

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY EXEMPTIONS AND WAIVERS OFFERED

Exemptions and Waivers

Exemptions and waivers are types of financial assistance that allows some Texas residents to attend a public college or university in Texas without paying tuition or, in some cases, tuition and fees.

Financial Aid processes the Exemptions and Waivers for Prairie View A&M University. Click on the links below to see Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) descriptions for each exemption and waiver, eligibility requirements, and how to apply for them.

Exemptions

Adopted Students Formerly in Foster or Other Residential Care

To provide college financial assistance to students who once were in foster or other residential care and have been adopted. Student must provide the college written proof, from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS), of eligibility. To obtain a letter of eligibility from TDFPS, contact a representative in one of the district offices.

Blind/Deaf Student Exemption Program

To help enable blind and deaf students to attend public colleges or universities in the state of Texas. University must receive a certification letter from Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services from the qualified student.

Children of Disabled or Deceased Firemen, Peace Officers, Game Wardens, and Employees of Correctional Institutions

Provide a benefit to the children of persons who have been disabled or killed in the line of duty while serving the community. University must receive a certification letter from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Combat Exemption for Children of Military Service Members

To provide an education benefit to a child, or stepchild, of a member of the Armed Forces who is deployed to active duty in a combat zone outside the United States. The exemption covers the student's tuition only--fees are not covered. Child must provide proof (ex- military orders, pay records from service member's unit to which he/she is assigned, etc.) of service member's deployment from the Department of Defense for the relevant semester or academic term and a copy of dependent identification card. **This program is no longer offered for new recipients**

for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school year. It is only offered to students that are currently receiving the exemption.

Early High School Graduation Scholarship

The purpose of the Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program is to provide tuition and fee assistance to students completing grades 9 - 12 early or with a significant number of college hours; thus, enabling and encouraging the student to attend college in Texas. **This program will be discontinued on September 1, 2011.**

Educational Aide Exemption

To address its growing need for more qualified teachers, the State of Texas created a program that covers tuition and some fees for education aides who enroll in college to become certified Texas teachers. **This program is no longer offered for new recipients for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school year. It is only offered to students that are currently receiving the exemption.**

Exemption for Highest Ranking High School Graduate

To provide an award to students graduating top in their classes in high school. To receive exemption, you must provide a copy of the certificate you received from your high school indicating you are the highest ranking high school graduate for your high school.

Exemption for Students under Conservatorship of the Dept. of Family and Protective Services

To provide college financial assistance to students who were in foster care when they turned 18 years of age. Provide the college written proof, from the Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS), of eligibility

Exemption Program for Children of Professional Nursing Program Faculty and Staff

To provide an exemption of tuition to eligible students to encourage their parents to continue employment as professional nurse faculty or staff members in the State of Texas. The exemption covers the student's tuition only--fees are not covered.

Children of U.S. Military who are Missing in Action or Prisoners of War (MIA/POWs)

To provide an education benefit to the children of persons listed as Missing in Action or Prisoners of War by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Exemptions for Texas Veterans (Hazelwood Exemption)

The purpose of the Hazelwood Exemption (Hazelwood Act) is to provide an education benefit to honorably discharged or separated Texas veterans and to eligible dependent children and spouses

of Texas veterans. To use Hazlewood benefits or to transfer unused benefits to an eligible child, applicants must complete an application/release form.

Military: Orphans of Texas Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard

To provide college financial assistance to students whose parent died as a result of illness or injury related to service in the U.S. Military or the National Guard.

Senior Citizen, 65 or Older, Free Tuition for 6 Credit Hours

To encourage senior citizens to continue their education and keep involved with local colleges and universities.

TANF Exemption Program

To help children whose parents received TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) get a start in college. The student must provide proof from the Health and Human Services Commission of receiving TANF benefits to the Office of Student Financial Aid. . **This program is no longer offered for new recipients for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school year. It is only offered to students that are currently receiving the exemption.**

Waivers

Academic Common Market Waiver

To allow participants in the Academic Common Market to pay resident tuition rates if the program of study is not offered in their home state. To apply, contact the Texas ACM Coordinator, Linda McDonough at 512/427-6225 or via email linda.mcdonough@theccb.state.tx.us.

Good Neighbor Waiver Program

To provide assistance for tuition to students from other nations of the Western Hemisphere (other than Cuba). Contact the Student Financial Aid Office at your institution for an application.

Research Assistants and Teaching Assistants Waiver

To permit an individual employed at least half time by a public institution of higher education as a research or teaching assistant to enroll in public institutions in Texas while paying the resident tuition rate.

Competitive Scholarship Waiver

To allow a public institution to grant a waiver of nonresident tuition charges to individuals who receive scholarships totaling at least \$1,000 awarded by their institution in competition open both to residents and to nonresidents, graduate and undergraduate.

Waiver for College Faculty and their Dependents

To provide a waiver of nonresident tuition to teachers and professors employed at least half-time on a regular monthly salary basis by any Texas public college or university. Such waiver is also applicable to the spouse and dependent children of the teacher or professor.

Mexican Citizens with Financial Need-Border Nations Waiver

To permit a small number of individuals with financial need, who are citizens of Mexico, to enroll in any public university in Texas while paying the resident tuition rate.