

GUIDELINES FOR POLICY
805.02: STUDENT AID PROGRAMS:
INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS/WAIVERS

1. Definitions
 - 1.1 Full Scholarship/waiver – For reporting purposes, A one full scholarship/waiver is the equivalent of 19 (nineteen) hours per semester (57 semester hours per year) [350 x 57 hours = 19,950 institutional credit hours per year]. A recipient of an institutional scholarship/waiver may not exceed 82 semester hours for the life of the scholarship or the length of the program, whichever is shorter. Institutions may determine how the scholarship/waiver is awarded each semester. An institution, at its discretion, may award scholarship/waivers fall, spring and summer. A scholarship/waiver only covers tuition and/or mandatory fees, with the exception of the loan of books for athletic scholarships.
 - 1.2 Partial Scholarship/waiver – A partial scholarship/waiver is equal to any fraction of a full scholarship/waiver.
 - 1.3 Financial need is defined at the institutional level by the scholarship committee and should be recorded in the committee's minutes, guidelines are/or policies. For example, a college may define need by using an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) that is no larger than 200 percent of the maximum EFC for Pell grant eligibility. Schools may also consider extenuating circumstances such as financial hardships due to medical expenses, natural disasters, loss of income due to economic downturn, etc.... One third of the total number of full-equivalent scholarship/waivers awarded by the institution must be awarded to students meeting the established need-based criteria.
2. Institutional Scholarships/Waivers are funded by the individual College/university.
 - 2.1. At the Request of the Chancellor, colleges must report the number of credit hours waived through scholarships/waivers and the total number of students served with those scholarship/waivers in an academic year.
3. Athletic and Athletic Support Activities Scholarships/Waivers
 - 3.1. Athletic scholarships/waivers, including team managers/trainers, are those scholarships/waivers awarded to students for the purpose of competing in intercollegiate athletics. Athletic scholarships/waivers will be awarded in accordance with regulations established by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

- 3.2. Athletic support activities scholarships/waivers are those scholarships awarded to students for the purpose of participating as cheerleaders, managers, and dance team members. These scholarships/waivers are limited to a total of 25 full scholarships/waivers, regardless of the number of sports offered at an institution. Each system college has a maximum of 145 full scholarships [145 x 57 hours = 8,265 institutional credit hours per year].
4. Senior Adult Scholarship Program
 - 4.1. Eligibility- Alabama residents who are sixty (60) years or older who meet the general admission standards of the institution, any specific admission standard established for a program of study, and any specific admission standard for a course, including prerequisites, are eligible for the Senior Adult Scholarship/Waiver.
 - 4.2. The scholarship/waiver is limited to tuition only and does not extend to any other fees or charges applied to the general student body. Required institutional fees and other expenses, including lab fees, books and supplies are the responsibility of the student.
 - 4.3. The scholarship/waiver is restricted to credit courses on a space available basis.
 - A. Credit Courses
 - 4.3.1. The program is restricted to those courses which support the institution's approved Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Applied Technology degrees, Associate in Occupational Technology Degrees, and approved Certificate programs.
 - 4.3.2. All policies applied to the general student body will be applied to the Senior Adult Scholarship recipient including admission, grading, attendance, performance, financial, etc.
 - 4.3.3. The program is not extended to continuing education, personal enrichment, recreation, or leisure classes other than those in the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation curriculum.
 - B. Space Available Basis
 - 4.3.4. The program is restricted to those courses which generate sufficient demand from the general student body to merit offering prior to consideration of Senior Adult Scholarship students enrolled in the class. (The minimum number of enrollees required for a class to be offered may

vary for each course, but must be specified by the institution prior to registration.)

- 4.3.5 Space available refers to the number of student slots available to Senior Adult scholarship/waiver recipients after members of the general student body have registered for a specific class. The actual number of scholarships/waivers available will depend upon the number of regular students registered and the optimum size of the class.

EXAMPLE:

Psychology 200

Regular Student Enrollment 26

Optimum Enrollment 30

Space Available for Senior Adult 4

Under no circumstance will the enrollment for a class be extended beyond the optimal number conducive for sound teaching and learning, faculty and student interaction, and individual student attention for the addition of a senior wishing to attend on the senior waiver.

C. Credit Classes

Credit classes may not exist or continue for the primary or exclusive purpose of serving senior adult scholarship recipients.

D. Repetition of Courses

Senior citizens granted a tuition waiver under the Senior Adult Scholarship Program may receive such waiver only one time per course.

5. Scholarships for Children of Blind Parents

Children of blind parents who wish to receive a scholarship/waiver based on this criterion must present, from a licensed physician, documentation of the parent's disability.

6. Scholarships for Former Saltwater Commercial Fisherman

A saltwater commercial fisherman who surrenders his or her license shall receive two academic years (fall and spring) of free tuition, provided the fisherman has completed registration for any classes to be taken within five years of the effective date of this policy. This scholarship must be included in the institutional scholarships/waivers authorized for community and technical colleges under Section 3.2 and 3.4 of this policy. This category of scholarships shall remain in effect until May 2013.