FOSTER CARE COLLEGE TUITION & FEE WAIVER PROCESS

How does it work?



ELIGIBLE YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULT IDENTIFIED Youth or young adult contacts PAL Staff or PAL staff identifies youth or young adult eligible for the waiver

APPROVAL PAL Staff obtains supervisor approval for issuing the Tuition and Fee Waiver Letter ("Waiver Letter")



LETTER

PAL Staff completes Waiver Letter and sends to youth or young adult by mail or email

APPLY Youth or young adult applies for admission to college



YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULT **IS ACCEPTED** Youth or young adult attends orientation, receives advising and registers for classes



SUBMIT COPY OF LETTER

Youth or young adult gives copy of Waiver Letter to admissions, financial aid, or registrar

NOTE: Check with the Foster Care Liaison for specific rules on your campus.

UPLOAD LETTER College admissions, financial aid, or registrar uploads tuition Waiver Letter into system

NOTE: Once the college has granted the waiver, the school should develop a process so the student does not have to re-submit the Waiver Letter.



CODED IN SYSTEM Youth or voung adult is coded in the system as Waiver - Foster Care Student



WAIVER APPLIED **Tuition and Fee** Waiver is applied tuition and applicable fees at no charge

ZERO BALANCE Youth or young adult receives college

Q: What does the waiver cover?

A: The Tuition and Fee Waiver only waives the cost of tuition and fees; it does not include books, supplies, housing, meal plans, living expenses, etc. Students are responsible for the expenses. Other resources may be available to youth to help with additional expenses (Ex.: Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Education and Training Voucher).

Q: Who can qualify?

A: Eligibility for the tuition and fee waiver is based upon youth and young adults who were in DFPS managing conservatorship or adopted pursuant to Texas Education Code Sections 54.366 and 54.367 respectively.

Q: Where is the waiver available?

A: Texas public institutions of higher education including any public technical institute, public junior college, public senior college or university, medical or dental unit, public state college, or other agency of higher education as defined in Texas Education Code Section 61.003.

Q: Where can I find additional resources?

A: Pursuant to Texas Education Code 51.9356, each public institution of higher education must designate an employee to act as a foster care liaison officer for current and incoming students who were formerly in the conservatorship of DFPS pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 51.9356. A list of designated foster care liaisons is available at http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=429.

For more information, including how to contact your local PAL staff, see https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/txyouth/.