

## OUT-OF-STATE TUITION WAIVERS

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An institution may award out-of-state tuition differential waivers and assess in-state tuition for certain nonresidents of Georgia for the following reasons (under the following conditions):

- **Academic Common Market.** Students selected to participate in a program offered through the [Academic Common Market](#) (details).
- **International and Superior Out-of-State Students.** International students and superior out-of-state students selected by the institutional president or an authorized representative provided the number of such waivers does not exceed 2% of the equivalent full-time students enrolled at the institution in the fall term immediately preceding the term for which the out-of-state waiver is to be waived.  
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- **University System Employees and Dependents.** Full-time employees of the University System, their spouses, and their dependent children;  
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- **Full-time School Employees.** Full-time employees in the public schools of Georgia or the Technical College System of Georgia, their spouses, and their dependent children. Teachers employed full-time on military bases in Georgia shall also qualify for this waiver (BoR Minutes, 1988-89, p.43);  
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- **Career Consular Officials.** Career consular officers, their spouses, and their dependent children who are citizens of the foreign nation that their Consulate office represents and who are stationed and living in Georgia under orders of their respective governments;
- **Military Personnel.** Military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children stationed in or assigned to Georgia and on active duty. The waiver can be retained by the military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children if **(a)** the military sponsor is reassigned outside of Georgia and the student(s) remain(s) continuously enrolled and the military sponsor remains on active duty military status; **(b)** the military sponsor is reassigned out-of-state and the spouse and dependent children remain in Georgia and the sponsor remains on active military duty; or **(c)** active military personnel and their spouse and dependent children who are stationed in a state contiguous to the Georgia border and who live in Georgia (BoR Minutes, February 2009) are eligible to receive a military waiver of non-resident fees.  
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- **Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists.** Active members of the Georgia National Guard, stationed or assigned to Georgia or active members of a unit of the U.S. Military Reserves based in Georgia, and their spouses and their dependent children (BoR Minutes, October 2008).  
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- **International and Domestic Exchange Programs.** Any student who enrolls in a University System institution as a participant in an international or domestic direct exchange program that provides reciprocal benefits to University System students.
- **Economic Advantage.** As of the first day of classes for the term, an economic advantage waiver may be granted to a U.S. citizen or U.S. legal permanent resident who is a dependent or independent student and can provide clear evidence that the student or the student's parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian has relocated to the State of Georgia to accept full-time, self-sustaining employment and has established domicile in the State of Georgia. Relocation to the state must be for reasons other than enrolling in an institution of higher education. For U.S. citizens or U.S. legal permanent residents, this waiver will expire 12 months from the date the waiver was granted (BoR Minutes, October 2008).

As of the first day of classes for the term, an economic advantage waiver may be granted to an independent non-citizen possessing a valid employment-related visa status who can provide clear evidence of having relocated to the State of Georgia to accept fulltime, self-sustaining employment. Relocation to the state must be for employment reasons and not for the purpose of required to show clear evidence of having taken all legally permissible steps toward establishing legal permanent residence in the United States and the establishment of

legal domicile in the State of Georgia. Independent non-citizen students may continue to receive this waiver as long as they maintain a valid employment-related visa status and can demonstrate continued efforts to establish U.S. legal permanent residence and legal domicile in the State of Georgia (BoR Minutes, October 2008).

A dependent non-citizen student who can provide clear evidence that the student's parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian possesses a valid employment-related visa status and can provide clear evidence of having relocated to the State of Georgia to accept full-time, self-sustaining employment is also eligible to receive this waiver. Relocation to the state must be for employment reasons and not for the purpose of enrolling in an institution of higher education. These individuals must be able to show clear evidence of having taken legally permissible steps toward establishing legal permanent residence in the United States and the establishment of legal domicile in the State of Georgia. Non-citizen students currently receiving a waiver who are dependents of a parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian possessing a valid employment-related visa status may continue to receive this waiver as long as they can demonstrate that their parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian is maintaining full-time, self-sustaining employment in Georgia and is continuing efforts to pursue an adjustment of status to U.S. legal permanent resident and the establishment of legal domicile in the State of Georgia. (BoR Minutes, October 2008.)

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- **Recently Separated Military Service Personnel.** Members of a uniformed military service of the United States who, within 12 months of separation from such service, enroll in an academic program and demonstrate an intent to become a permanent resident of Georgia. This waiver may also be granted to their spouses and dependent children. This waiver may be granted for not more than one year. (BoR Minutes, October 2008)

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- **Nonresident Student.** As of the first day of classes for the term, a nonresident student can be considered for this waiver under the following conditions:

*Students under 24*

If the parent, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian has maintained domicile in Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months and the student can provide clear and legal evidence showing the relationship to the parent or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian has existed for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term. Under Georgia code, legal guardianship must be established prior to the student's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday (BoR Minutes, October 2008, title amended February 2010); or If the student can provide clear and legal evidence showing a familial relationship to the spouse and the spouse has maintained domicile in Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term (BoR Minutes, February 2010).

*Students 24 and Older*

If the student can provide clear and legal evidence showing a familial relationship to the spouse and the spouse has maintained domicile in Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term. This waiver can remain in effect as long as the student remains continuously enrolled. (BoR Minutes, October 2008, title amended February 2010). This waiver can remain in effect as long as the student remains continuously enrolled (BoR Minutes, October 2008),

If the parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian of a continuously enrolled nonresident student establishes domicile in another state after having maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for the required period, the nonresident student may continue to receive the waiver as long as the student remains continuously in a public postsecondary education institution in the state, regardless of the domicile of the parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian. (BoR Minutes, June 2006, amended October 2008).

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- **Vocational Rehabilitation.** Students enrolled in a University System of Georgia institution based on a referral by the Vocational Rehabilitation Program of the Georgia Department of Labor (BoR Minutes, October 2008).

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For additional information concerning residency, students should contact the Registrar's Office in the Student Services Complex or write to the Registrar's Office, Attention: Janet Stracher, East Georgia College, 131 College Circle, Swainsboro, GA, or e-mail [jstrach@ega.edu](mailto:jstrach@ega.edu). The Registrar's Office must receive an application for classification as a legal resident for fee payment purposes according to the Petition Deadlines listed on the application. Requests for tuition

waivers must be received by the Registrar's Office no later than the first day of classes for the term for which the out-of-state tuition is to be waived. See the [official college calendar](#) for dates.

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