



NSHE Foster Youth Fee Waiver

Request for Waiver of Registration Fees and Certain Laboratory Fees

General Information: The Nevada Board of Regents provides a waiver of certain undergraduate fees for former Nevada foster youth who meet eligibility requirements. An NSHE institution may waive registration fees and certain laboratory fees in fall and spring semesters for eligible students pursuant Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13 of the *Handbook*. To determine if you are eligible, complete this form and provide the required documentation to your institution's Admissions/Registrar's Office. The institution may request additional information or documentation to verify eligibility. Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in a degree program at their institution to provide a clear pathway toward graduation and enhance access to additional support, including federal financial aid.

Initial Eligibility Requirements – Students must meet all four (4):

- In foster care in Nevada at the age of 13 years or older;
- Graduated from high school or passed the TASC, HiSET, or GED;
- Completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); **and**
- Under the age of 26 years.

Continuing Eligibility: A student only needs to complete this form and submit it to the institution's Admissions/Registrar's Office once. If the institution determines the student is eligible for the waiver, the student must meet the following two (2) requirements for continuing eligibility:

- **FAFSA** – Complete the FAFSA each year; **and**
- **Satisfactory Academic Progress** – Students who meet the initial eligibility requirements are required to meet Title IV financial aid satisfactory academic progress requirements at their institution for continuing eligibility.

STEP 1: Student Information

First & Last Name:

Date of Birth:

NSHE ID#:

Initial Semester of Intended Enrollment : Fall Spring

Year:

Student Signature:

Date:

I hereby certify that this information is true and correct. In addition, I waive confidentiality with the applicable agency that provides child welfare services solely for the purpose of allowing an NSHE institution to confirm eligibility for this waiver.

STEP 2: Required Documentation from the Student

1. **Foster Care in Nevada:** Official verification from the Clark County Department of Family Services, Washoe County Human Services Agency, or the Nevada Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) that you were in the custody of the agency at the age of 13 years or older, which may include, but is not limited to, written documentation on agency letterhead; **and**
2. **High School Graduation or General Equivalency Diploma:** An official high school transcript **or** official documentation verifying you passed the TASC, HiSET, or GED. For students interested in UNLV and UNR, an official high school transcript must be used.

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Approved: Yes No

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