



PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors

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Policy 1984-08-A: Board of Governors' Scholars Program

See Also:

Adopted: June 19, 1984

Amended: October 15, 1985; January 12, 1989; January 11, 2001

A. Purposes

1. Each university is authorized to waive basic fees or tuition for not more than two percent of the university's full-time equivalent enrollment.
2. The chancellor is authorized to grant individual university requests to extend up to 1/10 percent additional Board of Governors' scholarships to participants in articulation partnerships with underserved school districts, and for participants in the State System Partnership program.

B. Procedures

The following procedures are applicable to the Board of Governors Scholarship Program:

1. A university's maximum allotment of waivers under this policy will include all students enrolled at any one time but will exclude all students receiving waivers under any other program providing basic fee or tuition waivers.
2. Waivers will be granted to serve the needs and best interests of the university and its undergraduate resident students and will include, but not be limited to, fulfillment of desegregation plan commitments, minority students, academics, leadership, and performing arts. Beginning in spring 2001, at least 50 percent of the waivers that a university grants beyond one percent will be used to help increase the numbers of resident students enrolled as mathematics, science, or technology majors, or in other areas identified as high need, including math and science education and teacher preparation programs designed to serve urban or rural communities. No waivers will be granted for athletics.

3. Waivers will be reviewed and decisions made on renewals each academic year.
4. Each university will develop criteria and procedures for the award of waivers, which will be disseminated within the university community. A copy of the university criteria and procedures will be filed in the Office of the Chancellor for review. For each recipient, all Pell, PHEAA, and other aid should be exhausted and the difference then waived.
5. At the beginning of each semester or session, each university president (or designee) will submit to the chancellor a list of undergraduate resident students who have been awarded waivers including the names, addresses, classifications, and majors of the students and the reasons for or categories of waivers.
6. The two percent figure to be used in determining the number of available waivers for any current academic year will be based upon the university's full-time equivalent enrollment for the fall semester of the preceding academic year. Each university will submit the aforementioned full-time equivalent enrollment figure to the chancellor or his/her designee as quickly as possible following closure of the fall registration period. No commitments for waivers will be granted until the enrollment figure has been submitted to the chancellor.
7. No other fees will be waived under the terms of this policy.
8. This program will be in effect under the above procedures, January 11, 2001, and will continue, subject to periodic Board review to determine its continuing effectiveness.