

§12572. Tuition waiver

Any person who was in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services and resided in foster care or subsidized adoptive care or was a minor ward of a subsidized permanency guardian as provided in Title 22, section 4038-D at the time that person graduated from high school or successfully completed a general educational development examination or its equivalent under section 257 may attend, as provided in this section, any state postsecondary educational institution free of tuition charges. [PL 2005, c. 471, §2 (AMD).]

1. Eligibility of person. A person is eligible for a tuition waiver under this chapter if the person is:

A. A Maine resident; [PL 1999, c. 216, §1 (NEW).]

B. A high school graduate or has attained a high school equivalency diploma as described under section 257; and [PL 1999, c. 216, §1 (NEW).]

C. Accepted for admission to a state postsecondary educational institution. [PL 1999, c. 216, §1 (NEW).]

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2. Limitation. The tuition waiver provided by this chapter is limited to:

A. Persons participating in undergraduate degree programs or certificate programs of at least one year; [PL 1999, c. 216, §1 (NEW).]

B. Persons who have not been enrolled full time for more than 5 years or the equivalent; and [PL 1999, c. 774, §2 (AMD).]

C. Persons who have completed an application for federal student financial aid programs for which they may be eligible. [PL 1999, c. 774, §2 (AMD).]

D. [PL 1999, c. 774, §2 (RP).]

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3. Continuation. The tuition waiver provided by this chapter is awarded on a yearly basis and continues to be available, if the person is otherwise eligible under this section, as long as the person remains in good academic standing at a state postsecondary educational institution.

[PL 1999, c. 216, §1 (NEW).]

4. Revenue reduction. A state postsecondary educational institution shall absorb the reduction in tuition revenues that results from providing a tuition waiver to an eligible person under this chapter. The institution may not request additional General Fund appropriations from the Legislature to offset the reduction in tuition revenues.

[PL 1999, c. 774, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1999, c. 216, §1 (NEW). PL 1999, c. 774, §§2,3 (AMD). PL 2003, c. 689, §B6 (REV). PL 2005, c. 471, §2 (AMD).

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