuition Waivers to target recruitment opportunities to attract a diverse and strong Student population.
 - b) These Waivers may be awarded or renewed each year to selective undergraduate Students meeting the criteria below. Undergraduate Waivers are awarded in conjunction with the admission process.
 - c) Initial eligibility requirements include approval for admission to FGCU as a full-time degree-seeking Student; in-state residency status; and a minimum 3.0 grade point average, or a 1050 on the SAT, or a 22 on the ACT, or an outstanding record of athletic and leadership achievements determined by the Student-Athlete Waiver Committee.
 - d) Waiver awards are guaranteed for one (1) year only and are contingent upon continued budget authorization.
 - e) To renew, undergraduate Student-athletes must continue to meet the established NCAA Division I eligibility criteria.
 - f) Each unit shall submit an annual report to the Office of Enrollment Management (OEM) verifying compliance with all requirements by August 1 of each year.
- 4) Out-of-State Undergraduate Student-Athlete Waivers
- a) Out-of-state undergraduate Student-athlete Waivers are awarded in conjunction with the admission process.
 - b) With the assistance of a Student-Athlete Waiver Committee (consisting of an Athletics Compliance professional, Senior Woman Administrator, and NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative) the Director of Athletics, with approval of the University President, may authorize out-of-state undergraduate Student tuition Waivers. These Waivers may be awarded or renewed each year to selective undergraduate Students meeting the below criteria:
 - c) Initial eligibility requirements include approval for admission to FGCU as a full-time degree-seeking Student; out-of-state residency status; and a minimum 3.0 grade point average, or a 1050 on the SAT, or a 22 on the ACT, or an outstanding record of athletic and leadership achievements determined by the Student-Athlete Waiver Committee.
 - d) Waiver awards are guaranteed for one (1) year only and are contingent upon

continued legislative authorization.

- e) To renew, undergraduate Student-athletes must continue to meet the established NCAA Division I eligibility criteria.

5) Undergraduate Sponsored International Student and Scholar Tuition Waivers

- a) Waivers are awarded based on the University's established international partnership agreements or participation in specific sponsored programs of international education and exchange.
- b) Eligibility for these Waivers will be based on the following criteria:
 - i. Recipient can be defined as a foreign national (a person who is neither a US citizen or permanent resident and holds citizenship of a nation other than the United States) and must be either an international Student enrolled at FGCU on a Student visa, as defined by US immigration; or an International Scholar sponsored by FGCU on an exchange visitor visa, as defined by US immigration.
 - ii. Recipient is sponsored at FGCU under a specific academic or cultural exchange program initiated by a US or foreign government, an agency coordinating one of these programs, under an international grant program, or under written agreement of international academic exchange between FGCU and a foreign institution, and that this sponsorship is in effect through the duration of the Student's or scholar's academic enrollment.
 - iii. Recipient maintains eligibility for participation in the exchange or sponsored program (including maintaining immigration status and good academic standing) in order to receive and maintain the tuition Waiver. This eligibility will be reviewed on a semester basis.
 - iv. Recipient is admitted to study at FGCU through submission of required application and support documents.
 - v. Recipient is enrolled in undergraduate studies on a degree or non-degree-seeking basis, as full-time or part-time Students, pursuant to requirements of the sponsored program in which they participate.
- c) Allotment of Waivers will be determined annually in consultation with the Provost's Office and academic Deans and coordinated through Global Engagement Office (GEO). As necessary, a committee of appropriate representatives may be formed for this purpose. The amount of tuition Waivers will be determined by the sponsorship agreement and academic (undergraduate/graduate) level.
- d) GEO shall submit an annual report to the President's Cabinet by June 30 of each year.

6) Project STARS Tuition Differential Fee

The University shall provide a discretionary Waiver of the tuition differential fee for STARS Program Students who have been awarded a scholarship from the Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship Program. This Waiver is also available to scholars of other STARS Program affiliates, such as Take Stock in Children.

b. Graduate Student Waivers

Graduate tuition Waivers are available to Students meeting eligibility requirements in qualified master's and doctoral programs. Graduate tuition Waivers are subject to available funding.

Graduate Waivers are awarded based on the University's selection criteria and in support of Student retention, diversity, and service to Students who meet certain requirements. The amount of tuition Waivers shall not exceed the respective tuition charged or the total amount indicated for Waivers in the University budget.

1) In-State Graduate Student Tuition Waivers for Designated Master's and Doctoral Programs

- a) The Division of Academic Affairs determines the list of qualified graduate degree programs.
- b) The Graduate Studies Office notifies the authorized official, or designee, in the colleges and schools (referred to as academic units) of the total amount authorized for in-state graduate Student tuition Waivers for each fiscal year that will be available for eligible graduate degree-seeking Students.
- c) Initial eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to, in-state residency classification, being in good standing, either a GPA of 3.00 or greater for the last sixty (60) hours of the baccalaureate degree or a prior graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution or equivalent foreign institution, and enrollment in one (1) of the qualified graduate degree programs for the semester in which the awarded is sought, meeting application deadlines, and satisfying the criteria required and set by the Graduate Studies Office and academic units.
- d) The Graduate Studies Office and academic units determine the process to verify Students' eligibility and in-state graduate Student tuition Waiver awards for the semester. A copy of the final list of in-state graduate Student tuition Waiver awards is sent by each academic unit to the Graduate Studies Office for final approval.
- e) In-state graduate Student tuition Waivers are mutually exclusive and cannot be combined with out-of-state graduate Student tuition Waiver in the same semester.

- f) In-state graduate Student tuition Waivers do not cover undergraduate courses or any fees other than graduate base in-state tuition components.
 - g) In-state graduate Student tuition Waivers are contingent upon continued budget authorization.
- 2) Out-of-State Graduate Student Tuition Waivers for Qualified Master's and Doctoral Programs
- a) The Graduate Studies Office may award a limited amount of out-of-state graduate Student tuition Waivers to eligible graduate Students to enhance campus diversity and/or academic quality.
 - b) Based on funding, out-of-state tuition waivers may be available to eligible graduate degree-seeking Students.
 - c) Initial eligibility requirements include out-of-state residency classification (non-Florida-resident) and good standing and enrollment in one (1) of the eligible graduate degree programs for the semester for which the award is sought. Students must be enrolled and maintain full-time status (nine (9) credits per semester) and the minimum GPA requirement during the semester in which the award is given. Eligibility checks will be performed each semester.
 - d) International Students and undocumented Students who have received approved Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status may qualify for this type of financial support.
 - e) Students must meet minimum requirements for the out-of-state tuition Waiver as stipulated by the Graduate Studies Office.
 - f) For continued Graduate out-of-state tuition Waiver consideration, graduate Students must remain in good standing and meet eligibility requirements, as verified by the Student's corresponding Graduate Program Coordinator. A copy of the final list of out-of-state tuition Waiver awards is sent by each unit to the Graduate Studies Office for final approval.
 - g) The Graduate out-of-state tuition Waiver shall not exceed the total number of hours within the graduate program, and are contingent upon continued budget authorization.
 - h) The Graduate out-of-state tuition Waiver do not cover undergraduate courses or any fees other than out-of-state graduate base tuition component.
 - i) Receipt of this type of financial support does not imply eligibility for financial

assistance from the University or state or federal government. Neither does it constitute a permanent designation as a Florida resident for tuition paying purposes nor qualify the Student for such designation in the future.

- j) The total number of Waivers may vary each semester due to budget availability.
- k) Graduate out-of-state tuition Waivers and in-state graduate Student tuition Waivers are mutually exclusive and cannot be combined.
- l) Failure to fulfill any of the support criteria will result in the award amount being withdrawn or reduced. The Student may be subject to repayment to the University for the total or portion amount of the award.
- m) The final list of Students considered to receive The Graduate out-of-state tuition Waiver will be determined by the Provost, or their designee in consultation with the Provost.

3) Out-of-State Graduate Student-Athlete Waivers

- a) Initial eligibility requirements include approval admission to FGCU as a degree-seeking Student; submit supplemental application forms; and meet any additional criteria required by the awarding college or department.
- b) At the discretion of the Director of Athletics, and with approval of the University President and the assistance of a Waiver committee (consisting of an Athletics Compliance professional, Senior Woman Administrator, and the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative), annual out-of-state graduate Student-athlete Waivers may be awarded or renewed each year to selective graduate Students. Graduate Students may receive in-state or out-of-state graduate Student assistant Waivers or in-state or out-of-state graduate Student assistant matriculation fee Waivers. Graduate Waivers accompany graduate assistantships and may include a stipend and work requirement.
- c) Waiver awards are guaranteed for one (1) year only and are contingent upon continued budget availability.
- d) To renew, graduate Students must meet the conditions for renewal stipulated by Athletics, NCAA eligibility, and graduate program requirements.
- e) Athletics shall submit an annual report to the OEM verifying compliance with all requirements by August 1 of each year.

4) Graduate Sponsored International Student and Scholar Tuition Waivers

- a) Waivers are awarded based on the University's established international

partnership agreements or participation in specific sponsored programs of international education and exchange.

- b) Eligibility for these Waivers will be based on the following criteria:
- i. Recipient can be defined as a foreign national (a person who is neither a US citizen or permanent resident and holds citizenship of a nation other than the United States) and must be either an international Student enrolled at FGCU on a Student visa, as defined by US immigration; or an International Scholar sponsored by FGCU on an exchange visitor visa, as defined by US immigration.
 - ii. Recipient is sponsored at FGCU under a specific academic or cultural exchange program initiated by a US or foreign government, an agency coordinating one of these programs, under an international grant program, or under written agreement of international academic exchange between FGCU and a foreign institution, and that this sponsorship is in effect through the duration of the Student's or scholar's academic enrollment.
 - iii. Recipient maintains eligibility for participation in the exchange or sponsored program (including maintaining immigration status and good academic standing) in order to receive and maintain the tuition Waiver. This eligibility will be reviewed on a semester basis.
 - iv. Recipient is admitted to study at FGCU through submission of required application and support documents.
 - v. Recipient is enrolled in graduate studies on a degree or non-degree-seeking basis, as full-time or part-time, pursuant to requirements of the sponsored program in which they participate.
- c) GEO will collaborate with the appropriate dean in the academic college that is offering the graduate degree to which the international student is admitted to determine the waiver amount for individual international students.
- d) GEO shall submit an annual report to the President's Cabinet by June 30 of each year.

4. Reporting

The University shall report the purpose, number, authority, and value of all fee Waivers and exemptions granted annually in a format prescribed by the BOG. For these reporting purposes, there is no differentiation between Waivers and exemptions.

5. Admission Criteria

All persons eligible for a Waiver or exemption for tuition and associated fees must still satisfy the University's admission criteria.

Authority

*Sections 112.19, 112.191, 112.1915, 1009.25, 1009.26, 1009.265, Florida Statutes
BOG Regulation 7.008, Waivers and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees*

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