

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – SUPERIOR

Policy Subject: **Nonresident Tuition Remissions (Fee Waivers)**
Cabinet Division: **Academic Affairs – Enrollment Management**
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I. Background and Purpose

Academic student fees and tuition for credit instruction are set by the Board of Regents in adopting the annual operating budget. All students attending the University of Wisconsin Superior are required to pay tuition unless exempt through a fee remission program. This paper focuses solely on nonresident tuition remission programs. Fees waived under the programs described represent revenue foregone, which is typically recovered through generalized fee increases. Note that this policy places no restriction on fee waivers granted where the tuition payment is made by a third party rather than by the student directly.

The remission programs described in this policy are established by s.36.27(3), Wis Stats.

II. Related Policies

In addition to the policies and procedures set forth in this paper, tuition remissions are subject to the following:

- Section 36.27 Wisconsin Statutes, *Tuition*
- Section 36.27(3) Wisconsin Statutes, *Tuition Remissions*
- UW System Administrative Policy 805 (formerly F44) – Tuition & Fee Policies for Credit Instruction
- NCAA 15.4.2 Administration of Regular Institutional Agency. *All forms of financial assistance for student-athletes shall be handled through the regular institutional agency or committee that administers financial aid for all students.*
- NCAA 15.4.5 Athletic Staff Involvement. *Members of the athletic staff of a member institution shall not be permitted to arrange or modify the financial aid package (as assembled by the financial aid officer or financial aid committee) and are prohibited from serving as members of a member institutions financial aid committees and from being involved in any manner in the review of the institutional financial assistance to be awarded to a student-athlete.*
- NCAA Bylaw 15.02.2 Financial Aid. *“Financial Aid” is funds provided to student-athletes from various sources to pay or assist in paying their cost of education at the institution. As used in NCAA legislation, “financial aid” includes all institutional financial aid and other permissible financial aid as set forth below.*
 - 15.02.2.1 Institutional Financial Aid.
 - 15.02.2.2 Other Permissible Financial Aid

III. Definitions

Tuition – for purposes of this paper, the term “tuition” includes both academic student fees and nonresident tuition. In the State of Wisconsin statutes, the term “academic student fees” generally applies to resident instructional fees paid by all students, and the term “tuition” applies to the additional amount paid by nonresidents.

Nonresident Tuition – that amount of tuition that is in excess of resident academic student fee (tuition) amounts

Waiver – tuition revenue foregone as the result of a tuition remission granted to an individual student. Remission and waiver are used interchangeably in this policy document.

Nonresident – In general, residents of states other than Wisconsin. Full definition provided in s.36.27 (2) Wis. Stats.

Nonresident Tuition Remission Programs (UW System Policy and statutorily defined):

Merit – Under s.36.27(3)(a), Wis. Stats., remissions of nonresident tuition may be granted upon the basis of merit, to be shown by suitable tests, examinations, or scholastic records and continued high standards of scholastic attainment.

Deserving of relief – Under s.36.27(3)(b), Wis. Stats., remissions of nonresident tuition may be granted to additional students who are deserving of relief from the assessment of nonresident tuition.

Deserving of relief for purposes of UW-Superior NTW policy: United States nonresident students who are awarded a Pell grant, as determined by filing the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA). Consideration may also be given for international students whose home country has experienced a grave economic change (natural disaster, etc.) or whose personal financial circumstances have changed significantly from their initial admission application.

There is also a provision in s.36.27(3), Wis. Stats., for Athletic Scholarships and graduate student fellows, as appropriate at other UW campuses. Neither is utilized at UW-Superior.

Tuition Award Program (TAP) – Section 36.27(4), Wis. Stats., provides for an exemption from nonresident tuition, for up to 225 students enrolled at UW-Superior in programs identified as having surplus capacity. The 225-student limit has been interpreted by UW System Legal Counsel as a “headcount” limit.

Nonresident Tuition Remission Waivers (defined by UW-Superior using authority granted by programs identified above):

Nonresident Tuition Waiver (NTW) Scholar Award – 95% nonresident tuition remission award; calculated as 0.95 of the difference between UW-Superior nonresident tuition and resident tuition rounded to the nearest \$100 annually.

Nonresident Tuition Waiver (NTW) Award – 70% nonresident tuition remission award; calculated as 70% of the difference between UW-Superior nonresident tuition and resident tuition rounded to the nearest \$100 annually.

IV. Policy Statements

- 4.1 The Minnesota-Wisconsin Reciprocity Agreement enables Minnesota residents attending UW-Superior to pay the same tuition rate they would pay at a similar state institution in Minnesota. This nonresident fee remission policy does not apply to students participating in the Minnesota-Wisconsin Reciprocity program.
- 4.2 Nonresident students must maintain full-time student status to be eligible for nonresident tuition waivers.
 - 4.2.1 Depending on availability, nonresident tuition waivers may be available for summer session at less than full-time status. For students who do not intend to enroll in the upcoming fall semester, and for whom this is not their last semester needed to complete their degree, are not eligible for NTW summer waivers. Students must enroll in upcoming fall classes prior to being awarded NTW summer funding.
 - 4.2.2 Full-time undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits, a total of which 9 are on-campus credits. Full-time graduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits, a total of which 6 are on-campus credits, OR, depending on the program definition of full time, a minimum of 6 credits, a total of which 3 are on-campus credits.
 - 4.2.3 Students who are not enrolled in the minimum number of on-campus credits, and non-resident distance learning students who need to enroll in an on-campus course, may be eligible for NTW waivers, subject to availability.
 - 4.2.4 Exception to the full-time status policy will be granted for last (graduating) term of attendance.

At the discretion of the NTW Council, students may be exempt from the full-time status requirement in other situations.
- 4.3 NTW usage
 - 4.3.1 Nonresident degree seeking students seeking a first baccalaureate or graduate degree will be given priority in nonresident tuition waiver considerations.
 - 4.3.2 To continue receiving a nonresident tuition waiver, students must be in academic good standing as defined by university policy.
 - 4.3.3 When waiver availability is limited, waivers will be granted so as to achieve institutional enrollment goals.
 - 4.3.4 Continuing nonresident students who are initially granted a NTW Award may apply for a NTW Scholar Award based on criteria outlined in Section 5.4.
 - 4.3.5 Continuing nonresident students who are not initially granted a NTW Award may be awarded if they meet the conditions outlined in Section 5.3.
- 4.4 Nonresident students who have a break in enrollment status (stop out or graduate) must reapply for nonresident tuition remission when they return to UW-Superior.
- 4.5 UW-Superior will honor existing agreements with Go Campus and IDEA at the NTW level agreed upon for students admitted through those programs. The NTW Council has the discretion to approve further agreements with third party recruiters or international institutions of higher education, etc. as appropriate, to achieve institutional enrollment goals.
- 4.6 Online classes are not charged a non-resident fee, and are not eligible for any type of NTW.

V. Policy Procedures

5.1 The Nonresident Tuition Waiver Council (NTW Council) will be comprised of the Director of Admissions, a representative from International Admissions, a representative from Financial Aid, and a representative from Graduate Studies. The NTW Council will oversee the nonresident tuition remission award process, verify the eligibility of continuing nonresident tuition remission recipients, communicate nonresident tuition remission (waiver) awards for new and continuing students to the financial aid office, and address student appeals regarding nonresident tuition remission. The NTW Council convener is the Director of Admissions and will be accountable for nonresident tuition remission policy compliance and operating within nonresident tuition remission financial constraints.

5.2 Nonresident tuition remission eligibility grid:

<i>Admitted nonresident freshmen student</i>		<i>NTW Scholar Award</i>	<i>NTW Award</i>
• GPA of 3.4 or higher	Eligible for one	X	
• GPA of 2.9-3.3	Eligible for one		X
• GPA of 2.9 or higher, and deserving of relief	Eligible for one	X	
• GPA below 2.9	NOT Eligible		
• GPA of 2.5-2.9 and deserving of relief	Eligible for one		X
<i>Admitted nonresident transfer student</i>		<i>NTW Scholar Award</i>	<i>NTW Award</i>
• GPA of 3.0 or higher	Eligible for one	X	
• GPA of 2.5-2.9	Eligible for one		X
• GPA of 2.8 or higher, and deserving of relief	Eligible for one	X	
• GPA below 2.5	NOT Eligible		
• GPA of 2.3-2.7 and deserving of relief	Eligible for one		X
<i>Admitted nonresident graduate student</i>		<i>NTW Scholar Award</i>	<i>NTW Award</i>
• GPA of 3.0 or higher	Eligible for one	X	
• GPA of 2.5-2.9	Eligible for one		X

<i>Admitted nonresident student</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ International student GPA's will be assessed via a conversion chart, created by the UW-Superior Office of International Programs ✓ Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the NTW Council 	

<i>Continuing nonresident students:</i>	<i>NTW Scholar Award</i>	<i>NTW Award</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who were not eligible upon admission due to GPA (Eligibility is determined by criteria in 5.3) 	Eligible for	X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who receive NTW Award (Eligibility is determined by criteria in 5.4) 	Eligible to apply for	X

- 5.3 Nonresident tuition remission award criteria to be considered for NTW Award:
- 5.3.1 Two completed consecutive semesters of attendance
 - 5.3.2 Academic merit, as evidenced by GPA (minimum requirement for NTW Award based upon the freshman criteria in Section 5.2 must be met)
- 5.4 Nonresident tuition remission award criteria to be considered for NTW Scholar Award:
- 5.4.1 Two completed consecutive semesters of attendance, in receipt of NTW award
 - 5.4.2 Academic merit, as evidenced by GPA (minimum requirement for NTW Scholar Award in Section 5.2 must be met)
 - 5.4.3 Contribution to campus diversity, i.e. volunteer service/involvement in campus and community events/activities
 - 5.4.4 Contributions to liberal education co-curricular initiatives (athletic leadership, ability, participation or performance not a consideration for eligibility)
 - 5.4.5 Strength of personal essay and/or letters of recommendation
 - 5.4.6 Change in financial need; priority will be given to students who are now Deserving of Relief as evidenced by change in financial circumstance since original application and meet the above criteria.
 - 5.4.7 A limited number of NTW Scholar awards will be given to continuing non-resident students on a yearly basis.
- 5.5 Nonresident tuition remission award renewal criteria:
- 5.5.1 Students will be placed on NTW Probation whenever their cumulative GPA drops below a 2.0. Students on NTW Probation must earn at least a 2.0 semester GPA the following semester to retain their NTW award and will be on NTW probation until their cumulative GPA is at least 2.0. Once a 2.0 cumulative GPA is reached, the student is no longer on NTW Probation. If students fail to earn a semester GPA of at least 2.0 while on NTW Probation, their NTW will be revoked. The NTW council reserves the right to revoke an NTW award anytime for reasons related to academic or non-academic misconduct.

VI. Compliance

- 6.1 Nonresident fee remissions are subject to internal, UW-System, and Legislative Audit Bureau financial reviews.
- 6.2 Nonresident academic fee remissions are reported on UW-Superior's Academic Fee Income Report generated for fall, spring, and summer academic sessions.
- 6.3 Upon request, an annual report will be submitted to Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management including data on:
- number of students served
 - number of students receiving waivers
 - total foregone revenue