



PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors

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POLICY 1983-18-A: WAIVER OF TUITION AND/OR FEES

See Also:

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NOTE: Employee dependent tuition waivers are also regulated by Board of Governors' Policy 1984-03-A, *Tuition Waiver*.

A. Definitions

- **Fee**—A fixed charge established by a council of trustees, university president, or Board of Governors, according to authorities under Act 188 of 1982, to recover costs of certain services, materials, or activities provided.
- **Tuition**—The basic fee established by the Board of Governors for rendering educational services, as enumerated in Act 188 of 1982. Also, the technology tuition fee, a separate tuition fee established by the Board of Governors, with rate-approving authority delegated to the councils of trustees, for rendering technology resources and services to enhance student learning experiences.

B. Policy

Upon recommendation of the president of each university, in accordance with Board policy, each university may waive any or all tuition and/or fees, or a portion thereof, for students in the following categories:

1. State System employees on out-service leave and full-time employees of student centers and bookstores.
2. Employees or dependents of employees of the university.
3. International students (a needs assessment shall be performed to determine the amount of waiver).
4. Graduate assistants.
5. Medical technology students during their clinical year (except for that fee, if any, which is levied and collected by the participating hospital).
6. Retired persons (on a space available basis).

7. Students who are enrolled in a program funded under the Higher Education Opportunity Act (24 P. S. § 2510-301 *et seq.*).
8. Students whose direct instructional costs are funded by a grant or contract.
9. Active duty military, and eligible dependents and spouses of active duty members, for amounts above the Military Tuition Assistance reimbursement rate.
10. Participants in the Pennsylvania National Guard Education Assistance Program (EAP), for tuition amounts above the System's full-time tuition rate.