



## Presidential Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Plan

Middle Georgia State University is allotted a limited number of *Presidential Waivers* per academic year. *Presidential Waivers* based on 2% of the full-time equivalent (FTE) of fall term one year prior. The president may award waivers in the spring semester, using the fall term one year prior to calculate the number of allowable waivers.

### Eligibility

*Presidential Waivers* may be granted using one of the three categories below providing the student meets the established criteria. Both new and continuing students are eligible to petition for a *Presidential Waiver*, however, students must be accepted to the university in order to petition for a Presidential tuition waiver.

**Continuing students** must meet the same initial eligibility criteria for each category. For Academic and International waivers, a continuing student's institutional grade point average will be considered along with any transferable credit hours. Continuing students that previously did not qualify for an out-of-state tuition waiver may petition for a waiver once they have met the criteria for the category for which they are applying.

#### Academic

- Beginning freshman students and Georgia Academy students must have a minimum Freshman Index of 2500.
- Students with less than 30 credit hours must meet a minimum Freshman Index of 2500 and 3.00 college grade point average.
- A transfer student with 30 or more transferable credit hours must have a 3.00 college grade point average.
- A student granted this waiver will be required to maintain a 2.50 grade point average (calculated on a cumulative basis at the conclusion of each academic year) to be considered for a waiver renewal for subsequent academic years.

#### International

- Beginning international freshman students must have a minimum Freshman Index of 2330.
- Students with less than 30 credit hours must meet a minimum Freshman Index of 2330 and 3.00 college grade point average.
- A transfer student with 30 or more transferable credit hours must have a 3.00 college grade point average.
- A student granted this waiver will be required to maintain a 2.50 grade point average (calculated on a cumulative basis at the conclusion of each academic year) to be considered for a waiver renewal for subsequent academic years.

#### Athletic

- The University will allow no more than 1/3 of its waivers to be designated for students who are athletes.
- Athletes will be required to maintain NAIA eligibility and satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in order to be considered for a waiver renewal for the next academic year.
- All waivers awarded to student athletes must be approved by the Director of Athletics or designated representative before being sent to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

**Previous Waiver Continuity:** Per USG guidance, continuously enrolled students will be allowed to continue to receive an out-of-state tuition waiver based on the criteria and requirements under which they



entered during Middle Georgia State College or the institutions pre-consolidation, as long as they fulfill those requirements and progress towards graduation.

## **Maintenance**

Middle Georgia State will utilize only the BOR minimum requirements for maintaining waiver eligibility provided in BOR Policy 7.3.4.1.:

Failure to maintain the specified level of academic performance at the conclusion of the respective academic year shall result in the student being placed in a two-semester probationary period for waiver purposes. The student shall be eligible to maintain a waiver during this probationary period but shall be ineligible for the waiver if the student is not able to achieve the specified level of academic performance for the student's specific Presidential Waiver sub-category. The student is eligible to re-gain the waiver, subject to the institution's discretion and consistent with this Policy, should the student achieve the specified level of academic performance for the student's specific Presidential Waiver sub-category.

**Monitoring Academic Performance:** After spring grades have posted, Admissions will review the cumulative GPA of those receiving *Presidential Waivers*. Athletics representative will confirm eligibility and attendance for student athletes receiving waivers. Students on probation will be tracked in internal tracking document.

- Students who meet their eligibility criteria – Admissions will send email notification to students. A list of these student athletes will be sent to Athletics representative.
- Students who do not meet their eligibility criteria – Admissions will mail letter and send email notifying students they are entering tuition waiver probation. This communication will include information on how to exit tuition waiver probation, length of probation and outcomes. Student athletes will receive this communication directly from Admissions. Admissions to also send Athletics representative a list of student athletes not meeting the criteria.
- Students who are on tuition waiver probation –
  - If probation criteria are satisfied – Admissions will send communication via email that the student has satisfied tuition waiver requirements. For student athletes, Admissions to send Athletics representative a list of student athletes exiting probation.
  - If probation criteria are not satisfied - Admissions will send communication to those that failed to satisfy the waiver criteria that they are no longer eligible for the out-of-state waivers for the next academic year. For student athletes, Admissions to send Athletics representative a list of student athletes whom do not meet criteria and are ineligible for waivers in the next academic year.
  - Admissions will update the internal tracking document for both categories. For those no longer eligible to receive the waiver, Admissions will update Banner to remove the waiver code.

**Monitoring Waiver Caps:** The institutional tuition classification officer will maintain an internal tracking document for those receiving *Presidential Waivers*. Additionally, an Admissions' audit will be performed at least once per semester to verify tracking document's accuracy. The results of that audit will be sent to the Director for Recruitment and Admissions and the Vice President for Recruitment and Marketing.

Both Athletics and Admissions will track *Presidential Waivers* within the Athletics category. By Nov. 1, Admissions to notify Athletics representative of the total number of allowable *Presidential Waivers* available for Athletics during the next academic year.

## **Administration**

The Office of Recruitment and Admissions will be responsible for administering and maintaining *Presidential Waivers* for Middle Georgia State. Waiver petitions will be scanned into its imaging record system for documentation and audit purposes.

**Authorized Representatives:** In addition to President Blake, the following institutional representatives are authorized to award *Presidential Waivers*: the Executive Director of Admissions, and the university Tuition Classification Officer.

**Presidential Waiver Exceptions:** Per BOR Policy 7.3.4.1, “extraordinary circumstances may arise justifying award of a *Presidential Waiver* under criteria not specified in this Policy but consistent with the Policy intent and in support of the institution’s mission. Presidents may offer an Academic *Presidential Waiver* in these circumstances but must first seek approval, on a one-time or standing basis, from the Chief Academic Officer.”

In the case of a *Presidential Waiver* exception, a memo from the President to the USG Chief Academic Officer will be required. If the approval is granted, a copy of the memo along with the USG Chief Academic Officer’s approval will be retained by Middle Georgia State University’s Primary Tuition Classification Officer.