



## NSHE Native American Fee Waiver

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q1: Are the residency requirements for the NSHE Native American Fee Waiver the same as the requirements for NSHE residency for tuition purposes?**

A1: *No. Students who qualify for the fee waiver also qualify as residents for tuition purposes at any NSHE institution. However, not all students who qualify as residents for tuition purposes will qualify for the waiver. Because 12 months residency in Nevada is not always a requirement when establishing residency for tuition purposes under the Handbook (Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3) students who establish residency in this manner may not meet the fee waiver requirement of being a resident in Nevada for no less than one year.*

**Q2: Does a continuing student who is classified as a resident for tuition purposes need to submit residency documentation with the fee waiver form?**

A2: *Students who select the “Currently Attending” option on the NSHE Native American Fee Waiver Form under Step 3 do not need to submit residency documentation at the time they submit the fee waiver form. The institution will review the student record for evidence of 12 months residency in Nevada. If this cannot be documented, the institution will follow up with the student to request documentation.*

**Q3: Does a student who qualifies for the NSHE Native American Fee Waiver need to also apply for residency for tuition purposes?**

A3: *No. A student who meets fee waiver eligibility requirements shall be deemed a bona fide resident of Nevada for tuition purposes at any NSHE institution.*

**Q4: When using the NSHE Native American Fee Waiver Residency Affidavit, a student may have lived in multiple places within a 12 month period, do these students need to complete and obtain signatures from multiple property owners?**

A4: *Yes. A student who is unable to prove one year residency through documentation (e.g., Nevada driver’s license, Nevada identification card, Nevada vehicle registration, Nevada voter registration, home ownership, lease agreement, rent receipts, utility bills, paycheck stubs, bank statements, federal tax return, or other documentation as accepted by the institution) will need to submit one or more affidavits as necessary for evidence of the entire 12 month period.*

**Q5: When can the waiver be used?**

A5: *The waiver can be used beginning Fall 2021 and for any fall or spring semester thereafter provided the student maintains eligibility.*

**Q6: What are the requirements for maintaining eligibility for the fee waiver?**

A6: *For continuously enrolled students there is no need to resubmit the fee waiver form each semester. In order to remain eligible, the student must maintain a minimum 2.0 semester grade point average. In addition, the student must complete the FAFSA for each year for which the fee waiver is desired. If the student has a break in enrollment, a new fee waiver form must be submitted for the semester the student returns.*

**Q7: What happens if a student does not maintain a 2.0 semester grade point average?**

A7: *To remain eligible for the fee waiver, the student must maintain at least a minimum 2.0 semester grade point average (GPA). A student with less than the required 2.0 GPA may reinstate eligibility by subsequently enrolling without the fee waiver and meeting the GPA requirement. The fee waiver will then be reinstated for the immediately subsequent fall or spring semester. While the waiver may not be used in summer term, students may use the summer GPA for reinstatement purposes.*

**Q8: Can the student utilize the waiver at multiple NSHE institutions concurrently?**

A8: *Yes. Assuming the student is eligible at more than one institution, the student may utilize the waiver at those institutions at the same time. A separate form needs to be submitted at each institution.*

**Q9: Will the waiver cover high school dual enrollment courses?**

A9: *No. In order to be eligible for the fee waiver, a student must be a degree seeking, college-level student.*

**Q10: What courses are covered by the fee waiver?**

A10: *The fee waiver covers state-supported, academic credit-bearing courses that lead to a certificate, associate, baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, or professional degree including distance education courses, independent learning, and continuing education courses as long as a student is degree seeking. The fee waiver also covers co-requisite and corresponding support courses including courses numbered below 100. Self-supporting courses, including independent study and correspondence courses, are not eligible for the fee waiver.*

**Q11: Will taking a student loan affect my eligibility for the NSHE Native American Fee Waiver?**

A11: *No. The amount of the waiver must be equal to the balance of registration fees, laboratory fees, and other mandatory fees assessed against the student that remain unpaid after the student's account has been credited with the full amount of any federal education benefits (excluding loans) to which the student is entitled to for that semester; or if a student is not entitled to receive any federal education benefits for a semester, the full amount of the registration fees, laboratory fees, and any other*

*mandatory fees assessed against the student for that semester. Federal education benefits include federal grants including but not limited to Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, TEACH Grant, and any federal educational benefits.*

**Q12: What is included in the term “federal education benefits?”**

A12: *Federal education benefits include the Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, TEACH grant, and any federal veterans education benefits.*

**Q13: Are students who reside in California (or a bordering state) on tribal land and are members of a federally recognized tribe for Nevada considered residents for the purpose of the fee waiver?**

A13: *No. Students who are residing on tribal land that is not located within the boundaries of the state of Nevada are not eligible for the fee waiver (i.e., students who reside in Woodfords, CA) and would not be considered a resident for the purpose of this fee waiver. To be eligible for the fee waiver, a student must have been a resident of this State for not less than one year ([AB 262](#)).*

**Q14: Does financial assistance provided by a tribe or nation reduce the fee waiver amount?**

A14: *No. Any grants or scholarships issued by a tribe or nation will not reduce the amount of the fee waiver, including but not limited to tribal assistance.*

**Q15: I am a student who is currently attending Sierra Nevada University, is the fee waiver available to me?**

A15: *Not at this time. Sierra Nevada University will remain a separate institution at least through the 2021-22 academic year and the fee waiver is available only to eligible students attending an NSHE institution. The point in time at which a Sierra Nevada University student registers for classes at UNR, that student will be able to apply for the fee waiver.*