

PRESIDENTIAL OUT-OF-STATE TUITION WAIVER

The Board of Regents policy 7.3.4.1 grants Atlanta Metropolitan State College the authority to award out-of-state tuition waivers (or Presidential Waivers) and assess in-state tuition for certain non-Georgia residents under the conditions described below. The following policy and procedures describe Presidential Waivers at Atlanta Metropolitan State College.

Categories of Waiver

The Presidential Out-of-State Tuition Waiver is classified into the following three categories:

1. Academic Waivers

Students who have demonstrated the potential to excel within a particular program of study offered by Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) as evidenced by scoring within the top half of students matriculating or the top half of students matriculating within the particular program of study to which the student has applied. AMSC shall determine the top half using the academic criteria (e.g. Freshmen Index, standardized test scores, GPA, artistic ability) applicable either for general admission to the institution or for the particular program of study to which the student has applied.

2. Athletic Waivers

Students selected to participate in the institutions intercollegiate athletics program and who have demonstrated the potential to succeed within a particular program of study offered by the institution. The percentage of waivers offered within the Athletic Waivers category shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total number of Presidential Waivers which the institution is eligible to offer.

3. International Waivers

Non-citizen students who are not otherwise ineligible for a tuition differential waiver under this policy and who have demonstrated the potential to succeed within a particular program of study offered by the institution.

Authority

The College President, or his/her designee(s), shall award Presidential Waivers.

Waiver Allocation

The proportionate percentage of out-of-state tuition waived shall be used when

determining the number of waivers in effect such that a full waiver of out-of-state tuition counts as one waiver, while a 50% waiver of out-of-state tuition counts as a 0.5 waiver. Presidential waivers shall be awarded in 0.5 FTE equivalents, with only 50% and 100% waivers shall be allowed.

Award Period

Waiver may be awarded either for the entire academic year or on a semester-by-semester basis.

Number of Waivers Awarded

Presidential waivers for AMSC are not to exceed two percent (2%) of the equivalent full-time students enrolled in the fall term immediately preceding the term for which the out-of-state tuition is to be waived. The applicable fall term FTE will be determined from the USG Fall Semester Enrollment Report.

Waiver Eligibility

Academic Waiver Eligibility

Students admitted with less than 30 semester hours of transfer credits (freshman) will be eligible for a waiver providing that they meet or exceed one of the following requirements:

- SAT Verbal Score of 430 and SAT Math Score of 400
- Or ACT English Score of 19 and ACT Math Score of 17
- Or High School GPA of 3.0

Students with over 30 semester hours of transfer work are considered transfer students and must have a 2.5 GPA or higher in order to receive an Academic Waiver. Students who do not meet these academic requirements may still be considered for an academic waiver but will not be given the priority of the students who meet the conditions indicated above.

International and Athletic Waiver Eligibility

Waiver applications for athletes and international students will be evaluated by The Director of Recruitment and Admissions on a case by case basis to determine eligibility. Resources, such as recommendations, reference interviews, international evaluation resources, in addition to other information provided by the student, will be used to evaluate waiver eligibility.

Monitoring Waivers

Students who receive academic and international waivers shall maintain a minimum 2.5 overall GPA for each semester that the waiver is awarded. Students receiving a Presidential waiver for athletics must maintain SAP academic requirements as defined in the AMSC Catalog. Students who fail to maintain waiver requirements will be notified by letter that their waiver is in jeopardy, and that they will be placed on warning for one semester.

Eligibility for continuation of the Presidential waiver shall be determined on a semester-by-semester basis, and students will be notified by letter prior to their enrollment in the subsequent semester. If a student fails to bring his/her academic standing up to the waiver requirements within one semester, the waiver will be revoked and he/she will not be considered for a waiver for the following academic year. Students who are eligible for Academic Common Market Waivers shall not receive Presidential Waivers. The College reserves the right to revoke waivers if a student violates the Student Code of Conduct as defined in the AMSC Student Handbook, and other College documents.

Waiver Application Process

Students may obtain the AMSC Presidential Out-of-State Tuition waiver application from the website <https://www.atlm.edu/academics/registrars-forms.aspx>. The Director of Recruitment and Admissions will review/evaluate the waiver applications and make recommendations to the College President who will make determinations of awards. The Director of Recruitment and Admissions will inform students by letter of their waiver application decision. The College's Registrar's Office will monitor waiver eligibility on a semester-by-semester basis. The Department of Institutional Effectiveness will provide waiver data and analysis to the President and the USG upon request.