

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Division of Academic Affairs
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Purpose

The UAMS Non-Resident Academic Tuition Waiver program is established with the following objectives.

1. Enable UAMS to recruit and retain students into its education programs who exhibit the highest level of academic achievement.
2. Improve UAMS' ability to compete with its peer institutions in other states for highly sought after students.
3. Increase the geographic diversity of the applicant pools for UAMS education programs.
4. Help defray rising cost of education for students from other states who could not afford to enroll at UAMS otherwise.

Priority will be given to awards that result in fulfilling strategic planning goals for UAMS, the college and/or program, including for example, goals for program competitiveness, student scholastic achievement, or diversity¹.

The recipient's resident status (state of legal residence) will not be affected and will be categorized as out-of-state (non-resident) for admissions purposes.

Eligibility to Apply

1. The applicant for the Non-Resident Academic Tuition Waiver ("applicant") must plan to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree or post-baccalaureate or advanced or graduate certificate at UAMS.
2. The applicant must be enrolled for a minimum of 0.5 FTE (half-time), as defined by the program/college to which she/he is accepted.
3. The applicant must be accepted by, or enrolled in, a UAMS college or the Graduate School for the period for which he/she is applying for the tuition waiver.

Application

1. The applicant must submit to the Dean a completed Non-Resident Academic Tuition Waiver Program Application by published deadlines.
2. The applicant must include two (2) letters of reference from persons familiar with his/her academic work and professional character. If the applicant provided letters of reference as part of an admission packet, those letters may be used to fulfill this part of this application

¹ This waiver does not replace the Non-Resident Diversity Tuition Waiver.

Selection Criteria

1. Applicants must have an excellent academic record that promises a successful academic career. Since specific tests and other measures of academic performance vary widely, each college/school will establish written requirements for academic performance and those standards will accompany these program guidelines.
2. Each college/school will judge the alignment of the applicant's academic and professional goals with the goals of the college/program.
3. Other factors that may be considered include academic citizenship, community involvement (service learning), and leadership.
4. Preference will be given to applicants who: a) plan to stay in Arkansas after graduation; or b) have established ties to the state which increase the likelihood that they will stay in the state to work after graduation. These ties or connections to the state should be explained in the application. Applicants who cannot demonstrate these ties or intentions are still eligible to apply.

Administration

Application Schedule

1. Applicants will apply to the Dean's Office of each college according to a published schedule each year.
2. Typically, colleges/school will set application deadlines relative to their individual admissions process.

Award Process

1. The Dean is not required to award a specific number of waivers each year. Each Dean is expected to grant awards based on the number of candidates who meet the scholastic levels established and according to college/school budgets.
2. The tuition waiver will be valid for every term in which the student enrolls until she/he completes or leaves the program, provided the student remains in good standing.
3. Amount of the Waiver: The waiver will reduce the amount of tuition from the non-resident tuition rate to the resident tuition rate for the program to which the applicant has been accepted.
4. This tuition waiver cannot be used as cash or as a credit to a student's account, only as a reduction in the amount/debt payable to UAMS for tuition at the in-state rate.
5. No other tuition waiver programs can be applied at the same time to compound the tuition reduction².
6. Awards are not automatically transferrable from one program to another or from one college to another. However, a waiver granted by one program/college does not disqualify a student from being eligible to apply to a second program/college.

² Employee tuition discounts are not tuition waivers and can be applied to the post-waiver amount of tuition.

Review and Evaluation

At the end of each academic year, each college/school will provide information on program recipient standing and progress during the year. A template will be provided to the colleges by Enrollment Services and Academic Administration. Colleges will return the completed forms to ESAA, who will then prepare a summary for the Provost and the Chancellor to review by August 1.

No less than every three years, the Deans of the Colleges and Graduate School will evaluate the success of the Non-Resident Academic Tuition Waiver Program in meeting its goals. Based on their review, they will forward a written recommendation to the Chancellor to continue, modify, or discontinue the program.

No

12. What, if any, are your ties to the state? (e.g., lived in the state in the past, spouse is a native, etc.)

13. How likely is it that you will remain in Arkansas to work (practice) after graduation?

Very likely Likely Somewhat likely Not very likely Don't know

Comments: _____

14. Please provide your tax status as either a dependent or independent:

I am independent and was NOT claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return last year. → My total taxable income was: \$ _____

I am a dependent and was claimed on my parent/guardian(s) income tax return last year. → My parent, guardian or spouse's total taxable income was: \$ _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

15. List employment history or attach a curriculum vita, resume or college application form.

Employer	Job Title	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

16. Married Divorced Separated Single Deceased

Father

Mother

17. Name _____ Maiden Name _____

City/State _____ City/State _____

18. Attach copies of documentation to demonstrate that you meet the scholastic requirements established for your college.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide any additional information to support your application. (*You may provide your response in the space provided below or attach a separate page*).

Please submit this form to the Dean's Office