Tuition Waiver Eligibility and Timelines

Tuition waivers for Nonresident graduate students (E0605)

The Office of Academic Programs – Graduate Studies will issue the specific credit-unit allocations for the following academic year by November 1st. Programs are expected to submit the names of their awardees to the Office of Academic Programs – Graduate Studies by April 1 and the office will notify the students. Awardees must send written or email commitments to Graduate Studies by May 15, for the following academic year.

Tuition waivers for Graduate Assistants and Teaching Associates (E0611)

Students must file a FAFSA no later than the priority deadline, March 2. Only students who do not receive a State University Grant (SUG) or other tuition coverage are eligible for a TA tuition waiver. Students must be appointed at a minimum of 15 hours/week as a Graduate Assistant (Class Code 2355) or a minimum of 2 WTU’s as a Teaching Associate (Class Code 2353 or 2354).

Programs will forward the names of graduate TAs and GAs for the next academic year to the Graduate Studies Office by April 15. Once eligibility has been determined, Financial Aid will send names of students awarded a GA/TA tuition waiver to Graduate Studies, which will inform students and departments. This process will be completed by the end of finals week.

Allocations made each spring will assume full-time support for the next two semesters. Departments are responsible for verifying the students’ employment and their enrollment in program-relevant coursework within the first two weeks of each semester, and they will inform Financial Aid about the level of support appropriate for each TA. GA/TA tuition waiver recipients who enroll for six or fewer total units (at least two of which must be related to their academic program) will be funded for half-time enrollment. GA/TA tuition waiver recipients who enroll for seven or more total units (at least seven of which must be related to their academic program) will be funded for full-time enrollment.