

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
Manual of Policies and Procedures

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SUBJECT: In-State Tuition Policy for Out-of-State Students
APPROVED: John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA, President

PURPOSE

To provide for the awarding of in-state tuition rates for qualifying students pursuant to the §16-64-2, Code of Alabama 1975, as authorized by the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University. This policy, as written, complies with Alabama law. To the extent federal law governs and is in conflict with Alabama law, federal law shall apply.

POLICY

In accordance with §16-64-2, Code of Alabama 1975, the Jacksonville State University may allow in-state tuition status to out-of-state students who meet the requirements of law as follows:

- **One who, at the time of registration, is not a minor and satisfies one of the following:**
 - Is a full-time permanent employee of the institution at which the student is registering or is the spouse of such an employee.
 - Can verify full-time permanent employment within the State of Alabama or is the spouse of such an employee and will commence the employment within 90 days of registration with the institution.
 - Is employed as a graduate assistant or fellow by the institution at which the student is registering.
 - Is an accredited member of or the spouse of an accredited member of a consular staff assigned to duties in Alabama.
 - Is in a program or takes courses within an interstate consortium of colleges or universities that either offers reciprocal resident student tuition to residents of Alabama in the program or courses offered by colleges or universities not within Alabama, or is enrolled in a program or courses through an interstate consortium

¹ This policy was amended on April 20, 2017 to add provisions of Title 31, Chapter 6, Code of Alabama 1975.

of colleges or universities that assesses tuition at a uniform rate for all students enrolled in that course or program.

- Is a member or the spouse of a member of the United States military on full-time active duty stationed in Alabama under orders other than attending school.
- Has been a member of the Alabama National Guard for a period of at least two years immediately preceding the student qualifying for resident tuition and continues to be a member of the Alabama National Guard while enrolled at the public institution of higher education.
- Is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, provided that the veteran has become a resident of Alabama and satisfies at least one of the following conditions:
 - The veteran has served on active duty for a continuous period of time, not less than two years, and has received an honorable discharge as verified by a United States Department of Defense Form 214 within five years of enrolling in an Alabama public institution of higher education.
 - The veteran is currently serving in a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, as verified by a memorandum from the commanding officer of the veteran student.
 - The veteran has been assigned a service-connected disability by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - Is an out-of-state veteran who resides within 90 miles of a campus located in Alabama and has enrolled at an institution whose board of trustees has voted to allow nonresident in-state tuition for active and retired military.
- **Beginning with the fall 2015 semester, is receiving or entitled to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI-Bill or Montgomery GI-Bill programs, or other federal law authorizing veterans' educational benefits, and satisfies as least one of the following conditions²:**
 - A Veteran who is physically present in the state of Alabama (as evidenced by documentation of one's physical address in Alabama while enrolled) and enrolls within 3 years of receiving an honorable discharge, as verified by a United States Department of Defense Form 214, from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

² 38 U.S.C. 3679 requires that students meeting the following requirements be charged tuition at a rate not to exceed in-state rates. An addendum to the official university catalog and statement of institutional compliance is attached. Where there is a conflict between the policy language as stated and federal law, the provisions of federal law will apply.

- A spouse or dependent child using transferred benefits who is physically present in the state of Alabama (as evidenced by documentation of one's physical address in Alabama while enrolled) and enrolls within 3 years of the transferor's honorable discharge, as verified by a United States Department of Defense Form 214, from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
 - A spouse or dependent child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who is physically present in the state of Alabama (as evidenced by documentation of one's physical address in Alabama while enrolled) and enrolls within 3 years of the Servicemember's death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- **One who is entitled to educational benefits ("Alabama G.I. Dependents' Scholarship" or "Alabama G.I. Scholarship") pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama G.I. and Dependent's Educational Benefits Act (§ 31-6-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.**
- **One who, at the time of registration, is a minor and whose supporting person satisfies one of the following:**
 - Is a full-time permanent employee of the institution at which the student is registering.
 - Can verify full-time permanent employment within the State of Alabama and will commence the employment within 90 days of registration with the institution.
 - Is an accredited member of a consular staff assigned to duties in Alabama.
 - is a member of the United States military on full-time active duty stationed in Alabama under orders for duties other than attending school.
- **One who, at the time of registration, is a full-time undergraduate student receiving a partial or full JSU or JSU Foundation funded scholarship award in recognition of a demonstrated academic or particular non-academic talent or ability, provided such student possesses the talent or ability at the time of initial enrollment and maintains continuous scholarship eligibility at the University.**
- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - International students must have the ability to remain indefinitely in the United States and otherwise meet the requirements of the Alabama law.**
 - A person must be a Permanent Resident Alien, Political Asylee, Political Refugee, or who hold an A, E, G, H, I, L, O, P, R, TC, TD or TN visa to be considered as an in-state resident or one for for tuition purposes.

- Students who hold a B, F, J, or M visa are not eligible to establish Alabama residency unless their supporting person meets the criteria in this policy for residency for tuition purposes. Full-time employees of a company party to an Alabama Free Trade Agreement may be eligible to establish residency based on that employment.

PROCEDURES

- The basis for awarding of in-state tuition rates pursuant to this policy shall be appropriately documented and retained.
- The scholarship offer acceptance letter upon which in-state tuition rates are granted shall be maintained in the files of the University Scholarship Office.
- Students who meet their scholarship renewal guideline requirements will be deemed to satisfy the continuous maintenance of the particular talent or ability requirement as required.
- It is the responsibility of the particular department (i.e. athletics, international house, band, financial services, academic department, etc.) to notify the University Scholarship Office should a student lose the scholarship upon which the in-state tuition rate award is based or is determined to no longer meet the particular talent or ability requirement. The Scholarship Office will then notify the Registrar's Office of the change.

RESPONSIBILITY

This policy is the responsibility of the Vice President for Enrollment Management

EVALUATION

This policy will be evaluated annually or as necessary to conform with governing changes in federal or state law.