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(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 USF System as authorized and limited by Board of Governors (BOG) Regulations, Florida Statutes or USF Board of Trustees Regulations. In addition, the following general categories of tuition exemptions and fee waivers are established and considered mandatory pursuant to BOG Regulations [6.013](#), [7.002](#) and [7.008](#) and [section 1009.26, Florida Statutes](#) that set forth specific criteria applicable to the following categories:

- (a) Certain educational expenses of a child or spouse of a Law Enforcement Officer.
- (b) Firefighter killed in the line of duty.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Wrongfully incarcerated persons.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Certain Florida Department of Children and Family Service foster care or adopted students.
- (g) Homeless or temporary shelter residence students.

- (h) Persons eligible under [section 402.403, Florida Statutes](#) (“Child Protection and Child Welfare Personnel Tuition Exemption Program”), 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.
- (i) Graduate Interns participating in the School Psychology Training Program.
- (j) Purple Heart or other superior combat decorated recipients.
- (k) Undocumented students for federal immigration purposes, who meet the following conditions:
  1. Attended a secondary school in this state for 3 consecutive years immediately before graduating from high school in this state;
  2. Apply for enrollment in an institution of higher education within 24 months after high school graduation; and
  3. Submit an official Florida high school transcript as evidence of attendance and graduation.

This waiver is applicable for 110 percent of the required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled.

- (l) Honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard who physically reside in this state while enrolled in the institution. Persons who are entitled to and use 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 after July 1, 2015. Tuition and fees charged to a veteran or person who qualifies for the out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees charged a resident student enrolled in the same program.
- (m) Active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States who reside or are stationed outside of this state. Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies for the out-of-state waiver may not exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident student.
- (n) Students enrolled in an employment and training program under the welfare transition program.
- (o) State Employees subject to approval by an employee’s agency head or the equivalent, to enroll in up to six credit hours of courses per term on a space-available basis. This does not include persons employed by a state university.

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

- (a) Students enrolled in Florida Linkage Institutes Program.
- (b) Tuition differential may be waived for students who meet the eligibility requirements for the Florida public assistance grant ([section 1009.50, Florida Statutes](#)).
- (c) Intern Supervisors 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 [BOG 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.
- (d) Full-time University employees may be awarded a waiver of up to six (6) credit hours of tuition-free courses per term on a space available basis.
- (e) Florida residents 60 years of age or older who enroll to audit courses on a space-available basis. No academic credit shall be awarded.
- (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) Participants in Sponsored Credit Institutes and Programs.
- (h) 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.
- (i) Admissions Deposit Fee - waived based on significant financial hardship as determined by the USF Financial Aid Office.
- (j) 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.
- (k) Late Payment Fee may be waived due to circumstances determined to be exceptional and beyond the control of the student pursuant to [USF4.0101 Student Registration](#).

- (l) Late Registration Fee may be waived due to circumstances determined to be exceptional and beyond the control of the student pursuant to [USF4.0101 Student Registration](#).
- (m) 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.
- (n) Non-resident undergraduate students having exceptional academic capabilities or skills who apply to and meet the criteria of the appropriate USF System 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 designated liaison for general questions on USF student concerns regarding student tuition waivers is the USF Associate Controller for Student Financial Services. For other student matters, students may refer to [Policy 30-053 Student Grievance Processes](#).

(4) 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 6.013, 7.001, 7.002, 7.003, 7.008; Sec. 402.403, 1009.26, 1009.50, F.S.*

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*Certification: USF certifies that it has followed the Florida Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure and has a record of written notices, comments, summaries and responses as required.*