

McLennan  
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**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Subject: Tuition Exemptions for Receipt of Competitive Academic Scholarships Reference: G-X-q

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*Section 54.213 of the Texas Statute:*

- (a) *An institution of higher education may charge a nonresident student who holds a competitive scholarship of at least \$1,000 for the academic year or summer term for which the student is enrolled resident tuition and fees without regard to the length of time the student has resided in Texas. The student must compete with other students, including Texas residents, for the scholarship and the scholarship must be awarded by a scholarship committee officially recognized by the administration and be approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under criteria developed by the coordinating board.*
- (b) *The total number of students at an institution paying resident tuition under this section for a particular semester may not exceed five percent of the total number of students registered at the institution for the same semester of the preceding academic year.*
- (d) *The difference between tuition charged to the student under this section and the tuition the student would be charged if this section did not apply to the student shall not be accounted for in such a way as to reduce the general revenue appropriation to an institution of higher education that charges a nonresident student resident tuition and fees under this section.*

*Transferred and redesignated from Education Code, Section 54.064 by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 359 (S.B. 32), Sec. 1, eff. January 1, 2012.*

Students selected by the College Scholarship Committee or other college committee officially recognized by the administration of the college who receive a scholarship of \$1,000 or more, shall have the out of state/out of district portion of tuition waived for the period of the scholarship.

Scholarship recipients must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), unless exempted by the President.

In order to qualify, the officially recognized scholarship committee must consider both residents and non-residents in the applicant pool, and the scholarship must be awarded for the purpose

of encouraging academic excellence in the program in which the student is enrolled.

Currently all scholarships awarded by the following Scholarship Committees meet the requirements for these waivers: MCC Foundation, Honors College, Athletic, Follett, Presidential, First Generation, Performance, and Academic.

#### Procedures for Processing Scholarship Tuition Waivers

Upon awarding a scholarship of at least \$1,000 to a non-resident student, the Scholarship Committee will send a memo to the Office of Financial Aid indicating the award has been made.

The Financial Aid Office shall send a memo to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment requesting the waiver of the out of district/state portion of tuition and will include a copy of the award from the Scholarship Committee.

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment will make the necessary adjustments in the students file to decrease the tuition assessed.