

Ohlone College

International Student Out-of-State Tuition Waivers

Each Academic Year (Fall and the ensuing Spring semesters,) Ohlone College offers a select number of continuing international students the opportunity to earn a waiver of Out-of-State tuition fees. Out-of-State tuition constitutes approximately 90% of total tuition international students pay for their studies at Ohlone College. A one Academic Year waiver of Out-of-State tuition is equal to \$4,680.

Eligibility

Continuing international students ¹ are eligible to apply for and, if awarded, receive an International Student Out-of-State Tuition Waiver from Ohlone College. The following criteria will be used by the International Student Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Sub-Committee to select recipients of the award:

- Demonstrated financial need ²
- Campus involvement / community service
- Progress toward educational and career goals, and academic merit
 - Academic merit must be demonstrated by a minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average or the equivalent in the last 2 years of study at the high school and/or college level
- Student's Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Application Essay

¹ "Continuing international students" refers only to students who have been enrolled at Ohlone College on the F-1 Visa, full-time, for at least one full semester, in a degree program of study.

² United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requires all international applicants to Ohlone College to demonstrate sufficient financial means to support themselves for at least their first year of studies. All admitted international students of Ohlone College have documented these financial resources, via bank documentation and a Financial Affidavit. Out-of-State Tuition Waiver applicants should therefore strive to demonstrate a change in their financial circumstances since the time of their initial application to the College.

Terms

Each Out-of-State Tuition Waiver recipient must enroll on a full-time basis at Ohlone College in order to receive the award. Enrollment in 12 units or more constitutes full-time enrollment. The award is not applicable to enrollments at any other school. During the terms of the award recipients will be expected to pay resident tuition for all of the units in which they enroll. The waiver will be received in the form of a credit applied toward the recipient's Ohlone College account. The waiver will apply to all of the units the student enrolls in, in only the Academic Year for which the award is intended, up to a maximum of 12 total units in each of the 2 semesters. The waiver does not apply to Summer coursework or coursework taken at any other time aside from the Fall and Spring semesters, nor does it apply to any units undertaken atop the standard 12 each semester. The waiver may not be deferred / used for future semesters. The waiver may not be used to pay past tuition or fees due. Recipients must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) in order to remain eligible for the award in the second semester of the relevant Academic Year. Recipients who drop below a 2.5 cumulative GPA after the first semester of their award forfeit the remainder of the award. A full award totals \$4,680, and breaks down as follows: \$195 (Out-of-State tuition) x 12 units x 2 semesters. Out-of-State Tuition fees are subject to change. In the event of a change in Out-of-State Tuition fees, the new fees will apply; the units covered by the award – 12 per semester for the 2 semesters of the relevant Academic Year – will remain constant.

How to Apply

Submit your completed International Student Out-of-State Tuition Waiver application, to the International Programs and Services office, by the deadline stated on the Out-of-State Waiver web site: <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/international/scholarships.html> Applications must include, at minimum, a completed Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Application Essay. Optional supplemental materials may include transcripts, letters of recommendation, financial documentation, and any other items you believe may enhance your candidacy for an Out-of-State Tuition Waiver award. Late applications and applications which do not demonstrate the meeting of minimum eligibility requirements will not be evaluated.

Applications may be submitted via e-mail, to international@ohlone.edu; by mail, to Ohlone College, International Programs and Services, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539; by fax, to (510) 659-6500; or delivered in person to the International Programs and Services office, Room 1-302 on the Ohlone College Fremont campus.

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Application Essay

Full Name _____
(LAST, First)

Ohlone College ID# _____

Date of Birth _____
(Month, Day, Year)

Today's Date _____

In the space below and, if you wish, on an additional piece(s) of paper, please explain why you believe you are especially deserving of an International Student Out-of-State Tuition Waiver from Ohlone College. The International Student Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Sub-Committee is looking for why you, particularly, merit the awarding of an International Student Out-of-State Tuition Waiver. Please refer to the previously listed Eligibility criteria.