EXEMPTION FROM TUITION, FEES, AND CHARGES

The statutes of the State of Texas prescribe certain cases in which students can be exempt from tuition and/or certain fees and charges. The various types of exemptions, the fees and charges to which such exemptions apply, required documentation, and appropriate office to submit documentation are described below and can be found at http://collegeforalltexas.com. However, in each case it is the student's responsibility to initiate the action of applying for an exemption and providing satisfactory evidence that all conditions required for the exemption have been met. Until such time as the exemption is granted, a student will be required to pay all tuition, fees, and charges from his or her own funds.

Students who might be eligible for an exemption should apply for the exemption at least one month before registration for the semester in which they plan to use the exemption provision. (Applications for the Good Neighbor Scholarship are accepted in the Office of Student Financial Aid (https://onestop.utsa.edu/scholarships) in January and February before the academic year in which students plan to attend UTSA.) Note that Required Fees and Charges consist of the following: supplementary, laboratory, Student Services Fee, Athletic Fee, Student Union Fee, Medical Services Fee, Recreation Center Fee, Library Resources Charge, University Publication Charge, International Education Fee, Automated Services Charge, ID Card Fee, Teaching and Learning Center Support Charge, Student Data Management Fee, Transportation Fee, Advising Fee and class-related.

In order to continue to qualify for many of the tuition and/or fee exemptions or waivers a student must maintain a grade point average for making satisfactory academic progress (http://catalog.utsa.edu/policies/tuitionfees/financialaidandscholarships) at UTSA and, if an undergraduate, not complete an excessive number of credit hours (Texas Education Code, Sections 54.2001 and 54.2002).

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Valedictorian of an Accredited High School
Who is Eligible
Highest-ranking graduate of an accredited Texas high school.

Requirements
Certification from high school must be provided to the Fiscal Services Office.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted
Tuition during first two regular (Fall and Spring) semesters immediately following their graduation. May be granted for any one of the first four regular semesters immediately following their high school graduation with the permission of the UTSA President.

Children of Disabled/Deceased Texas Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers
Who is Eligible
Children under 21 of full-paid or volunteer firefighters; full-paid or volunteer municipal, county, or state peace officers including a game warden; or custodial officer of the Department of Criminal Justice who died or became disabled in the line of duty.

Requirements
Student must have his/her eligibility certified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted
All tuition, fees, and charges.

Deaf or Blind Students
Who is Eligible
Texas residents who are deaf or blind.

Requirements
Certification of deafness/blindness from the Texas Commission for the Deaf & Hearing Impaired/Texas Commission for the Blind. Form must be determined to be a resident of this State as the person's home of record in the manner provided by the applicable military or other service, or would have been determined to be a resident of this State at the time of entry into the armed forces of the United States.

Hazlewood Act (Texas ex-servicemen and Children of Texas Veterans)
Who is Eligible
1. A veteran may qualify for benefits under the Hazlewood Act if she or he:
   - Entered the service at a location in this State, declared this State as the person’s home of record in the manner provided by the applicable military or other service, or would have been determined to be a resident of this State at the time of entry into the armed forces of the United States.
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2. The exemptions provided for in Subsection (1) of this section also apply to the spouse or children of members of the armed forces of the United States who:

- Are or were killed in action
- Die or died while in service
- Are missing in action
- Whose death is documented to be directly caused by illness or injury connected with service in the armed forces of the United States
- Who becomes totally disabled for the purposes of employability as defined by the Department of Veterans Affairs

Subsection (2) provisions also apply to the spouse or children of members of the Texas National Guard and the Texas Air National Guard killed since January 1, 1946, while on active duty either in the service of their state or the United States. However, to qualify for this exemption (2) the spouse or child must be classified as a resident on the date of the spouse’s or child’s registration.

3. A person who becomes eligible for an exemption provided by Subsection (1) may waive any unused portion of their eligibility to their child. To be eligible to receive an exemption under this subsection, the child must:

- Be classified as a resident when the child enrolls,
- Make satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the policy of the institution’s financial aid department, except for the requirement to enroll in a minimum course load, and,
- Be 25 years of age or younger on the first day of the semester or term for which the exemption is claimed (a child who suffered from a severe illness or debilitating condition that affected their ability to use the exemption, may be granted additional time to use the exemption corresponding to the time the child was unable to use the exemption because of the illness or condition).

Requirements

A student seeking to use the exemption for the first time must:

- Complete an application in the Financial Aid Office prior to the deadlines posted for each semester at https://onestop.utsa.edu/financialaid/apply/military-veterans/.
- (For veterans who have served on or after 09/11/2001) submit a letter from veterans administration attesting to her or his exhaustion of federal veterans educational benefits that may be used only for the payment of tuition and fees, and
- Meet other program requirements as in the past.

A student continuing to use the exemption must:

- Sign a release form, and
- Meet other program requirements as in the past.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted

Tuition, fees, and other required charges other than property deposits, student services fees, and fees for lodging, board, or clothing. The exemption shall not apply to the payment of fees for services or items that are not required for enrollment in general or for the specific courses taken by the student.

No student may use Hazlewood for more than 150 credit hours.

Surviving Spouse and Dependent Children of Certain Deceased Public Servants (employees)

Who is Eligible

Surviving spouse or minor child of certain police, security, or emergency personnel killed in the line of duty.

Requirements

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be the eligible surviving spouse or child of an individual listed in Government Code, Sec. 615.003 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.615.htm)
- Be a full-time student
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• Provide certification from parent's workplace to the Fiscal Services Office.

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• Tuition
• Required fees and charges
• Cost of contract for food and housing (if qualified)
• Cost of textbooks

(Exemptions valid until student receives a bachelor's degree or 200 semester credit hours, whichever occurs first.)

Good Neighbor Scholarship

Who is Eligible
Native-born students from other designated nations of the American hemisphere.

Requirements
To be eligible, a student must:

• Show evidence of native citizenship and proof of five years residency in that country
• Demonstrate scholastic eligibility
• Not be a member of the Communist Party
• Be recommended for a scholarship by an eligible institution
• Have a valid student visa
• Provide other documentation as required (inquire at Scholarship Office).

Applications are available only in January and February for the following Summer, Fall, and Spring semesters.

Applications are reviewed and granted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board semester by semester.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted
Tuition only.

Firefighters Enrolled in Fire Science Courses

Who is Eligible
Firefighters enrolled in courses offered as part of fire science curriculum.

Requirements
To be eligible, a student must:

• Enroll in one or more courses offered as part of the fire science curriculum,
• Be employed as a firefighter by a political subdivision of the State of Texas, or
• Be currently, and has been for at least one year, an active member of an organized volunteer fire department in this State, as defined by the firefighters’ pension commissioner, who holds:

• An Accredited Advanced level of certification or equivalent, under the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas volunteer certification program, or
• Phase V (Firefighter II) certification or equivalent, under the Texas Commission on Fire Protection's voluntary certification program

• Make Satisfactory Academic Progress in accordance with the policy of the institution's financial aid department, with the exception of:

• A paid firefighter who used this exemption prior to Fall 2009 and who continues to be enrolled in the same degree or certificate program and continues to be employed as a firefighter by a political subdivision of the State.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted

Tuition and laboratory fees only for eligible fire science courses (only applies to courses that are specifically related to a degree or certificate program; does not apply to general education core curriculum or courses unrelated to fire science that are included in the degree or certificate program in which a student is enrolled).

Unless the student is a paid firefighter who used this exemption prior to Fall 2009 and who continues to be enrolled in the same degree or certificate program and continues to be employed as a firefighter by a political subdivision of the State, this exemption does not apply to:

• Additional tuition charged a resident undergraduate or graduate student who has taken excess hours under Texas Education Code, sections 54.014(a) or (f) (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54014) and 61.059(1)(1) (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.61.htm#61059).

Peace Officers Enrolled in Certain Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement Courses

Who is Eligible
Peace Officers

Requirements
To be eligible, a student must:

• Be an undergraduate student,
• Provide proof of employment as a peace officer of the State of Texas or political subdivision of the State of Texas on letterhead of their employing agency,
• Be enrolled in a criminal justice or law enforcement-related program,
• Be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (http://catalog.utsa.edu/policies/tuitionfees/financialaidandscholarships),
• Not have exceeded by 30 or more semester credit hours beyond that required for completion of their degree program or programs,
• Apply for the exemption at least one week before the last date of the regular registration period.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has adopted rules governing the granting or denial of this exemption (http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=19&pt=1&ch=22&sch=U&rl=Y), including rules related to
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the determination of a student's eligibility, and a uniform listing of degree programs covered by this exemption.

UTSA cannot provide exemptions to students enrolled in a specific class in a number that exceeds 20% of the maximum student enrollment designated for that class.

This exemption is not applicable for continuing education or extension courses for which the University does not receive formula funding.

Tuition, Fees and Charges Exempted
Tuition and laboratory fees for eligible criminal justice or law enforcement courses (only applies to courses that are specifically related to a degree or certificate program; does not apply to general education core curriculum or courses unrelated to criminal justice or law enforcement that are included in the degree or certificate program in which a student is enrolled).

Children of Prisoners of War or Persons Missing in Action
Who is Eligible
Child (under 21) or a dependent (under 25) who receives majority of support from parent.

Requirements
Parent must be a resident of Texas on active duty and be classified by the Department of Defense as a Prisoner of War or Missing in Action at the time of registration, and certification must be provided to the Fiscal Services Office.

Tuition, Fees and Charges Exempted
All tuition, fees, and charges.

Prisoners of War
Who is Eligible
Students who were first classified as a prisoner of war by the United States Department of Defense on or after January 1, 1999.

Requirements
A student must be:

• A resident of Texas and must have been a resident of Texas at the time of the student's original entry into the United States armed forces
• Enrolled for at least 12 semester credit hours.

Exemption from payment may not exceed a total of 120 semester credit hours.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted
• Tuition and required fees
• Lodging and board
• Costs of books and similar educational materials required for coursework awarded as a scholarship

Students in Foster Care
Who is Eligible
Students who are under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services:

• On the day preceding the student’s 18th birthday.
• On or after the day of the student’s 14th birthday if the student was also eligible for adoption on or after that day, or
• On the day the student graduated from high school or received equivalent of a high school diploma, or
• On the day preceding the date the student is adopted (if on or after September 1, 2009), or
• On the day preceding the date permanent managing conservatorship of the student is awarded to a person other than the students’ parent (if on or after September 1, 2009).

And enrolls as an undergraduate no later than:

• The student's 25th birthday.

Effective with the Spring 2010 semester:

• Applies to all persons under the conservatorship of the Department of Family Protective Services during an academic term in which the student was enrolled in a dual credit course or other course for which a high school student may earn joint high school and college credit
• Can be used by eligible students while in high school to avoid the tuition and fee costs of dual enrollment courses.

Requirements
Certification from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services must be provided to the Fiscal Services Office.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted
All tuition, fees, and charges.

Adopted Students Formerly in Foster or other Residential Care
Who is Eligible
Certain adopted students.

Requirements
To be eligible, a student must have been:

• Adopted
• The subject of an adoption assistance agreement under Subchapter D, Chapter 162, Family Code.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted
All tuition, fees, and charges.
Nursing Preceptors and Dependents
Who is Eligible
Preceptors to professional nursing education programs and their eligible children.

An individual's eligibility for the program ends when the person has previously received exemptions under this program for 10 semesters or summer sessions at any institution or institutions of higher education, or received a baccalaureate degree. For the purposes of this program, a summer session that is less than nine weeks in duration is considered one-half of a summer session.

Requirements
To receive an exemption, the preceptor must be:
• A resident of Texas
• A registered nurse
• Serving under a written preceptor agreement with an undergraduate professional nursing program as a clinical preceptor for students enrolled in the program for the semester or other academic term for which the exemption is sought

To receive an exemption, the child of the preceptor must:
• Be a Texas resident
• Have a parent who meets the above criteria

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted
Tuition, up to $500 per semester.

State Military Forces Receiving Tuition Assistance from the Adjutant General
Who is Eligible
Students who are certified as receiving tuition assistance from the Adjutant General of the State military forces.

Requirements
A student must:
• Be certified by the Adjutant General of the State military forces as receiving tuition assistance for the semester enrolled.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted
Tuition and mandatory fees not to exceed 12 semester credit hours.

If student is not charged resident tuition, exemption may not exceed the resident rate.

Wrongfully Convicted Persons
Who is Eligible
A person who served in whole or in part, a sentence in prison under the laws of this State and has:
•Received a full pardon on the basis of innocence for the crime for which the person was sentenced, or
• Been granted relief on the basis of actual innocence of the crime for which the person was sentenced.

A person is not eligible for any part of a sentence in prison during which the person was also serving a concurrent sentence for another crime.

Requirements
A student must:
• First apply for compensation on or after September 1, 2009
• Request reimbursement by the seventh anniversary of the date the claimant received a pardon or was granted relief

Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted
Tuition and mandatory fees

Note: This program is a reimbursement program from the State of Texas, rather than an exemption to be applied by the University.