



NSHE Native American Fee Waiver Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: What courses are covered by the fee waiver?

A1: The fee waiver is applicable to all state-supported and self-supported courses offered by any NSHE institution including, but not limited to:

- *Academic credit-bearing courses that lead to a certificate, associate, bachelor's, master's, or professional degree;*
- *Non-credit courses;*
- *Dual and concurrent enrollment courses;*
- *Distance education courses; and*
- *Continuing and community education courses.*

Q2: Is this waiver applicable to summer or winter terms?

A2: Yes, this waiver is applicable during all academic semesters and terms.

Q3: Will receiving financial aid or taking a student loan affect eligibility for this fee waiver?

A3: No. The amount of the waiver must be equal to the balance of registration fees, laboratory fees, and other mandatory fees charged, regardless of other financial aid received.

Q4: Can a student utilize the fee waiver at multiple NSHE institutions concurrently?

A4: Yes. A student may use the fee waiver at more than one institution at the same time. A separate fee waiver form must be submitted at each institution. Eligibility for the fee waiver will be independently confirmed at each institution.

Q5: Does a student receiving only "I" grades meet continuing eligibility?

A5: The fee waiver cannot be granted for the following semester in this circumstance because the student's eligibility cannot be determined until the letter grades are granted. If, once the grades are recorded, the student is eligible, the waiver may be applied retroactively.

Q6: Does a student need to resubmit the Native American Fee Waiver form every semester?

A6: Continuously enrolled students do not need to resubmit the fee waiver form each semester. However, if the student has a break in enrollment, a new fee waiver form must be submitted for the semester or term the student returns.

Q7: What are the requirements for maintaining eligibility for the fee waiver?

A7: To remain eligible, the student must maintain a minimum 2.0 semester grade point average during the immediately prior fall/spring semester or summer term at the institution for which the waiver is being requested. In addition, the student must complete the FAFSA for each year the fee waiver is desired, except for students taking only high school dual enrollment courses.

Q8: What happens if a student does not maintain a 2.0 semester grade point average?

A8: To remain eligible for the fee waiver, students taking courses that are offered for a letter grade must maintain a minimum 2.0 semester grade point average (GPA) during the prior fall/spring semester or summer term of attendance at the institution for which the waiver is being requested. A student with less than the required 2.0 GPA may reinstate eligibility by subsequently enrolling at the same institution without the fee waiver and meeting the GPA requirement. The fee waiver will then be reinstated for the immediately subsequent term or semester.

Q9: Does a student requesting a waiver for a non-credit course need to have a 2.0 semester GPA?

A9: If a student has previously enrolled in one or more courses offered for a letter grade, they must have earned a minimum 2.0 semester grade point average (GPA) at the institution for which the waiver is being requested. However, lack of a GPA does not prevent the student from being eligible.

Q10: Does a continuing student who is classified as a resident for tuition purposes need to submit residency documentation with the fee waiver form?

A10: Continuing students who have already classified as a resident for tuition purposes do not need to submit residency documentation at the time they submit the fee waiver form. The institution will review the student record for evidence of meeting residency requirements. If this cannot be documented, the institution will follow up with the student to request documentation.

Q11: Who needs to submit a Native American Fee Waiver Residency Affidavit?

A11: Only a student who meets all the following conditions must submit the affidavit as part of the fee waiver application process:

- Is a member or descendant of an enrolled member of a tribe or nation that is not located wholly or partially within the state of Nevada;*
- Cannot meet documentation requirements to be classified as a resident for tuition purposes; and*
- Is currently residing on tribal lands located wholly or partially within the state of Nevada, whether the student's actual residence was located within or outside of the boundaries of Nevada, and has been a resident for not less than one year.*