Financial Hardship Waiver

(Applicable to Tuition Increases, Academic Excellence Fee and Operational Fee)

The legislature and the University of Louisiana System Board have approved increases in tuition and fees for this academic year, which will assist UNO in retaining outstanding faculty, maintain quality academic programs, providing scholarship to our students, and continuing to improve technology.

As directed by the Legislature, The University of New Orleans has also made provisions for students with demonstrated financial hardship brought about as a result of such fee increases. Graduate and Undergraduate students, who meet the following criteria, may qualify for a hardship waiver on the increase of the academic excellence fee, operational fee, as well as certain tuition and other fees if they meet ALL of the following criteria and guidelines:

1. Must complete the appropriate Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current academic year and submit all documentation required by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships following the established guidelines; and
2. Qualify for the Federal Pell Grant as determined by the US Department of Education, based on the FASFA (undergraduates only); and Priority consideration will be given to students if their Pell Grant does not pay total amount of their tuition and fees in full. Based on the Federal Pell Grant Payment Schedule the student’s Expected Family Contribution (EFC) range must be greater than or equal to 800 and less than or equal to 2000. The student must also have extenuating circumstance such as loss of job, death, abandonment, etc.-criteria determined by the Department of Education- which caused unusually high expenses; and
3. Must be a Louisiana resident (as determined by tuition assessment): and
4. Must be a full time student after the close of business of the 14th class day- the final date to drop course(s) or resign and not have course(s) recorded on the Registrar’s Important Date Calendar;
5. Must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA; Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP); and
6. Meet all academic eligibility for federal financial aid; and
7. Do not receive the benefit of tuition assistance through state, institutional, Federal (other than Pell) or other similar programs, such as TOPS, National Guard, Vocational Rehabilitation, Graduate Assistantships, Graduate School Scholarships, Board of Regents Fellowships, Employee Exemptions and any other such programs.

Other Guidelines

- The waiver cannot be used in connection with other scholarships/exemptions that exempt the same fees.
- The amount of the waiver shall not exceed the percentage of increase.
• The waiver is available for the Fall and Spring semesters only. The waiver is not available for any intersessions or Summer semesters.
• Initial eligibility will be determined after the close of business of the 14th class day of each Fall and Spring semesters.
• In addition to the criteria listed above, to attain a hardship waiver, the cost of attendance is defined as an estimate of the student’s educational expenses for a period of enrollment, pursuant to Title IV; and must be greater than the amount that may be available to the student from all forms of financial assistance.
• Full time status for an undergraduate is 12 hours or more and 9 hours or more for graduate students.

Value:

The hardship waiver includes the increased portion of tuition and fees, in excess of last year’s amounts, for full time students for the academic year. Full time status for an undergraduate is 12 hours or more and 9 hours or more for a graduate student.

This information is provided for notification purposes. Should you meet initial eligibility, you will be sent additional information from the Office of Financial Aid via your UNO email address shortly after the 14th class day of each semester. You may submit via email, mail or fax.