

NURSING FEE WAIVER POLICY

SUMMARY

This policy identifies the Farmingdale State College (FSC) Nursing Fee Waiver Policy, and applies to Nursing students enrolled in a course with an associated fee charged to that course which is required to complete their program of study.

SUNY fee policy 7804 (which can be viewed at www.SUNY.edu) allows campuses to charge course related fees for academic offerings that entail extraordinary costs and/or result in a tangible end product for students. Click here for a listing of courses.

POLICY STATEMENT

Nursing fees are not waived except in extenuating circumstances, such as financial hardship.

Due to circumstances wherein students may have exhausted their access to financial aid resources that are exclusive of loans or other debt-related options, they may apply for a financial hardship waiver of all or part of a fee charged to a course required to complete their program of study. During the review of Nursing Fee Financial Hardship Waiver Applications, the institution will consider a student's total cost of attendance and other applicable costs against applicable financial aid resources (exclusive of loans).

POLICY PROCEDURES

Students must submit the <u>Nursing Fee Financial Hardship Waiver Application</u> every semester, for the specific applicable fee(s), for consideration. Students with demonstrated financial hardship may qualify for a hardship waiver to be applied to all or part of the fee(s).

A student must meet ALL of the following criteria to be considered:

- Currently a Farmingdale State College student matriculated into a Nursing program of study in which the course is required for completion of the program
- Eligible to receive federal and/or state financial aid
- Applied for federal and/or state financial aid and accepted all financial aid for which they qualify (not including the federal Parent PLUS loan)
- Exceeded or exhausted all financial aid
- Total qualified educational expenses (tuition, fees, housing and food, and other expenses related to the Cost of Attendance) are greater than their financial aid package (state and federal supplemental grants, or other scholarships)
- Grants, scholarships, and other waivers/exemptions received by the student must be less than the total cost of attendance

Applications must be received by the end of the add/drop period. Applications for previous terms will not be considered.

The application along with detailed documentation supporting the request must be submitted to the Nursing Department. The Nursing Department will then review the request with the student.

Students may only apply for one waiver per course.

If the Nursing Department approves the request, they will forward it to the Office of Financial Aid to confirm that the student meets the Financial Aid requirements for the waiver.

Once the appeal has been reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid, the appeal will be forwarded to the Office of Administration & Finance with a recommendation to accept or reject the waiver request.

The final decision to approve a waiver is based on the merits of each request and will be communicated by the Office of Administration & Finance to the Nursing Department and the Office of Student Accounts.

The Nursing Department will communicate the final decision to the student. The department is responsible for managing the financial implications of the waiver within their own budget.