POLICY ON STUDENT IN-STATE TUITION WAIVERS

Purpose: Florida Gulf Coast University uses University Board of Trustee authority for the purpose of waiving the in-state portion of tuition for certain types of students to enhance campus diversity and academic quality in an ever-increasing competitive student market.

Policy: Waivers are awarded based on the University’s established key selection criteria of recruitment, retention, diversity and service to students who meet certain initial requirements.

Application: The Office of Enrollment Management (OEM) is the central receiving and processing location for all undergraduate and graduate student waiver applications. In-state undergraduate tuition (matriculation) waivers will be created to target recruitment opportunities to attract a diverse and strong student population. A waiver committee will be formed to determine and recommend to the University President or designee the purpose, scope and criteria of each waiver category. The waiver committee will consist of the Director of Admissions as chair and will be composed of two individuals as selected by the University President or designee and two students selected by the Student Government President and confirmed by the University President or designee. One of the President’s designees to the waiver committee shall be a member of the faculty. The committee will meet at least annually to evaluate the purpose, scope, criteria and effectiveness of each waiver category. These waivers may be awarded or renewed each year to selective undergraduate students meeting the below criteria.

Procedure: Parameters for award and renewal eligibility for undergraduate in-state waiver authority shall be as follows:

Undergraduate Student Waivers
Initial eligibility requirements:
√ Approval for admission to Florida Gulf Coast University as a degree-seeking student who has demonstrated a balanced academic portfolio. Such a balance is determined by:
   1) Active community service, or
   2) a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0, or
   3) a 1050 on the SAT, or a 22 on the ACT, or
   4) an outstanding record of leadership achievements determined by a waiver committee.

Renewal requirements:
Waiver awards are guaranteed for one year only and are contingent upon continued budget authorization. To renew, undergraduate students must continue to meet the established eligibility criteria as established by the waiver committee. Waivers renewal criteria shall be based on:
   1) Active community service, or
   2) a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0, or
   3) an outstanding record of leadership achievements determined by a waiver committee.

ANNUAL REPORT: Each unit making awards is responsible for submitting an annual report to the Office of Enrollment Management (OEM) verifying compliance with all requirements by August 1 of each year. The annual report shall be shared with the University Board of Trustees at the Board of Trustees’ first meeting after August 1 of each year. OEM will ensure that all awards are disbursed to the students and to ensure compliance with federal, state and institution regulations and will forward all reports to the President or designee.