UNIVERSITY RULE
13.99.99.M4 Non-Resident Tuition Exemption For Competitive Scholarship Recipients
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1. GENERAL

. A non-resident student who holds a competitive University scholarship of at least $1000 (or the amount required for eligibility by the Texas Education Code) for the academic year or summer for which the student is enrolled may be entitled to pay the fees and charges required of Texas residents without regard to the length of time the student has resided in Texas. The student must have competed with other students, including Texas residents, for the academic scholarship and the scholarship must be awarded by a scholarship committee officially recognized by the administration and approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

. The total number of students at an institution paying resident tuition under this section for a particular semester may not exceed five percent of the total number of students registered at the institution for the same semester of the preceding academic year.

1. GUIDELINES

. The University Scholarship Committee is designated as the executive agency of the University in matters related to scholarships and awards. In order for a non-resident student awarded a competitive fellowship or scholarship of at least $1000 to be qualified to pay resident tuition charges, the award must be certified by the University Scholarship Committee.

. Non-resident students qualifying for in-state tuition must be selected to receive a scholarship(s) by a college or departmental scholarship committee. An outside donor may be consulted for input by the college or departmental scholarship committee but the outside donor may not make the final selection.

. Certification of eligibility should be facilitated through Scholarships & Financial Aid. The deadline for colleges/departments to submit award notification to Scholarships & Financial Aid is the twelfth class day in the fall and spring semesters and the fourth class day in a summer session.

. After approval by the secretary of the University Scholarship Committee or designee, the Non-resident Tuition Exemption will be forwarded to Student
Business Services for necessary action to effect credit or reimbursement of tuition.

A competitive scholarship awarded for an academic year, and the school defines the academic year as fall/spring and summer, the non-resident waiver can cover that entire academic year (the twelve months), regardless of when the scholarship funds are disbursed.

A competitive scholarship awarded for the fall semester only waives the student from paying non-resident tuition for that fall semester only. A competitive scholarship for the summer exempts the student for the summer only.

Scholarship offer notification should include the duration of the non-resident waiver. For example, “You have been awarded a competitive scholarship which makes you eligible for a non-resident waiver for the academic year.”

CANCELLING NON-RESIDENT WAIVERS

INELIGIBILITY DUE TO ASSISTANTSHIPS OR SPONSORSHIPS

Students receiving assistantships or sponsorships that are ineligible to receive non-resident waivers will have their non-resident waivers cancelled immediately from their account. At times, this can be required retroactively and will cause students to have an amount due to the university. It is the student’s responsibility to review their bill.

In summary, non-resident waivers will be applied to accounts at the beginning of each term, pending eligibility (GPR, $1000+). After posting, non-resident waivers will be cancelled immediately from accounts (affecting current term) if the student is deemed ineligible due to sponsorship, other aid, required GPR, or other reason.

INELIGIBILITY DUE TO LOSS OF COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP

If the competitive scholarship is cancelled due to loss of eligibility of the competitive scholarship the student will lose the waiver for the semester immediately following the semester in which the scholarship was cancelled, unless it is before census date in which it would be cancelled immediately.

OFFICE OF RESPONSIBILITY: Scholarships & Financial Aid