



NSHE Native American Fee Waiver

Request for Waiver of Registration, Laboratory and Other Mandatory Fees
(Effective Fall 2021)

General Information: The Nevada Board of Regents provides a waiver of certain fees related to registration to a Native American student who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe or nation, all or part of which is located within the boundaries of Nevada, or who is certified by the enrollment department of such tribe or nation or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as being a descendant of an enrolled member of such tribe or nation, all or part of which is located within the boundaries of Nevada, regardless of member status. An NSHE institution shall waive registration, laboratory and other mandatory fees for eligible students pursuant to *Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 15* of the *Handbook*. To determine if you are eligible, complete this form and provide the required documentation to your institution's designated office as listed below on page 2. The institution may request additional information or documentation to verify eligibility.

The amount of the waiver must be equal to the balance of registration fees, laboratory fees, and other mandatory fees assessed against the student that remain unpaid after the student's account has been credited with the full amount of any federal education benefits (excluding loans) to which the student is entitled to for that semester; or if a student is not entitled to receive any federal education benefits for a semester, the full amount of the registration fees, laboratory fees, and any other mandatory fees assessed against the student for that semester. Federal education benefits include federal grants awarded based on completion of the FAFSA, including but not limited to Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, TEACH Grant, and any federal veteran educational benefits.

Eligibility Requirements – Student must meet all of the following:

- Is admitted to an NSHE institution;
- Has been a resident of Nevada for not less than one year;
- Shows proof of membership or proof of descendancy of a member of a federally recognized tribe or nation, all or part of which is located in the State of Nevada;
- Enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral, or professional degree;
- Completes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Has unpaid charges for registration, laboratory or other mandatory fees after any federal education benefits have been applied to the student's account. Students who have any available federal education benefits but choose to defer use of those benefits are not eligible for this Fee Waiver; and
- Have earned a minimum 2.0 semester GPA during the immediately prior fall/spring semester or summer term at the institution for which the waiver is being requested (for returning students).

Continuing Eligibility: To remain eligible for the fee waiver, the student must maintain at least a minimum 2.0 semester grade point average (GPA). A student with less than the required 2.0 GPA may reinstate eligibility by subsequently enrolling without the fee waiver and meeting the GPA requirement. The fee waiver will then be reinstated for the immediately subsequent fall or spring semester. While the waiver may not be used in summer term, students may use the summer GPA for reinstatement purposes.

Provided the student remains continuously enrolled during fall and spring semesters, this form must be completed and submitted to the institution's designated office only once. If the institution determines the student is eligible for the waiver, the student must complete the FAFSA each year for which the fee waiver is desired. If there is a break in enrollment, the student must submit a new fee waiver form.

STEP 1:

First & Last Name:

Date of Birth:

NSHE ID#

Initial Semester of Intended Enrollment : **Fall** **Spring**

Year:

Student Signature:

Date:

STEP 2: Select the tribe or nation that corresponds with your membership enrollment or descendency documentation (Tribe list according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Federal Register, 25 C.F.R. §83.6) :

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| Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation Duckwater Shoshone Tribe of the Duckwater Reservation | Summit Lake Paiute Tribe of Nevada |
| Ely Shoshone Tribe of Nevada | Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (Four Constituent Bands: Battle Mountain Band; Elko Band; South Fork Band; Wells Band) |
| Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation | Timbi-sha Shoshone Tribe (previously listed as the Death Valley Timbi-sha Shoshone and the Death Valley Timbi-sha Shoshone Band of California) |
| Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California and Nevada | Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation |
| Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians of the Las Vegas Indian Colony | Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (Carson Colony; Dresslerville Community; Woodfords Community; Stewart Community & Washoe Ranches) |
| Lovelock Paiute Tribe of the Lovelock Indian Colony | Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada |
| Moapa Band of Paiute Indians of the Moapa River Indian Reservation | Yerington Paiute Tribe of the Yerington Colony and Campbell Ranch |
| Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony | Yomba Shoshone Tribe of the Yomba Reservation |
| Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation | |
| Reno-Sparks Indian Colony | |
| Shoshone-Paiute Tribe of Nevada of Duck Valley Reservation | |

STEP 3: Additional Requirements

1. Proof of tribal membership(i.e. tribal card or similar documentation from the tribe) *or* proof of descendency from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) or tribe or nation(i.e. Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood [CDIB]).
2. The institution must have a FAFSA on file for the academic year for which the fee waiver is desired. If the student has filed a FAFSA and the current institution has not received the student’s data, the student may need to make a correction to add that institution to their FAFSA. Check with the institution’s Financial Aid Office to confirm or for assistance.
3. Establish proof of residing in Nevada (check one):

Currently attending an NSHE institution as a resident for tuition purposes (institution will verify residency in Nevada for at least one year and request documentation only if necessary) (*Handbook*, Title 4, Chapter 15, Sections 3 and 4); or

Institution verification of eligibility for the Millennium Scholarship which requires residency in Nevada for 2 years of high school, meeting the fee waiver’s requirement for residency (*Handbook*, Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 9.1.1); or

Residency documentation establishing residency in Nevada for at least one year immediately prior to the receipt of the waiver (i.e. Nevada driver’s license, Nevada identification card, Nevada vehicle registration, Nevada voter registration, home ownership, lease agreement, rent receipts, utility bills, paycheck stubs, bank statements, federal tax return, or other documentation as accepted by the institution).

For students who cannot check one of the above options regarding proof of residency, attach a completed NSHE Native American Fee Waiver Residency Affidavit which can be obtained from an NSHE institution.

Institution Designated Office:

UNLV Zack Goodwin Executive Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships PH: 702-895-3595 zachary.goodwin@unlv.edu	NSC Marina Zimina Records Coordinator/ Office of the Registrar PH: 702-992-2105 marina.zimina@nsc.edu	GBC Deanna Hamilton Assistant Registrar PH: 775-753-2080 deanna.hamilton@gbcnv.edu	WNC Lorraine Plympton Program Officer/ Admissions & Records PH: 775-445-3279 lorraine.plympton@wnc.edu
UNR Markie Wilder Coordinator, Indigenous Student Services PH: 775-682-6499 markiew@unr.edu	CSN Office of the Registrar PH: 702-651-4060 residency@csn.edu	TMCC Andrew Hughes Executive Director of Admissions & Records PH: 775-673-7240 ahughes@tmcc.edu	

For Official Use Only:

Approved: Yes No

Notes:

Reviewer: _____ Institution: _____ Date Processed: _____