

Metropolitan State University

International Tuition Waiver (Based on University Policy 3010)

The international student non-resident tuition waiver is a special award for Metropolitan State's full-time international students who hold F-1 visas and have demonstrated academic excellence. It allows eligible students to pay tuition at the same rate as Minnesota residents. The tuition waiver is renewable for up to seven semesters for eligible undergraduate students and four semesters for graduate students, if all eligibility and renewal criteria are met and financial resources are available. The complete policy may be found at <http://www.metrostate.edu/msweb/choose/policies/index.cfm>.

To be eligible, F-1 students must:

- Be admitted as a regular, degree or certificate seeking student;
- Hold valid F-1 international student status (I-20);
- Be registered for 12 or more credit hours (full-time) for the semester for which the student is making application;
- Has previously completed or will complete two semesters of full-time enrollment (a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) at Metropolitan State prior to receiving the tuition waiver;
- Demonstrate continuing academic excellence: Undergraduate students must have a minimum **cumulative** grade point average of 3.20 or better, with a semester grade point average in the most recently completed semester of 2.00 or better and earn a minimum of 12 credit hours per each semester. Graduate students must have a **cumulative** grade point average of 3.50 or better with a minimum semester grade point average in the most recently completed semester of 3.00 or better and earn a minimum of 8 credit hours per each semester. Tuition Waiver recipients may not enroll in more than one course per semester on a "pass/no credit" basis.
- Demonstrate student health insurance coverage either by purchasing the available health insurance plan from the University, or by providing proof of coverage under an alternative plan;
- Maintain a current resident address with Metropolitan State's Records and Registration

Note: Students receiving other Metropolitan State grants or scholarships, including graduate assistantships are **not** eligible for this waiver.

Application Process

Non-resident tuition waiver application materials are available from the Student Financial Aid web site. **Students must re-apply each semester.** Students who do not elect to purchase the University Health Insurance plan must provide proof of health insurance along with this application.

Notification of Results

Approval or denial notices will be sent to your Metropolitan State e-mail account no later than July 1 for Fall Semester, January 8 for Spring Semester, and May 30 for Summer Semester.

Appeals of Denial

Students must meet all of the criteria listed above in order to be eligible for the tuition waiver. **No** appeals to waive one or more criteria are allowed. If, following the initial evaluation and denial of the student's application, a change occurs that results in the student meeting **all** of the above criteria, the student may contact the Student Financial Aid office for reconsideration of his or her application.