

BOARD ACTION

Policy:	NA
Title:	Approval of 2021 High School Seniors 100% Tuition Waiver
<p><u>Background of Issue:</u></p> <p>Section 375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly prohibits boards of trustees from authorizing waivers or nonpayment of instructional fees or general fees for any particular student or any class of students, other than waivers specifically authorized by law or approved by the Chancellor. <u>Directive 2009-011</u> established guidelines for a board of trustees of a state institution of higher education in Ohio to adopt a flexible tuition policy and submit requests.</p> <p>Edison State Community College is dedicated to easing the burden created by the COVID-19 pandemic. We understand the stress this healthcare challenge has placed on every community, especially our graduating high school seniors who may be unsure of their plans for college in the summer and fall. As a part of Edison State's commitment to assist the community during challenging times, <u>the College is proposing that the Edison State Board of Trustees approve the creation of the 2021 High School Seniors 100% Tuition Waiver</u>. Upon approval by the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, this initiative will allow Edison State to waive any tuition costs remaining after an eligible student's financial aid has been applied. An eligible student is one who has a high school graduation date between September 1, 2020 and September 1, 2021 and who graduates from or is served by a high school in the Edison State service area (Darke, Miami, Preble, and Shelby counties) or a high school that has a College Credit Plus partnership with Edison State. Homeschooled students living within Edison State's service area are also eligible.</p> <p>To receive this tuition waiver, students must register for classes at Edison State in the summer, fall, or spring semester immediately following their high school graduation. Students will continue to receive the waiver in future semesters provided that they maintain enrollment in subsequent fall and spring terms. The waiver ends when the student completes a degree or reaches 70 total credit hours.</p> <p>All students must complete the FAFSA and accept any grants and/or scholarships awarded before receiving this waiver. The waiver is applied to students' accounts after all other grants and/or scholarships are applied. In addition, the waiver covers tuition only, which includes the instructional fee, general fee, technology fee, activity fee, and career services fee. The following costs are not covered by the waiver: textbooks and other course supplies, lab fees for individual courses, the security fee, transcript fee, proficiency exam fee, portfolio evaluation fee, online course fee, and web-flex course fee.</p>	
Impact on Student Success:	This action would help to ensure that all eligible 2021 high school graduates served by Edison State will have the opportunity to pursue a college education at a minimal financial cost, which is historically a leading cause of students not completing their post-secondary education goals.
Impact on Budget:	Estimating the financial impact of this waiver is challenging because the amount waived per student will be different, depending on the student's financial aid package and number of credits enrolled. However, under a similar program for 2020 high school seniors, the College awarded

approximately \$198,000 in scholarships to students in the summer and fall semesters of 2020. From this number, it is projected that the College will waive approximately \$290,000 in tuition during the 2021-2022 Academic Year for the 2021 seniors.

Recommendation: Approve the policy as presented.

Approved: YES/NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Signature: <u>Janae Baker Harley</u> , Chairman	Date: 11/18/20
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