

UAMS Academic Affairs Policy - 3.3.6



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Purpose

The UAMS 60+ Tuition and Fees Waiver is established in order to:

1. Help defray rising educational costs for UAMS students who are aged 60 and older.
2. Meet the State of Arkansas and University of Arkansas Board of Trustees guidelines requiring a tuition waiver for older Arkansans.

Policy

UAMS will waive tuition and institutional fees for a student classified as an Arkansas resident for tuition purposes, is 60 years of age and older, meets all academic and admissions requirements for the program to which he/she applied, and is accepted into the program. The student will still be required to pay program specific fees and any late fees associated with late payment. The tuition and fees waiver is good for one semester, but can be renewed as long as the student meets continued eligibility

Eligibility to Apply

1. Classified as an Arkansas resident per the UAMS residency status policy.
2. Aged 60 or older as indicated on a legal form of documentation, such as driver's license or birth certificate. A student who turns 60 or older while in a program may apply for the tuition waiver to take effect the following term, but all conditions apply. Tuition and fees will not be waived retroactively.
3. Continuing students must be in good academic standing as defined by their academic departments/colleges.

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Initial Application and Processing

1. The applicant must submit a completed application to the Office of the University Registrar (OUR) no later than 10 days prior to the first day of class for the student's first enrolled class for the term.
2. The applicant must provide an acceptable form of legal documentation of his/her age (e.g., driver's license or birth certificate).
3. OUR will verify the application and documentation.
4. OUR will notify the Student Financial Services Bursar's Office of the approved waiver and update the students record as appropriate.
5. The Student Financial Services Bursar's Office will apply the waiver to the student's financial account in GUS.

Renewal of the Waiver

Waiver recipients must be in and maintain good academic standing in order to retain the waiver for subsequent terms. OUR will review students' academic standing Arkansas residency classification after all grades have been posted at the end of each term (typically within 3-4 weeks of the end of the term). If a student's academic standing or residency classification no longer meet eligibility requirements, the OUR will update the student's record. Upon completion of the eligibility assessment after each term, the OUR will send a report of all continuing eligible students to the Bursar's Office for waiver application for the subsequent term.

If a continuing student is awarded the waiver for a term, but later found to have been ineligible for the waiver (e.g., due to a missing or late grade from the prior term that was posted after the following term began), the waiver for that term may be revoked and all regular tuition and fee charges re-applied to the student's account, along with any applicable late payment fees.

Students who lose eligibility for the waiver for a term may re-apply for a future term once all eligibility requirements are met.

References

UAMS policy 3.2.1: Standards and Processes for Determining Student Residency Status for Tuition Purposes

University of Arkansas Board Policy 520.12