



NSHE Native American Fee Waiver

Request for Waiver of Registration, Laboratory and Other Mandatory Fees
(Effective July 1, 2023)

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 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 regardless of member status, and who meets certain residency and other eligibility requirements. An NSHE institution shall waive registration, laboratory and other mandatory fees for eligible students pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 17 of the *Handbook*. The amount of the waiver must be equal to the amount of the registration fee and all other mandatory fees charged to the student.

To determine if you are eligible, complete this form and provide the required documentation to your institution's designated office as listed at the bottom of this form. The institution may request additional information or documentation to verify eligibility. Once the fee waiver has been applied to the account, the student should contact their institutional representative if there are changes in enrollment to ensure timely application of the waiver toward fees.

Eligibility Requirements – Student must meet all of the following:

- Is enrolled in an NSHE institution;
- Completes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) unless exclusively enrolled in dual credit courses;
- If applicable, 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; and
- Shows proof of membership or proof of descendancy of an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or nation and meets one of the following:
 - Classified by an NSHE institution as an in-state resident for tuition purposes (institution will verify);
 - A member or descendant of an enrolled member of a federally recognized Native American tribe or nation all or part of which is located within the boundaries of Nevada (verified with proof of membership or descendancy); or
 - A resident on tribal land all or part of which is located within the boundaries of Nevada, whether the student's actual residence was located within or outside of the boundaries of Nevada and has been a resident for not less than one year (additional documentation required).

Continuing Eligibility:

To remain eligible for the fee waiver, the student must:

- Complete the FAFSA each year for which the fee waiver is desired unless the student is exclusively enrolled in dual credit courses; and
- If applicable, 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, meeting the GPA requirement and submitting a new fee waiver form. The fee waiver will then be reinstated for the immediately subsequent term or semester.

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 there is a break in enrollment, the student must submit a new fee waiver form.

STEP 1:

First, Middle, & Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

NSHE ID (if applicable): _____

Initial Semester of Intended Enrollment: Fall Spring Summer **Year:** _____

Type of courses enrolling in (check any that apply):

- Dual credit courses (currently enrolled in high school)
 Courses for credit (i.e. college courses that award academic credit and count toward a degree or certificate)
 Non-credit courses (e.g. extended studies, community programs, non-credit professional certifications, etc.)
 Unknown

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

STEP 2: Please select Option A or Option B below:

Option A:

I am a member or descendant of an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or nation located partially or wholly within the state of Nevada. Please 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Reno-Sparks Indian Colony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duckwater Shoshone Tribe of the Duckwater Reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoshone-Paiute Tribe of Nevada of Duck Valley Reservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ely Shoshone Tribe of Nevada | <input type="checkbox"/> Summit Lake Paiute Tribe of Nevada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (Four Constituent Bands: Battle Mountain Band; Elko Band; South Fork Band; Wells Band) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California and Nevada | <input type="checkbox"/> Timbisha Shoshone Tribe (previously listed as the Death Valley Timbisha Shoshone and the Death Valley Timbisha Shoshone Band of California) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians of the Las Vegas Indian Colony | <input type="checkbox"/> Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lovelock Paiute Tribe of the Lovelock Indian Colony | <input type="checkbox"/> Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (Carson Colony; Dresslerville Community; Woodfords Community; Stewart Community & Washoe Ranches) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moapa Band of Paiute Indians of the Moapa River Indian Reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony | <input type="checkbox"/> Yerington Paiute Tribe of the Yerington Colony and Campbell Ranch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Yomba Shoshone Tribe of the Yomba Reservation |

Required Documentation:

Please provide 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]).

OR

Option B:

I am a member or descendant of an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or nation that is not located, either wholly or partially, in the state of Nevada.

Please list the tribe or nation that corresponds with your membership enrollment or descendency documentation:

Required Documentation:

Please provide 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]), and documentation of one of the following:

- A *bona fide* resident of Nevada, pursuant to *Handbook* Title 4, Chapter 15 (institution will verify); or
- Currently residing on *qualified* tribal land pursuant to *Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 16*, whether the student's actual residence was located within or outside of the boundaries of Nevada and has been a resident for not less than one year. Residency documentation establishing residency on qualified tribal land for at least one year immediately prior to the receipt of the waiver (e.g. state issued driver's license, identification card, vehicle registration, 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 provide one of the above documents regarding proof of residency, attach the NSHE Native American Fee Waiver Residency Affidavit which can be obtained from an NSHE institution.

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Documented tribal membership or descendency: Yes No
Completed FAFSA: Yes No N/A (for students enrolled exclusively in dual credit courses)
Meets GPA requirement: Yes No N/A (for students without a GPA)
Meets residency requirement: Yes No

Approved: Yes No

Notes: _____

Reviewer: _____ Institution: _____ Date Processed: _____