



DIRECTIVE 2023-019

April 13, 2023

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO REDUCE THE OUT-OF-STATE SURCHARGE FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOME COUNTRIES DUE TO WAR, CONFLICT OR DISASTER.

On April 17, 2009, the Chancellor signed Directive 2009-011 establishing procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law pursuant to authority provided in Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly, and proposed language in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly continues the authority.

In addition to seeking a tuition waiver under the procedures established by Directive 2009-011, a college or university board of trustees may approve a resolution to reduce the out of state and out of county surcharges as low as \$1 per term for each surcharge for students who have been displaced from their home countries due to war, conflict or disaster.

The resolution must have a specific amount and duration not to exceed the current biennium, provided the Chancellor's authority continues in the current biennium.

In addition, the college/university must provide supporting documentation that satisfies the requirements of Directive 2009-011, show evidence of clear guidance regarding the tuition waiver is posted on its webpage and readily available to the public regarding the amount being waived, duration of the waiver, who qualifies for the waiver, and any documentation required by the institution to be eligible for the waiver, and provide any other information requested by ODHE.

A college or university must also demonstrate in its submission that the waiver is only provided to students that have complied with immigration laws and have proper documentation proving their valid status, as required by the Department of Homeland Security.

This process is only for tuition waiver requests for students that are asylees, refugees, and students on a temporary protected status (TPS) as a result of a current world situation involving war, conflict, or disasters as defined by the college or university. International students holding an F-1 student visa are not eligible under this waiver program.

If the college/university has satisfied the elements of this directive, the Chancellor will post it among the list of approved waivers on ODHE's webpage.

The institution understands it must remain in compliance with all state and federal laws, including federal immigration and federal financial aid laws. The institution understands the Ohio Department of Higher Education is only addressing a state requirement with this tuition waiver, and is not considering

in its determination and approval whether or not the administration of this waiver by the institution is in compliance with federal immigration or federal financial aid laws, rules, and regulations of. Any determination that the waiver is not compliant with federal immigration laws or the administration of federal financial aid will suspend the approval of any waiver listed as approved under this Directive until the institution receives assurances that its administration of the waiver is not interfering with its compliance with federal immigration or federal financial aid laws, rules or regulations.

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This directive will take immediate effect.


Randy Gardner
Chancellor