

## 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 Washington State Statute and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) regulate the use of tuition waivers, and determines which waivers colleges must offer to students, and which waivers are optional.

## 2.0 SCOPE

2.1 All mandatory and optional tuition waivers.

## 3.0 DEFINITIONS

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## 4.0 PROCESS

### 4.1 Big Bend Community College (BBCC) implements the following Mandatory waivers per statute

- **Children and Spouse of Totally Disabled or POW/MIA or Deceased Eligible Veterans or National Guard Members** - BBCC waives all tuition and fees for a child/spouse/domestic partner of an eligible veteran or National Guard member who: became totally disabled as a result of active federal military or naval service; is determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action; or lost his or her life as a result of active federal military or naval service.
- **Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Law Enforcement Officers or Firefighters** - BBCC waives all tuition (operating and building fees) and services and activities fees for the children and surviving spouses of deceased or disabled law enforcement officers or firefighters. Eligible children must begin their course of study at a community college within 10 years of high school graduation.
- **Wrongfully Convicted Person** - BBCC waives all tuition and fees for wrongfully convicted individuals awarded compensation per RCW 4.100.060, their children, stepchildren and adopted children.

### 4.2 Big Bend Community College implements the following Mandatory waivers per SBCTC Policy

- **Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, and GED® Preparation** - Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language and GED® Preparation students pay \$25 per student per quarter. BBCC waives the \$25 charge for students who have demonstrated financial need and no other financial resources to pay.
- **Apprenticeship** - BBCC waives an amount equal to one-half of the standard per-credit amount for tuition (operating and building fees) and services and activities (S&A) fees. Students must be registered with the Washington State Apprenticeship Council or Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training to be eligible.

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### 4.3 Big Bend Community College implements the following Optional tuition waivers.

- **Athletic Waivers – Resident/Nonresident** - BBCC waives 25 percent of the SBCTC-established resident 15-credit tuition and fees rate. The waiver is available to grant-in-aid-eligible resident and non-resident student athletes. The BBCC athletics department awards waivers as part of student athlete recruitment.
- **Eligible Veterans or National Guard Members** - BBCC waives 25% of tuition for eligible veterans or National Guard members when requested by eligible students.
- **Other Military or Naval Veterans** - BBCC waives 25% of tuition for military or naval veterans who did not serve on foreign soil or in international waters or in support of those that did when requested by eligible students.
- **High School Completion** - If there is no source of financial aid to pay the tuition, BBCC waives up to 10 credits of tuition for students 19 years of age or older who are enrolled in a high school completion program. Students must be Washington state residents.
- **Over 18 Credit Exemption for Vocational Students — Resident and Nonresident** - For students enrolled over 18 credits exclusively in a vocational preparatory program, excluding students in the Commercial Pilot Program, BBCC waives all but \$10/credit of tuition for courses that are part of the students' program of study.

### 4.4 Big Bend Community College implements the following Optional waivers of non-resident tuition differential

- **High School Completion — Non-resident** - BBCC waives all of the non-resident differential for non-resident students enrolled in a high school completion program. The waiver is only for courses which lead to a high school diploma or certificate.
- **Non-resident Operating Fees Only** - BBCC waives all of the non-resident operating fee differential (but not the building or S&A fee differential) for all US Citizens who are not residents of Washington State.
- **Refugee** - BBCC waives all non-resident tuition differential for refugees, their spouse and dependents if the refugee is on parole status (allowed into the United States for humanitarian reasons); has received an immigrant visa or has applied for United States citizenship.

### 4.5 Big Bend Community College implements the following Optional space available tuition waivers

- **Senior Citizens — Audit/Credit** - BBCC waives tuition for students 60 years or older and charges a nominal fee of five dollars per quarter . The waiver is not available to students using the course credits for increasing credentials or salary schedule increases. Students enrolling under this waiver shall register for no more than two courses per quarter. Students shall be enrolled on a space available basis beginning on the fifth day of fall, winter, and spring quarters and the third day of summer quarters. Students must be Washington state residents.
- **State Employees** - BBCC waives all tuition for permanent state employees employed half-time or more. Students shall be enrolled on a space-available

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basis beginning on the fifth day of fall, winter, and spring quarters and the third day of summer quarters. BBCC charges a registration fee of five dollars per credit. BBCC gives preference to employees of their college before considering waivers for eligible persons not employed by the college.

**4.6 Big Bend Community College Running Start waivers**

- BBCC waives all tuition for college-level classes for the number of credits the student is approved to take. For students who qualify for free and reduced lunch, BBCC waives the BBCC technology fee.

*End of document: Legal References*