Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to determine the conditions under which students who are residents of states other than Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Midwest Student Exchange program (MSEP) states may receive remission of nonresident tuition. This policy does not include international students or students who are exempt from nonresident tuition as a result of enrollment in a program with special tuition rates; veteran or current armed forces member status; receipt of graduate assistantships; interstate compacts, reciprocity agreements or other programs of nonresident tuition remission.

Authority

Wisconsin Statutes 36.72 § 3 (a)
Regent Policy 32-2
UWSA Administrative Policy 805 § B

The UW-River Falls Chancellor issues this policy in accordance with the Administrative Policy process.

The Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance is responsible for administration of this policy.

Purpose

Residents of states other than Wisconsin bring fresh cultural perspectives and enhance the diversity of the student body. This policy seeks to increase the recruitment and retention of meritorious domestic nonresident students by providing partial fee remissions of the nonresident portion of tuition for qualifying students.

Policy

1. Program name: This program of nonresident tuition remission shall be known as the Study in Wisconsin scholarship.

2. Applicability: This policy applies to all students admitted Summer 2020 or later. Students admitted prior to Summer 2020 are eligible for tuition remission under the policy effective at the time of admission to UW-River Falls.

3. Amount: The amount of the tuition remission shall be $1,500 per semester for Fall and Spring semesters only. No tuition remission will be available for Summer term.

4. Maximum length of eligibility: Undergraduate students may receive this tuition remission for up to 10 semesters of enrollment, or 128 attempted credit hours, whichever occurs first. Graduate students may receive this tuition remission for up to 8 semesters of enrollment, or 72 attempted credit hours, whichever occurs first.
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5. Eligibility: To qualify for the Study in Wisconsin scholarship, students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

   a. Must be regularly admitted to and enrolled in a program for which special tuition rates do not apply. The list of programs with special tuition rates is maintained by the UW-River Falls Student Billing office.

   b. Must be pursuing a first bachelor or graduate degree.

   c. Must not be an international student attending under F-1, J-1 or other visa status.

   d. Must not qualify for other programs of nonresident tuition remission, such as:

      i. Wisconsin residency;

      ii. Minnesota reciprocity;

      iii. Midwest Student Exchange which includes residents of the states of Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and Ohio;

      iv. Return to Wisconsin;

      v. Veterans or their dependents who meet the qualifications for resident tuition under the Choice Act or GI Bill;

      vii. Other programs of tuition remission for nonresident students.

   e. Must enroll in and successfully complete a full-time credit load in Fall or Spring semester, except when enrolled in the final semester before graduation and fewer credit hours than the minimum full-time load are necessary for graduation as approved by the academic adviser. Full-time credit loads are:

      i. 12 credit hours for undergraduate program students; and

      ii. 8 credit hours for graduate program students.

   f. Must establish and maintain a cumulative grade point average of:

      i. 2.500 or higher if an undergraduate student; and

      ii. 3.250 or higher if a graduate student.

6. Successful completion: For purpose of this policy, successful completion of a semester shall be defined as the earning of the minimum full-time load of credit hours for the student’s program status. Grades of incomplete (I) and satisfactory progress (SP) shall be considered successful course completion even though no credit hours are awarded for those grades.

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1 Michigan announced that it would cease participation in MSEP in September of 2019 and the last class of Michigan students eligible for MSEP is the class of 2020-21. Students admitted before Fall 2020 remain eligible for MSEP so long as they continue uninterrupted enrollment. Michigan students not eligible for MSEP may qualify for nonresident tuition remission.
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7. Loss of eligibility: A student loses eligibility for tuition remission in future semesters when:
   
a. The student fails to successfully complete the minimum credit load set forth in 5.e for two consecutive semesters, **excluding** Summer term.
   
b. The student’s cumulative grade point average is less than the minimum set forth in 5.f for two consecutive semesters, **including** Summer term; or 
   
c. The student is academically dismissed or expelled from the University.

Appeals Process

A student who loses eligibility for the tuition remission prior to the reaching the maximum limit of eligibility set forth in 4 above may appeal for reinstatement of the tuition remission. Appeals for reinstatement must be made to the Financial Aid Appeals committee using the form required and must be made by the stated deadline to qualify for reinstatement during the applicable semester.

Procedure

The Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance or their designee shall establish procedures for implementation of this policy.