A GUIDE TO THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY TUITION WAIVER
2020-2021

NDSU NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Congratulations on being awarded a Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver. Here are important items you need to know regarding your waiver.

The purpose of this award is to serve and support traditionally underrepresented students attending North Dakota State University.

For the purpose of the waiver, cultural diversity is defined as anyone who comes from the following underrepresented groups:

- Native American/American Indian
- Alaska Native
- African American/Black
- Asian
- Hawaiian Native/Other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- Multiracial/Multiethnic (from the above categories)
- Refugee/Permanent Resident

The award is a need-based award and the majority of recipients show high financial need as determined by the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). The waiver is a part of a student’s financial aid and will be listed on the Student Aid Report.

In addition to cultural diversity and financial need, priority is given to:

- Students with high financial need (based on results of completed 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as of February 1, 2020
- First-generation college students
- Students who are single parents
- North Dakota residents
- Enrolled members of a Native American/American Indian tribe or Alaska Native Village

Note: Students must be enrolled full time and working toward their first degree.
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS MUST
• Be a United States citizen or permanent resident.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS
• Undergraduate students will receive the award for four consecutive years (eight consecutive semesters, excluding summer terms) or until graduation - whichever comes first.
• Once the first semester at NDSU has been completed, students will continue to automatically receive the waiver each semester they are enrolled and eligible or until the time limit of the award is reached.
• The Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver covers the North Dakota undergraduate base tuition rate, regardless of student status. Differential tuition is not covered under the waiver. Students who are residents of a state other than North Dakota, are responsible for the remaining tuition cost.
• Students must be enrolled full time.
• Students may not use any other type of waiver, assistantship or fellowship with the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver.
• The waiver does not cover transportation, fees, books, room, board or other costs of attendance. Students may use other forms of financial aid to cover these costs.

Note: You are only allowed one Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver while attending NDSU.

LOSING ELIGIBILITY
Students may lose eligibility to receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver. Those who may lose the award are:
• Students on financial aid disqualification. Students on financial aid warning, probation or plan of study are still eligible to receive the Cultural Diversity Waiver.

STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRESS
Students are required to meet the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress each semester at NDSU. Basic standards are maintaining a 2.0 grade-point average each semester, and over the course of their program (cumulative). Transfer students are encouraged to visit the max credit hour limitations. Students can find a complete explanation of Student Academic Progress guidelines by visiting www.ndsu.edu/onestop/finaid/sap. Any appeal to Student Academic Progress needs to be turned in at One Stop or Student Financial Services.
PROGRAM BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS

Certain programs have special restrictions under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver.

• Medical lab science students receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver for the three years of academic work needed for their major. The Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver does not cover the 12-month internship required by the clinical lab science program.

• Radiological science students receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver for the two years of academic work on campus but it does not cover the two-year internship required by the radiological science program.

• Respiratory care students will receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver for academic work on campus but it does not cover the 15-month internship required by the respiratory care program.

• Elementary education/child development family science students receive the waiver for all of their academic classes billed through NDSU. Any education classes that are billed through Valley City State University are not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver.

• Social work/child development family science students receive the waiver for all of their academic classes billed through NDSU. Any social work classes that are billed through Minot State University are not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver.

• Differential Tuition for specific programs is not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver. Students enrolled in programs which require differential tuition need to use other financial aid to make up the difference in cost.

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

Some classes are not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver:

• Intensive English Language Classes are not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver.

• The Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver does not cover a Cooperative Education Experience or internships through the Career Center.

• If you decide to study abroad, you can use your Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver if NDSU has an exchange agreement with the institution you are planning to attend. If an agreement does not exist between NDSU and the other institution, you may not use your Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver. This should be discussed with the Office of International Programs prior to your study abroad experience.
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Academic Collegiate Enhancement (ACE)  
This free academic support program is available to all enrolled undergraduate students. Whether you would like help with homework, tips on studying for an exam or strategies for taking notes, ACE can help you achieve your academic goals. Visit ndsu.edu/studentsuccess/about_ace for more information.

Student Support Services  
The Federal TRIO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes outreach and support programs targeted to serve and assist low-income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities as they progress through their academic experience from middle school to postbaccalaureate programs. Call 701-231-8028 or visit ndsu.edu/trio for more information.

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