



# VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TUITION WAIVER POLICY

### 2017-2018



Recognizing the educational benefit derived from a culturally diverse student population, Valley City State University has adopted an International Student Tuition Waiver policy. The International Student Tuition Waiver program will grant a maximum amount of waivers of tuition each year, as determined by the Vice President for Business Affairs and Vice President for Student Affairs, to facilitate diversity and the needs of international students on our campus. Although total number of waivers is limited, all international students are encouraged to apply. The International Student Tuition Waivers do not apply to U.S. Citizens and permanent residents.

#### A. DEFINITIONS

1. International students are those enrolled students from countries other than the United States and are not classified as eligible non-citizens.

#### B. AMOUNT OF WAIVERS

1. The amount of a waiver will not exceed the amount of tuition. Tuition waivers do not include fees, books, board, room, and other costs of attendance.
2. Partial Waivers may be awarded.
3. Waivers are granted for a period of one academic year.
4. Waivers will renew automatically, provided all eligibility requirements are being met.

#### C. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must apply and be accepted for admission.
2. Selection preference will be given to students who can contribute to the diversity of the campus in terms of language, ethnic, or cultural background.
3. Selection preference will be given to returning students who were recipients during the previous academic year.
4. In order to be eligible for renewal, recipients must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
5. Past academic performance may be used in determining eligibility.

#### D. OTHER ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

1. Recipients must be enrolled full-time (12 credits). Online and collaborative credits will count toward full-time enrollment status. Recipients must comply with federal visa requirements regarding their enrollment.
2. Recipients enrolled in online or collaborative programs must be enrolled in at least nine face to face Valley City State University credits as of the last day to add for the regular session each semester to receive an International Student Tuition Waiver. A waiver of tuition for any online VCSU credits will then be applied.
3. Recipients enrolled as collaborative students will not receive a waiver of tuition for any credits taken from another institution.
4. Recipients are limited to a maximum of eight semesters as an undergraduate student.

#### E. APPLICATION PROCESS

1. An application for admission to Valley City State University should be submitted by April 15 for timely consideration.
2. Complete an International Student Tuition Waiver Application, provide a copy of your transcripts, and a copy of your passport.

#### F. SELECTION PROCESS

1. All international students completing application processes by April 15 will receive priority consideration for International Student Tuition Waiver awards. Any applicants completing processes after this date may be considered for an award, based on availability of awards.
2. The final selection of new international students who are to receive an International Student Tuition Waiver will be made by a committee annually each spring semester and/or as requested.
3. Waivers will not apply to summer semester classes.
4. Students who have been denied a waiver may petition for reconsideration within 10 days of notification to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

