



**DIRECTIVE 2019-035**

September 17, 2019

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly required any waiver of tuition for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education be approved by the Chancellor of Higher Education (the “Chancellor”). On April 17, 2009, the Chancellor signed Directive 2009-011 establishing procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates. §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for this biennium.

Pursuant to the continued authority in §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 and Directive 2009-011, Owens Community College (“OCC”) has requested that for academic year 2019-2020 the standard tuition rates continue to be waived for Ohio nonpublic students and home school students who did not receive funding under College Credit Plus. While all of Ohio students in grades 7 through 12 are eligible to participate in College Credit Plus if accepted by the institution in which they seek to attend there is limited funding for students that do not attend public schools.

- OCC has demonstrated the following:
- OCC’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on February 5, 2019. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- OCC has submitted a specific request to reduce tuition to the statutory floor for nonpublic school and home school students who are not funded under College Credit Plus regardless of the delivery method of the course. Using the 2019-2020 statutory floor (\$41.64) and OCC tuition rates (\$168.00 per credit hour), the requested waiver is \$126.36 per credit hour.
- OCC proposes that the duration of the continued waiver be for academic year 2019-2020.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 50 students.
- The goals of this waiver are as follows:
  - o To serve the mission of offering an affordable means to the communities’ engaged early learners;

- o To support the state's goals of reducing the cost of college to students (parents); to reduce the time to attain a degree and to create seamless pathways for students from high schools to community college to university;
- OCC reports that the goals of this waiver were met in the 2018-2019 academic year. A total of 159 credit hours were earned in 2018-2019. These students both saved money and reduced the time needed to attain a degree as they continue their education.
- OCC will assess the outcome of this continued waiver by reviewing participation levels and student success in the College Credit Plus courses.

Agency staff reviewed the request and posted its recommendations to the ODHE website for the purpose of providing a public comment period before final approval by the Chancellor. No public comments were received.

Based upon my review of staff recommendations and public comments received, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from Owens Community College as set forth above for the 2019-2020 academic year.

This directive will take immediate effect.



Randy Gardner  
Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS - TUITION WAIVER RECOMMENDATION**

RESOLUTION 2019-02-05-09

**SYNOPSIS:** Contingent upon the approval of the Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education, and the Owens Community College Board of Trustees, the President recommends a tuition waiver and a reduction in tuition for the academic year 2019-2020 to eligible Ohio non-public or home-schooled students (enrolled in grades 7-12) who apply to participate in Ohio's College Credit Plus (CCP) program, but who were not funded due to the State's limited funding of this program.

Directive 2009-011 established procedures for institutions requesting the Chancellor's approval of tuition waivers. The College's proposal is to offer a reduced tuition rate, which is equal to the rate of the default floor amount per credit hour as prescribed within the College Credit Plus program for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The purpose of the tuition waiver for the unfunded College Credit Plus students is two-fold:

1) It serves the mission of offering an affordable means to the communities' engaged early learners; and, 2) It supports the State's goals of reducing the cost of college to students; to reduce the time to attain a degree and to create seamless academic pathways for students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Owens Community College Board of Trustees authorizes:

- (A) A tuition waiver for the unfunded College Credit Plus students who enroll at Owens Community College for the 2019-2020 academic year, subject to the approval of the Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education; and,
- (B) The President to submit the tuition waiver request to the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

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**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Patricia M. Jezak, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Owens Community College, a state-supported institution of higher education, as recognized under Ohio Revised Code Section 3358, do hereby certify that the above was adopted by the Board of Trustees by majority vote of such Trustees at a meeting duly noted and held February 5, 2019. Such resolution(s) were adopted in an open meeting of the Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Board of Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Such resolution(s) have not been amended, modified or revoked and are in full force and effect on the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this certificate this February 6, 2019.

*Patricia M. Jezak*

Patricia M. Jezak  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees



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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 11, 2019

Mr. Randy Gardner  
Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents  
25 South Front Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus OH 43215

Dear Chancellor Gardner,

Owens Community College respectfully requests approval to waive standard tuition and fee rates and offer a reduction in tuition for the academic year 2019-2020 to eligible Ohio students who apply to participate in Ohio's College Credit Plus (CCP) program but who are not funded, as follows:

1. Non-public high school students who enroll in Owens Community College courses offered at the high school or at an offsite location;
2. Non-public and home-schooled high school students who enroll in Owens Community College courses offered at the college campus, online, or learning center;
3. Non-public and home-schooled seventh and eighth grade students who enroll in Owens Community College courses offered college campus, online, or learning center

The CCP rate for the 2019-2020 academic year is currently not available. The proposed tuition rate is equal to the rate the College Credit Plus statutory floor per credit hour, as approved within the College Credit Plus program for the 2019-2020 academic year. The amount waived will change slightly for the 2019-2020 academic year due to an anticipated slight increase in the statutory floor amount. The tuition waiver for 2018-2019 is listed below:

Owens Community College  
CCP Tuition Rate and CCP Tuition Waiver Schedule (2018-2019)

<u>Semester Credit Hours</u>	<u>Owens Tuition Rate</u>	<u>CCP Rate</u>	<u>Proposed CCP Waiver</u>
1	\$163.00	\$41.64	\$121.36
2	\$326.00	\$83.28	\$242.72
3	\$489.00	\$124.92	\$364.08
4	\$652.00	\$166.56	\$485.44
5	\$815.00	\$208.20	\$606.80
6	\$978.00	\$249.84	\$728.16
7	\$1,141.00	\$291.48	\$849.52
8	\$1,304.00	\$333.12	\$970.88
9	\$1,467.00	\$374.76	\$1,092.24
10	\$1,630.00	\$416.40	\$1,213.60
11	\$1,793.00	\$458.04	\$1,334.96
12	\$1,956.00	\$499.68	\$1,456.32
13	\$2,119.00	\$541.32	\$1,577.68
14	\$2,282.00	\$582.96	\$1,699.04
15	\$2,445.00	\$624.60	\$1,820.40

Owens Community College's intent of continuing to offer the tuition waiver to those non-funded students who applied to participate in the College Credit Plus program is three-fold: 1) to serve our mission of offering an affordable means to these engaged early learners. Students who utilize this waiver will have the opportunity to qualify for the Start Here Scholarship, a new scholarship designed to provide financial and student service support to former CCP students; 2) to support the State's goals of reducing the cost of college to students; to reduce the time to attain a degree and to create seamless pathways for students from high school to community college to university; and 3) to support the College's Student Completion Plan and Strategic Plan.

In fall of 2018, students utilizing the tuition waiver earned 57 credit hours. In spring 2019, students are enrolled in 102 credit hours utilizing the currently approved waiver. Using the current rate, excluding course fees, the tuition total for these credit hours is \$25,917. However, with the reduced cost to the student, they actualized a sum savings of \$19,296.

Owens Community College anticipates that an estimated 175 credit hours will be earned from non-public and home schools will participate in the College Credit Plus waiver opportunity at Owens Community College.

Owens Community College will fully comply with the legal requirements including monitoring high school enrollment to ensure student progress; evaluating the program based on the level of student participation, success and reduced cost toward a degree; and, tracking the matriculation of participating students to Owens Community College upon high school graduation.

Owens Community College demonstrates the following in this tuition waiver request for students who have applied to the College Credit Plus program:

1. Owens Community College Board of Trustees approved a resolution at a public meeting on February 5, 2019, authorizing the tuition waiver and reducing the tuition rate to equal the rate of the statutory floor per credit hour, approved within the College Credit Plus program for 2019-2020. A copy of the certified resolution is attached.
2. Owens Community College respectfully requested the specific tuition waiver request for non-public students and home-schooled students in grades seven through twelve who applied to participate in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program and who did not receive funding and who enroll in Owens Community College courses.
3. The costs of textbooks are not included in this tuition waiver request.
4. Owens Community College proposes the duration of the tuition waiver be the academic year 2019-2020.
5. Owens Community College goal is three-fold: 1) to serve our mission of offering an affordable means to these engaged early learners. Students who utilize this waiver will have the opportunity to qualify for the Start Here Scholarship, a new scholarship designed to provide financial and student service support to former CCP students; 2) to support the State's goals of reducing the cost of college to students; to reduce the time to attain a degree and to create seamless pathways for students from high school to community college to university; and 3) to support the College's Student Completion Plan and Strategic Plan.

We appreciate your consideration of this tuition waiver request. If you have questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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