

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL: USF REGULATIONS

NOTICE: PROPOSED NEW REGULATION

DATE: August 9, 2010

Regulation No: USF 4.0108

TITLE: Waiver of Tuition and Fees

Summary:

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.001 (3-26-09) provides that “Each board of trustees is authorized to promulgate university regulations in accordance with the Regulation Development Procedure adopted by the Board of Governors,” (7-21-05). Such regulations must be consistent with law, and the regulations and strategic plan of the Board of Governors.

Board of Governors Regulation 7.008, Waiver of Tuition and Fees, requires the USF Board of Trustees to waive certain tuition, non-resident tuition and associated fees and authorizes waivers for purposes that support and enhance the mission of the University.

Pursuant to BOG Regulation 7.008 all waived tuition, non-resident tuition and associated fees must be based on regulations adopted by our Board of Trustees and where applicable, must be consistent with BOG regulations.

This proposed Regulation provides a compilation of USF System waivers, incorporating the BOG required and authorized waivers as well as current USF System Regulations granting waivers.

All waivers, required or authorized, contain specific criteria for implementation. Therefore, this Regulation outlines USF System waivers and refers to the Board of Governors Regulation ([7.008](#)) and Florida Statutes ([1009.24](#); [1009.26](#)) for details.

This Regulation will be reviewed by the Finance and Audit Workgroup to be placed on the Agenda of the October 7, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting.

End of Summary.

Full text of the proposed Regulation follows:

4.0108 Waiver of Tuition and Fees.

(1) The University of South Florida System (USF System) waives tuition, non-resident tuition or associated fees for purposes that support and enhance the mission of the University as authorized and limited by Board of Governors Regulations, Florida Statutes or USF Board of

Trustees Regulations. The following general categories of tuition and fee waivers are established pursuant to BOG Regulation 7.008 and Florida Statutes Section 1009.26 that set forth specific criteria applicable to the following categories:

- (a) Participants in Sponsored Credit Institutes and Programs.
- (b) Certain educational expenses of a child or spouse of a Law Enforcement Officer or Firefighter killed in the line of duty.
- (c) Students who earn credit in courses toward both a Florida high school diploma and an associate or baccalaureate degree, or enrolled in dual enrollment or early admission programs.
- (d) Certain Florida Department of Children and Family Service foster care or adopted students.
- (e) Graduate Interns participating in the School Psychology Training Program.
- (f) Certain members of the active Florida National Guard.
- (g) Students enrolled in Florida Linkage Institutes Program.
- (h) Wrongfully incarcerated persons.
- (i) Certain educational expenses for the child of a deceased Teacher or School Administrator employed by a Florida District School Board who dies as a result of an unlawful and intentional act, provided such killing is related in whole or part to the fact that the individual is a teacher or school administrator.
- (j) Homeless or temporary shelter residence students.
- (k) Purple Heart or other superior combat decorated recipients.
- (l) State Employees -A waiver of up to 6 credit hours per term on a space available basis.
- (m) Admissions Deposit Fee - waived based on significant financial hardship as determined by the USF Financial Aid Office.

(2) The following additional tuition and fee waivers have been authorized by the Board of Governors and may be granted for purposes that support and enhance the mission of the University:

(a) Full-time University employees may be awarded a waiver of up to 6 credit hours of tuition-free courses per term on a space available basis.

(b) Florida residents 60 years of age or older who enroll to audit courses on a space-available basis. No academic credit shall be awarded.

(c) Intern Supervisors of SUS interns may be given one 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 Regulation 7.001). 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.

(d) Non-resident, non-degree seeking students may be granted a waiver of the out-of-state fee. The credit hours generated must be non-state fundable and the cost for the program of study recovered from the fees charged to all students.

(e) Tuition differential may be waived for students who meet the eligibility requirements for the Florida public assistance grant (Sec. 1009.50, F.S.).

(f) Public School classroom teachers employed full-time by a school district who meet the academic requirements established by the University may be granted up to six credit hours per term on a space-available basis in undergraduate courses related to special education, mathematics or science, however, the waiver may not be used for courses scheduled during the school district's regular school day.

(g) Application Fee may be waived for applicants who can document receipt of a fee waiver because of economic need as determined by the College Board or the American College Testing Program.

(h) Late Payment Fee may be waived due to circumstances determined to be exceptional and beyond the control of the student pursuant to USF Regulation 4.0101.

(i) Late Registration Fee may be waived due to circumstances determined to be exceptional and beyond the control of the student pursuant to USF Regulation 4.0101.

(j) Non-resident Graduate Assistants who have a minimum of .25 FTE; non-resident graduate students who receive fellowship awards; and non-resident graduate students with exceptional academic capabilities or skills as determined by the Dean may be offered tuition waivers.

(k) Non-resident Undergraduate students having exceptional academic capabilities or skills who apply to and meet the criteria of the appropriate USF college or unit, e.g. degree-seeking Junior or Senior, etc. may be offered out of state tuition waivers to the extent funds are available.

(3) The USF System shall report the purpose, number, and value of all fee waivers granted annually in a format prescribed by the Board of Governors.

Authority: Art. IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution; Fla. Board of Governors Regulations 7.003, 7.008, 7.015; Sec. 1009.24, 1009.26, F.S. History—New XX-XX-10.

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT REGULATION(S):

Art. IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution, BOG Regulation 1.001.

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REGULATION(S): Ralph Wilcox, Provost and Executive Vice President

**WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS PROPOSED REGULATION
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