**Foster Youth Fee Waiver**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

First, check out the [Who, What, When, Where, & Why Fact Sheet](#) and the [Steps to Obtain Fact Sheet](#)!

Why is it called a “fee waiver,” as opposed to a “tuition waiver?” I thought it paid for tuition, not fees.

The NSHE Foster Youth Fee Waiver is known as a “fee waiver” because it covers most course registration fees that qualifying NSHE undergraduate students are charged when they register for (enroll in) college courses (specifically the base course registration fees, as well as any applicable lower-division laboratory fees, for all eligible courses in which you are enrolled). “Tuition” is an extra course registration fee that only applies to out-of-state students. Don’t worry; the fee waiver covers the largest fees associated with enrolling in college courses!! And, you can use your other financial aid (like the Pell Grant) to cover your smaller student fees and other expenses within your annual Cost of Attendance!

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**Does the fee waiver cover ANY NSHE course?**

**NO.** State-supported academic credit-bearing courses that lead to a degree or certificate (i.e. courses eligible for government-funded financial aid)—including distance education (online), independent learning, and continuing education courses—are ELIGIBLE for the fee waiver. Self-supporting courses (i.e. courses ineligible for government-funded financial aid)—including self-supporting independent study and correspondence courses—are INELIGIBLE.

**Can high school equivalency certificate recipients be admitted to and use the fee waiver at any NSHE school?**

**NO.** The admission requirements vary by school. UNLV and UNR both require a high school diploma for first-year/freshman admission, whereas the other 5 NSHE institutions (NSC, CSN, GBC, TMCC, and WNC) accept the TASC, HiSET, or GED for admission purposes.

**NOTE:** NSC is not “open access,” like the 4 community colleges, so admission is not guaranteed.

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**If I am enrolled in more than one NSHE school at a time, or if I transfer from one NSHE school to another, can I use the fee waiver at multiple schools? Is there a funding cap?**

**YES,** you can receive the fee waiver at multiple NSHE schools; and, **NO,** there is not a funding cap. As long as you qualify for the fee waiver and are eligible to receive financial aid at the school(s) in question, you can receive the fee waiver at multiple schools, for as long as you qualify. There is no cap on the total fee waiver-specific dollars that you can receive; and there is no cap on the total number of academic years for which you can receive the fee waiver.

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**Are there any fees associated with course registration that are NOT covered by the fee waiver?**

**YES.** The following fees are NOT covered by the fee waiver:

- Laboratory fees for all courses numbered AT OR ABOVE the 300 level or those at any level exceeding $100
- Per semester fees, such as the Health Service fee
- Special course fees for purposes other than class supplies— including individual instruction, third-party charges, and special transportation requirements
- Technology fees

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**If I already have a bachelor's degree and am under age 26, can I receive the fee waiver for graduate school?**

**NO.** The fee waiver is limited to undergraduate courses.

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**More questions about the fee waiver policy/requirements?**

Contact Laura Obrist, with the [NSHE Fostering Success Initiative](#).

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**NOTE:** Fee waiver contacts for each NSHE school and Nevada child welfare agency are listed on the [fee waiver form](#).