



**DIRECTIVE 2021-032**

September 22, 2021

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY STARK STATE COLLEGE TO REDUCE THE IN-STATE TUITION RATE FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE TAKE THREE-GET THREE SUMMER PROGRAM.

§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 the biennium, and Am. Sub. H.B. 110 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly further continued the authority of the Chancellor.

Pursuant to §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 as well as Directive 2009-011, Stark State College (“SSC”) has requested for summer semester 2020 and summer semester 2021 beginning prior to June 30, 2021, to reduce the in-state tuition rate by up to three credit hours during each summer semester for students enrolled in the Take Three—Get Three Summer Program.

SSC has demonstrated the following:

- SSC’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing a tuition waiver at its meeting on March 11, 2020. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- SSC has submitted a specific request to reduce the in-state tuition rate to \$0.00 for students who are enrolled in the Take Three—Get Three Summer Program.
- SSC’s 2020-2021 current non-resident surcharge and specific amount being waived is shown below:

	In-State Tuition Rate Per-Credit Hour	Waiver	Total Amount After Waiver
Undergraduate	Combined: \$179.60	Combined: \$179.60	\$0.00

	General Fee:	General Fee:	
	\$53.10	\$53.10	
	Instructional Fee:	Instructional Fee:	
	\$126.50	\$126.50	

- The specific amount to be waived may change depending on the tuition rates, but in any event, \$0.00 per credit hour for in-state tuition for students enrolled in the Take Three—Get Three Summer Program is applicable.
- SCC proposes that the duration of the waiver be summer semester 2020 and summer semester 2021 beginning prior to June 30, 2021.
- SCC expects the tuition waiver will affect approximately 35 students. This estimate is based on the tracking of eligible students.

SCC’s goal with this waiver is to increase the likelihood students will complete their goals and remain enrolled until they complete their degree. Other goals include: shorten the time for students to complete their degree, improve term-to-term education for students, and reduce the potential debt for students.

- Measurements of the program will include tracking enrollment, completion rates, and retention in enrollment. Student GPA will also be monitored to ensure quality of the program.

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.

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**Based upon my review of staff recommendations, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from Stark State College, which allows SSC to reduce standard tuition rates for students enrolled in the Take Three Get Three summer program, which begins prior to June 30, 2021, as set forth above.**

**This directive will take immediate effect.**

  
 Randy Gardner  
 Chancellor

**RESOLUTION  
TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF TUITION WAIVERS FOR  
SUMMER 2020 TAKE 3|GET 3 PROGRAM**

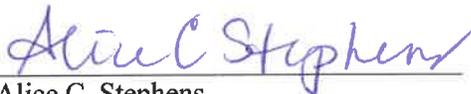
**WHEREAS**, §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly requires that any waiver of tuition for a student or class of students at a state-assisted institution of higher education be approved by the institution's board of trustees and the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

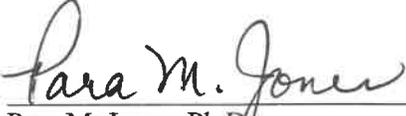
**WHEREAS**, Stark State College requests that the Chancellor approve tuition waivers for students participating in the proposed Take3|Get 3 Summer program for graduating high school seniors including in-state rates of instructional and general fees for up to 240 credit hours for the 2020 summer semester; and

**WHEREAS**, the College will provide three credit hours of waived tuition to each participating student who pays for at least three credit hours, using the standard tuition rate, currently \$174.60 per credit hour, to calculate the amount of tuition to be waived. Tuition to be waived is the sum of the Instructional Fee and the General Fee. At the current tuition rate of \$174.60, and estimating 80 students receiving the waiver, the total tuition for 240 credit hours would be \$41,904;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Stark State College authorizes the College President to request that the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education approve the tuition waivers for students participating in the proposed Take 3|Get 3 Program for the time frame of the program, June 1, 2020 through August 15, 2020.

This resolution is enacted on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Alice C. Stephens  
Chair, Board of Trustees

  
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Para M. Jones, Ph.D.  
President