

UAMS Academic Affairs Policy – 3.3.7



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PURPOSE

This policy was created in compliance with University of Arkansas Board of Trustees Policy 520.1 Waiver of Non-Resident Tuition for Native Americans.

DEFINITIONS

Official Arkansas Residency Classification – This status refers to a student’s official, legal classification of Arkansas resident or non-resident as defined in UAMS Academic Affairs Policy 3.2.1 and UA Board of Trustees Policy 520.8.

Residency Exception – A residency exception allows a student to be charged tuition at a rate different from her/his Official Arkansas Residency Classification based upon an approved scenario. The Bursar’s and Financial Aid Offices use residency exceptions in the application of tuition charges and packaging of financial aid awards. Students receiving a tuition residency exception will appear as out-of-state/non-resident for all other reporting purposes because a residency exception does not impact a student’s official Arkansas Residency Classification.

POLICY

Native American students from other states belonging to tribes which formerly lived in Arkansas before relocation, and whose names are on the rolls in tribal headquarters, shall be charged tuition at the in-state/Arkansas resident rate through the application of a Native American residency exception in the GUS Student Information System. Tribes so identified (see UA Board of Trustees Policy 520.1) include the Caddo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Delaware, Kickapoo, Osage, Quapaw, Shawnee, Tunica, and Peoria.

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PROCEDURE

Any out-of-state/non-resident student documented to be a member of one of the above-listed tribes is eligible to have a Native American residency exception applied in GUS by her/his college admissions officer or the Office of the University Registrar. Notification of the student's Native American status, along with required tribal documentation, must be submitted to the admissions officer or Registrar at least one week prior to the official UAMS start date for the term for which the exception is to be effective. Requests received after the deadline will be reviewed case-by-case, and late requests may not become effective until the following term. Residency exceptions may not be applied retroactively for prior terms.

REFERENCES

UA Board Policies 520.1 and 520.8
UAMS Academic Affairs Policy 3.2.1