

HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION WAIVERS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to tuition waivers at institutions of higher education.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ removes the cap on the number of waivers allotted to institutions of higher education for nonresident students who meet certain academic and admission requirements; and
- ▶ extends alumni legacy nonresident scholarships at institutions of higher education to grandchildren of alumni.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53B-8-101, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 211

53B-8-103.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 363

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



28 Section 1. Section **53B-8-101** is amended to read:

29 **53B-8-101. Waiver of tuition.**

30 (1) (a) The president of each institution may waive all or part of the tuition in behalf of
31 meritorious or impecunious resident students to an amount not exceeding 10% of the total
32 amount of tuition which, in the absence of the waivers, would have been collected from all
33 Utah resident students at the institution.

34 (b) Two and a half percent of the waivers designated in Subsection (1)(a) shall be set
35 aside for members of the Utah National Guard. Waivers shall be preserved by the student at
36 least 60 days before the beginning of an academic term.

37 ~~[(2) (a) Each academic year the president of each of the following institutions may~~
38 ~~waive all or part of the resident portion of the tuition in behalf of the additional number of~~
39 ~~meritorious nonresident students set forth below who are not current recipients of the waiver:]~~

40 ~~[(i) the University of Utah president may grant up to 190 waivers;]~~

41 ~~[(ii) the Utah State University president may grant up to 183 waivers, 18 of which shall~~
42 ~~be awarded to students at Utah State University-College of Eastern Utah;]~~

43 ~~[(iii) the Weber State University president may grant up to 135 waivers;]~~

44 ~~[(iv) the Southern Utah University president may grant up to 68 waivers;]~~

45 ~~[(v) the Snow College president may grant up to 18 waivers;]~~

46 ~~[(vi) the Dixie State College of Utah president may grant up to 30 waivers;]~~

47 ~~[(vii) the Utah Valley University president may grant up to 114 waivers; and]~~

48 ~~[(viii) the Salt Lake Community College president may grant up to 43 waivers.]~~

49 ~~[(b) (i) A president may continue to waive the resident portion of the tuition during the~~
50 ~~entire time the affected meritorious nonresident student remains an undergraduate student in~~
51 ~~good standing at the institution.]~~

52 ~~[(ii) The resident portion of the tuition for each nonresident student is equal to the~~
53 ~~tuition for resident students at the institution.]~~

54 ~~[(c) A president may waive the nonresident portion of tuition for a meritorious~~
55 ~~nonresident student receiving a waiver under Subsection (2)(a) after completion of the student's~~
56 ~~first year of full-time study at the institution.]~~

57 ~~[(d) (i) In addition to the waivers authorized by Subsections (2)(a) and (c), a president~~
58 ~~may waive all or part of the nonresident portion of tuition for a meritorious nonresident student~~

59 ~~during the student's first year of full-time study at the institution.]~~

60 ~~[(ii) The number of these nonresident waivers for each institution is limited to the~~
61 ~~percentage of nonresident students at each institution times the nonresident student number~~
62 ~~allowed under Subsection (2)(a).]~~

63 (2) (a) A president of an institution of higher education listed in Subsections
64 53B-2-101(1)(a) through (h) may waive all or part of the nonresident portion of tuition for a
65 meritorious nonresident undergraduate, graduate, or summer school student.

66 (b) In determining which students are meritorious for purposes of granting a tuition
67 waiver under Subsection (2)(a), a president shall consider students who are performing above
68 the average at the institution, including having an admissions index higher than the average for
69 the institution, if an admission index is used.

70 (c) A president may continue to waive the nonresident portion of tuition for a student
71 described in Subsection (2)(a) for as long as the student is enrolled at the institution.

72 (d) In addition to waiving the nonresident portion of tuition for a meritorious
73 nonresident student under Subsection (2)(a), a president may waive the resident portion of
74 tuition after the student completes a year of full-time study at the institution.

75 (3) Upon recommendation of the board, a president may grant additional full or partial
76 tuition waivers to encourage students to enroll for instruction in occupations critical to the state
77 for which trained personnel are in short supply.

78 ~~[(4) A president may waive all or part of the difference between resident and~~
79 ~~nonresident tuition in the case of meritorious graduate students and nonresident summer school~~
80 ~~students.]~~

81 ~~[(5)]~~ (4) The board shall submit annual budget appropriation requests for each
82 institution, which include requests for funds sufficient in amount to equal the estimated loss of
83 dedicated credits that would be realized if all of the tuition waivers authorized by Subsection
84 (2) were granted.

85 Section 2. Section **53B-8-103.5** is amended to read:

86 **53B-8-103.5. Alumni legacy nonresident scholarships.**

87 (1) In addition to other nonresident tuition scholarships, the president of an institution
88 may also waive an amount up to the full nonresident portion of tuition for alumni legacy
89 nonresident scholarships.

- 90 (2) The purposes of alumni legacy nonresident scholarships are to:
- 91 (a) assist in maintaining an adequate level of service and related cost-effectiveness of
- 92 auxiliary operations in institutions of higher education;
- 93 (b) promote enrollment of nonresident students with high academic aptitudes; and
- 94 (c) recognize the legacy of past graduates and promote a continued connection to their
- 95 alma mater.
- 96 (3) To qualify for an alumni legacy scholarship, a student shall:
- 97 (a) enroll at an institution within the state system of higher education for the first time;
- 98 and
- 99 (b) have at least one parent or grandparent who graduated with an associates' degree or
- 100 higher from the same institution in which the student is enrolling.
- 101 (4) A student who attends an institution within the state system of higher education on
- 102 an alumni legacy nonresident scholarship may not count the time during which the scholarship
- 103 is received towards establishing resident student status in Utah.

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