

**POLICY TITLE**

**First-Time, First-Year Out-of-State Fee Scholarship**

**POLICY NUMBER**

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| **Responsible Unit:** Enrollment Management **Responsible Official:**Associate Vice-Chancellor for Enrollment Management **Policy Classification:**Enrollment Management – Admission & Recruitment  | **Effective Date:****Last Reviewed Date:**May 9, 2019**Origination Date:** May 9, 2019  |

1. **POLICY STATEMENT AND RATIONALE**

The Out-of-State Fee Scholarship Policy establishes criteria for the out-of-state fee waiver scholarship. Effective Spring 2019, we are proposing a Policy for Out-of-State Students Fee Waiver Scholarship that includes the following criteria. Applicants must:

* Satisfy the admission requirements;
* Have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average to be considered;
* Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for need assessment;
* Complete the out-of-state fee waiver application after being admitted to the university, and submit it with required documents; and
* First-time, First-Years must have and maintain a minimum of 15 credit hours each semester and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50, to be evaluated at the end of each spring semester.

To support out of state enrollment, we are proposing a change to the current policy which requires a 2.7 cumulative grade point average and a 20 ACT composite score, in addition to meeting minimum guidelines for admission. Our Louisiana and Texas HBCU competitors only require a 2.5 cumulative grade point average for receipt of the out of state fee waiver once admitted.

1. **POLICY SCOPE AND AUDIENCE**

This policy applies to the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, Office of Admission & Recruitment, Office of the Registrar, and Office of the Bursar in the review and application of out of state fee waiver scholarships to the Baton Rouge campus*.*

1. **POLICY COMPLIANCE**

The Office of Admission & Recruitment will be responsible for reviewing all applicable candidate applications to ensure compliance with the policy in awarding scholarships. The Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management will be responsible for reviewing all appeals for receipt of the out of state fee waiver scholarships to ensure compliance with the policy guidelines.

1. **POLICY DEFINITIONS**

The following are terms used in the policy:

**Fee Waiver**

A fee waiver is a waiver or removal of a university out of state fees.

**Scholarship**

A grant or payment made to support a student's education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement.

1. **POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES**

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, the Admission & Recruitment will review all eligible out of state student applications and apply to eligible student financial aid and student accounts.

1. **POLICY RELATED INFORMATION**

We are responding to the current Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College policy on out of state fees which limits our ability to compete with our Louisiana and Texas HBCU competitors who only require a 2.5 cumulative grade point average for receipt of the University’s out of state fee waiver once admitted.

1. **POLICY HISTORY AND REVIEW CYCLE**

This is a new policy designed to replace the Legacy scholarship created in 2015. The review cycle will be consistent with the system five-year review cycle.

1. **POLICY URL**

This section identifies the Southern University System website where the system policies are archived at [www.subr.edu](http://www.subr.edu).

1. **POLICY APPROVAL**

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***Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.******Effective Date of Policy***

*President-Chancellor, Southern University and A&M College System*

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***The Honorable Domoine D. Rutledge, Esq.,*** ***Effective Date of Policy***

*Chairman, Southern University System Board of Supervisors*