



DIRECTIVE 2020-020

April 30, 2020

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY TO REDUCE THE NON-RESIDENT GRADUATE SURCHARGE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A BACHELOR’S OR MASTER’S DEGREE IN OHIO FROM AN OHIO INSTITUTION FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR.

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th 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 133rd 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, Cleveland State University (“CSU”) requests to reduce non-resident graduate surcharge for graduate students who have completed a bachelor’s or master’s degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution. The request applies to academic year 2020-2021.

CSU has demonstrated the following:

- CSU’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on April 6, 2020. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- CSU has submitted a specific request to reduce the domestic non-resident surcharge to \$1 per credit hour for students who have completed a bachelor’s or master’s degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution and enroll in a graduate program. The waiver does not apply to any portion of the rate charged to an international graduate student.

	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
○ Master’s Degree Tuition	\$395.55 per credit hour	\$394.55 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour

Exceptions:

College of Science and Health Professions	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
OPT and Speech & Hearing	\$423.05 per credit hour	\$422.05 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour
Master of Science in Health	\$408.90 per credit hour	\$407.90 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour

	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
College of Business	\$427.15 per credit hour	\$426.15 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour

School of Nursing	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
Master of Science in Nursing	\$10.00 per credit hour	\$9.00 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour

College of Education	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
Master of Gifted Education (on-line)	\$75.00 per credit hour	\$74.00 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour
Master of Urban Secondary Teaching	\$75.00 per credit hour	\$74.00 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
Master of Legal Studies	\$415.25 per credit hour	\$414.25 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour
On-line Master of Legal Studies	\$3.85 per credit hour	\$2.85 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour

	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
Doctoral Degree Tuition	\$247.25 per credit hour	\$246.25 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour

Exceptions:

College of Science and Health Professions	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
Doctor of Physical Therapy	\$264.40 per credit hour	\$263.40 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour

	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
College of Business	\$267.00 per credit hour	\$266.00 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour

	Non-Resident Surcharge	Waiver	Surcharge After Waiver
Cleveland-Marshall College of Law	\$3.85 per credit hour	\$2.85 per credit hour	\$1.00 per credit hour

- The specific amount being waived per credit hour may change depending on CSU’s tuition rates, but in any event, the required minimum of a \$1 per credit hour out of state surcharge to domestic nonresidents is applicable. And in the event of a tuition increase, the amount waived will increase accordingly, such that the surcharge will remain \$1 per credit hour.
- CSU proposes that the duration of the waiver be for academic year 2020-2021, which will include any summer session beginning before June 30, 2021.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 75-100 students per year.
- The goal of this tuition waiver is to incentivize non-resident students who earned a bachelor’s or master’s degree in Ohio from an Ohio institution to stay and earn a graduate degree. CSU is committed to attracting the talent needed for Ohio’s future, and this initiative is one important way to attract and retain that talent.
- CSU will measure the attainment of this goal by monitoring enrollments and net revenue implications over the time period to assess the effectiveness of the program in general. CSU will also assess the effectiveness of initiatives designed to recruit students by leveraging the tuition waiver.

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, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from Cleveland State University be granted for academic year 2020-2021, and any summer term that begins prior to June 30, 2021, as set forth above.

This directive will take immediate effect.


 Randy Gardner
 Chancellor

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Cleveland State University

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

April 6, 2020

RESOLUTION 2020-01

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO APPLY TO THE OHIO CHANCELLOR FOR A TUITION WAIVER FOR REDUCTION OF NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATES

WHEREAS, §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly requires 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 the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the University Administration seeks authorization to make a request of the Chancellor for reduction of non-resident graduate tuition to the resident rate for graduate students who have completed a bachelor's degree in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the waiver will provide significant incentive for eligible students to earn a graduate degree and remain in Ohio; and that such waiver would go into effect immediately for the 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years; and

WHEREAS, it is further anticipated that between 75-100 students could be impacted by such tuition waiver, and the amount of the waiver per student per semester would be \$5,378;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the University President to apply to the Ohio Chancellor for permission to reduce non-resident graduate tuition to the resident rate for graduate students who have completed a bachelor's degree in Ohio.

William J. Napier

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Secretary to the Board of Trustees
April 6, 2020