



**2019-2020**

## **“Tuition Increase Hardship Waiver Policy and Guidelines”**

### 1. Tuition Increase Policy

The 2019-2020 fiscal year did not experience a tuition increase but did experience a mandatory attendance fee amount. This Hardship Waiver amount includes **undergraduate academic excellence fee** of \$120.00 per semester, the **operational fee** of \$54.00 per semester, **building use fee** of \$48.00 per semester, and **student fees** of \$68.17 per semester. It also includes the **graduate academic excellence fee** of \$90.00 per semester, **operational fee** of \$68.00 per semester and **building use fee** of \$36.00 per semester, and student fee of \$68.17, as allowed under RS 17:1855.1 and RS 17:3351 (d) (ii), and RS 17:3351.19 respectively.

The waiver shall **not exceed** two hundred ninety dollars and seventeen cents (\$290.17) per semester for undergraduate students and two hundred sixty-two dollars and seventeen cents (\$262.17) per semester for graduate students.

### 2. Waiver Policy

Before imposing any increase or increases in tuition or mandatory attendance fee amount, or both, established according to the provisions of this Subparagraph, each management board shall establish criteria for waivers of such increase or increases in cases of financial hardship.

Information about such waivers, the criteria, and procedures for obtaining a waiver shall be made available to all prospective students affected by the increase timely. The prospective student can be aware of the increase and the availability of waivers before making any final decision concerning attendance at the college or university. The waiver is a onetime waiver for Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters only and will expire on May 9, 2020.

### 3. Eligibility Criteria

Students eligible to apply must:

- a. Be a Louisiana resident.
- b. Have full-time enrollment status.
- c. Apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) and have requested all types of available federal assistance.
- d. Have a valid FAFSA on file in the Financial Aid Office reflecting an annual Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of zero (0) for the current academic period.

- e. Have accepted all types of financial aid offered.
- f. Meet all Satisfactory Academic Progress policy standards for receipt of federal financial aid.
- g. Not be the recipient of another form of fee exemption or waiver. Examples: National Guard, Title 29, Title 33, Faculty/Staff, etc.
- h. Not have tuition paid by another state or external agency or scholarship program.  
Examples: “Vocational Rehabilitation, ROTC Scholarship, TOPS, etc.”

NOTE: Additional aid received after the waiver will result in cancellation of the waiver.

#### 4. Guidelines for Waiver

Southern University at New Orleans offers waivers to Louisiana resident students who demonstrate financial hardship caused by the increase in tuition and fees effective Fall 2019 semester. Procedures have been established to provide waivers to eligible students for the amount of increased tuition and fees. Any student who wishes to apply for the waiver during the 2019-2020 academic year must complete a “Tuition Increase Hardship Waiver” form, and submit it to the Tuition Increase Hardship Waiver Committee. Documentation must be attached to support circumstances.

Click on the Forms tab on the Financial Aid Office home page to access the “Tuition Increase Hardship Waiver” form.

#### 5. Timelines

Students must complete and submit the “Tuition Increase Hardship Waiver” form to the Vice-Chancellor for Administration and Finance Office located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Administration Building, Suite 301, by the close of business on **August 16, 2019**. Forms received after this date **will not** be considered for the exemption of the semester requested.