

The First-Time, First-Year Out-of-State Fee Waiver policy and the Transfer Out-of-State Fee Waiver policies are being revised for efficiency, effectiveness, and competitiveness during the admissions process. The changes to the 2019 Board-approved policy includes removing the "application" process to ensure all eligible students are awarded, removing conflicting language of both waiver and scholarship to streamline awarding process, and allowing students to maintain the scholarship if they meet the 15 hours per semester or 30 hours minimum for the academic year which will allow students greater flexibility in couse scheduling per semester without penalty. Additionally, the proposed policy limits eligibility to eight (8) semesters and defines the appeals process. See below for current (2019) policy language and proposed (2021) policy revisions.

Current (2019) Policy Language Proposed (2021) Policy Language First-Time, First-Year Out-of-State Fee First-Time, First-Year Out of State Fee *Waiver*: Transfer Out-of-State Fee *Waiver*. Scholarship; Transfer Out-of-State Fee Scholarship. -Have and maintain a minimum of 15 credit -Have and maintain a minimum of 15 credit hours each semester or a minimum of 30 hours each semester and hours for the academic year (Fall and Spring) -maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50, to be evaluated at the end of each spring semester and -maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50, to be evaluated at the end of each spring semester -eligible for up to eight (8) semesters. \*\*Removes application requirements.\*\* Complete the out-of-state fee waiver application after being admitted to the university and submit it with the required documents \*\*No definition of appeal process included.\*\* Appeals are to be submitted electronically through the official appeal application link available from the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and Student Success. Appeals will be reviewed by a committee comprised of campus delegates and students will be notified of their appeal decision once reviewed by the committee.



# POLICY TITLE First-Time, First-Year Out-of-State Fee Waiver

# POLICY NUMBER 2-001

Responsible Unit:	<b>Effective Date:</b>
Enrollment Management	July 1, 2021
Responsible Official:	Last Reviewed Date:
Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Success	May 9, 2019
Policy Classification:	Origination Date:
Enrollment Management- Admission & Recruitment	May 9, 2019

## I. POLICY STATEMENT AND RATIONALE

The Out-of-State Fee Waiver Policy establishes criteria for the out-of-state fee waiver. In an effort to streamline the process and remain competitive with other HBCUs in Louisiana and Texas, effective Fall 2021, the criteria for providing out-of-state fee waiver will be as follows:

# Applicants must:

- Satisfy the admission requirements;
- Have a 2.5 cumulative final high school grade point average to be eligible;
- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- First-time, First-Year students must have and maintain a minimum of 15 credit hours each semester or a minimum of 30 hours for the academic year (Fall and Spring) and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50; to be evaluated at the end of each spring semester; and
- Have not received the waiver more than eight (8) times previously.

## II. POLICY SCOPE AND AUDIENCE

This policy applies to the Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Success, Office of Admission & Recruitment, Office of the Registrar, and Office of the Bursar in the review and application of out of state fee waivers for the Baton Rouge campus.

## III. POLICY COMPLIANCE

The Office of Admission & Recruitment will be responsible for reviewing all applicable candidate applications to ensure compliance with the policy in awarding waivers. The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Success will be responsible for reviewing all appeals for receipt of the out of state fee waiver to ensure compliance with the policy guidelines.

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## IV. POLICY DEFINITIONS

The following are terms used in the policy:

#### Fee Waiver

A fee waiver is a waiver or removal of university out-of-state fees.

## V. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, the Office of Admissions & Recruitment will review all eligible out of state student admissions applications and apply to eligible student accounts after final official transcripts are reviewed and final high school GPA is verified.

## VI. POLICY RELATED INFORMATION

N/A

## VII. POLICY HISTORY AND REVIEW CYCLE

This is an existing policy that was last reviewed in 2019. This policy is subject to a five-year Policy Review Cycle.

# VIII. POLICY URL

The information regarding First-Time, First-Year Out-of-State Fee Waiver Policy will be posted to the System Board's website under Board Policies at <a href="https://www.sus.edu">www.sus.edu</a> and on Southern University and A&M College's website <a href="https://www.subr.edu">www.subr.edu</a>.

# XI. POLICY APPROVAL

The effective date of this policy is determined by the approval date of the President-Chancellor of the Southern System and A&M College System and the Board of Supervisors of the Southern System and A&M College System.

Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.

Effective Date of Policy

President- Chancellor, Southern University and A&M College System

Honorable Domoine D. Rutledge, Esq.

Effective Date of Policy

Chair – Southern System Board of Supervisors