WAIVING TUITION AND GENERAL STUDENT FEES FOR STUDENTS SIXTY YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-60-204 which provides:

(a) When any person sixty (60) years of age or older is admitted to and enrolls as a student in any state-supported institution of higher learning in this state, the board of trustees of the institution or other appropriate institutional officials shall waive all the general student fee charges for each student on a space-available basis in existing classes.

(b) Fees will be waived only for courses organized to grant credit and recognized by the Division of Higher Education for credit.

II. Waiver Standards and Limitations

Persons 60 years of age or older seeking admission must meet generally applicable admission and academic standards, and are subject to probation, suspension, and dismissal policies applicable to all other students.

General student fee charges shall be determined by the campus, to include base (resident) tuition, and fees that are generally applicable to all students regardless of academic program or major.

Persons 60 years of age or older who are accepted for enrollment without paying registration fees shall not be entitled to any University services or benefits, other than classroom instruction. Such persons shall not be entitled to student health services, reduced student-rate admissions to athletic or other University events, and similar services and benefits for which fee-paying students are eligible.

In determining whether space is available in existing classes, the campus or unit may consider whether additional instructional staff or support capacity would be needed to enroll a student under this policy. Space is not considered to be available in classes that do not meet enrollment minimums and are cancelled, or in self-supporting classes until paid enrollment is sufficient to cover costs associated with offering the class.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-64-305, this policy does not apply to eVersity.

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