



NSHE Foster Youth Fee Waiver

Request for Waiver of Registration Fees and Certain Laboratory Fees

General Information: The Nevada Board of Regents provides a waiver of certain undergraduate fees for qualifying students who have been in the custody of an agency which provides child welfare services in Nevada. An NSHE institution may waive base course registration fees and certain laboratory fees in the fall and spring semesters, for qualifying students, pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 17 of the *Handbook*. To determine if you are eligible, complete this form and provide the required documentation to your institution's Admissions/Registrar's Office. The institution may request additional information or documentation to verify eligibility. Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in a degree program at their institution. For additional information and assistance, refer to the institutional contacts at the bottom of this form.

Initial Eligibility Requirements – Students must meet all four (4):

- In foster care in Nevada, at the age of 13 years or older (adjudicated "ward of the court" status, for any length of time);
- Graduated from high school or passed the TASC, HiSET, or GED;
- Completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and
- Under the age of 26 years.

Continuing Eligibility: A student only needs to complete this form and submit it to the institution's Admissions/Registrar's Office once. If the institution determines the student qualifies for the fee waiver, the student must meet the following three (3) requirements for continuing eligibility:

- **Annual FAFSA Submission** – Complete the FAFSA each year;
- **Satisfactory Academic Progress** – Meet Title IV financial aid satisfactory academic progress requirements at the NSHE institution, starting with the 2nd semester as a fee waiver recipient; **and**
- **Age** – Be under the age of 26 years, on the first day of any semester for which the student is seeking the fee waiver.

Step 1: Student Information

First and Last Name: _____

NSHE ID: _____

Initial Semester of Intended Enrollment: ☐ Fall ☐ Spring

Year: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

I hereby certify that this information is true and correct. In addition, I waive confidentiality with the applicable agency that provides child welfare services solely for the purpose of allowing an NSHE institution to confirm eligibility for this waiver.

STEP 2: Required Documentation from the Student

1. **Foster Care in Nevada:** Official verification from the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, the Clark County Department of Family Services, the Washoe County Human Services Agency, or a Nevada court that you were in the custody of an agency which provides child welfare services in Nevada at the age of 13 years or older. This may include, but is not limited to, written documentation on agency letterhead; **and**
2. **High School Graduation or General Equivalency Certificate:** An official high school transcript or official documentation verifying you passed the TASC, HiSET, or GED.

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