

Opportunity Tuition Waiver Requirements and Guidelines

Tuition Waiver Eligibility Requirements

1. **High School Graduates:** Student must have graduated from a high school in Scurry County the previous semester. In addition, residents of Scurry County who were home-schooled or who graduated from Snyder Accelerated Academy are eligible for the scholarship with satisfactory proof of residency.
2. **Grade Point Average:** Student must have graduated with a grade point average of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
3. **500 Word Essay (step by step):**
 - a) Font: 12pt Times New Roman
 - b) Spacing: Double spaced everywhere; No extra spaces, especially between paragraphs
 - c) Heading: Example of the heading on the first page of the essay (upper left corner)
 1. Your legal name
 2. Western Texas College
 3. Opportunity Tuition Waiver
 4. Date (Month, Date, Year)
 - d) Margins: One-inch margin on the top, bottom, left and right.
 - e) Page Numbers: Last name and page number must be put on every page of the essay as a “header”. Otherwise, it would go in place of the text.
 - f) Title: There needs to be a proper essay title format, centered and above the first line of the essay of the same font and size as the essay itself.
 - g) Indentation: Just press tab (1/2 inch, just in case)
 - h) Align: Align to the left-hand side, and make sure it is aligned evenly.
4. **Enrollment:** Student must enroll as a full-time student in at least twelve (12) semester hours at Western Texas College the Fall semester immediately following his/her graduation. A request for exception may be made by students with medical exemptions. An exception is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of Western Texas College.
5. **Application for Admissions (Freshmen):** Student must complete and submit an Application for Admission and a final official transcript to the Admissions Office at Western Texas College. The admissions process must be completed by the 2nd Thursday in July.
6. **Tuition Waiver Application: To apply for the Opportunity Tuition Waiver, students must complete and submit the following documents to the Financial Aid Office at Western Texas College no later the 2nd Thursday in July preceding the semester of enrollment:**
 - a. Opportunity Tuition Waiver Application, Completed, and Signed (this form).
 - b. Complete the FAFSA, which can be done at FAFSA.gov
 - c. Copy of student’s current unofficial high school transcript
 - d. 500 Word Essay
 - e. Waiver contract (this form)
 - f. Attend an orientation on orientation week (after the 2nd Thursday in July)

Incomplete waiver packages will not be accepted

Tuition Waiver Eligibility Guidelines

- 1. Tuition Waiver Limits:** The Opportunity Tuition Waiver covers tuition and certain fees (building and general use fees only) for a maximum of fifteen (15) hours per semester.
- 2. Time Limit:** The Opportunity Tuition Waiver is used for sixty (60) hours immediately following high school graduation from a Scurry County high school. A student who maintains satisfactory academic progress is eligible for sixty (60) hours of funding from the Opportunity Tuition Waiver, or until student completes an associate degree, whichever comes first. The tuition waiver is available for fall, spring, and summer semesters only.
- 3. Maintaining Eligibility:** The student must remain enrolled as a full-time student in at least twelve(12) semester hours during consecutive fall and spring semesters until he/she earns an Associate of Arts degree, an Associate of Applied Science degree, or a certificate from one of the vocational programs. **Student must complete twelve (12) hours each semester with a minimum grade point average of 2.75. If the student does not meet these requirements for any given semester, the tuition waiver will be forfeited and the student will no longer be eligible to receive the tuition waiver.**
- 4. Tuition Waiver Renewal:** The tuition waiver is not automatically renewed; the student MUST reapply for his/her sophomore year. To qualify for the tuition waiver for the sophomore year, the student must have at least a 2.75 GPA, submit the Sophomore Application Renewal form, and submit a new 500-word per essay requirements.



Opportunity Tuition Waiver CONTRACT

Student: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____
P.O. Box or Street City State Zip

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

I, _____, understand that the Opportunity Tuition Waiver will be used for educational related expenses at Western Texas College for the Fall and Spring semesters. I agree to abide and meet all Opportunity Tuition Waiver requirements:

- I agree that the Opportunity Tuition Waiver is for sixty (60) hours immediately following the graduation of a Scurry County High School.
- I agree that the Opportunity Tuition Waiver will pay for a maximum fifteen (15) hours per semester for full-time enrollment. Opportunity Tuition Waiver will only pay for Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. No-interim sessions.
- I agree to enroll, maintain, and complete at least twelve (12) semester hours while maintaining a 2.75 GPA during each semester of the awarded academic year (Fall, Spring, & Summer).
- I agree that the Opportunity Tuition Waiver will pay for tuition and general use fees only. Opportunity Tuition Waiver does not cover any housing, books, lab, or Internet fees.
- I agree that if I do not meet these requirements for any given semester, the scholarship will be forfeited and I will no longer be eligible to receive the Opportunity Tuition Waiver.
- I agree that if I completely withdrawal from all classes, the Opportunity Tuition Waiver will be forfeited and I will no longer be eligible to receive the tuition waiver.
- I agree that I will turn in Requirements and Guidelines, Contract, Freshman Application, and Essay.



In the event the undersigned should fail to abide by the above requirements prior to the completion of the semester (s) for which the tuition waiver was awarded, the undersigned will be subject to forfeiture of the Opportunity Tuition Waiver and no longer eligible to receive the tuition waiver.

For the purposes of this contract, "WITHDRAWAL" shall mean the student's voluntary withdrawal from enrollment, his/her withdrawal by appropriate officers of Western Texas College for administrative reason, or the student's dismissal by college authorities for misconduct or the willful disregard of college rules and regulations.

If you wish, (circle one) ACCEPT or DECLINE this Opportunity Tuition Waiver, please sign below and return the completed form by the **2nd Thursday in July**.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

WTC Financial Aid Office Use

Verified By: _____ POISE ID #: _____



Name: _____
Last First Middle

Social Security # _____

Address: _____
Street or PO Box City State Zip Telephone #

High School attended: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CAREFULLY.

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the guidelines attached to this application. I also certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and my permission is given to verify it as such.

Student Signature Date

Opportunity Tuition Waiver Deadline – the 2nd Thursday in July

Opportunity Tuition Waiver Application Checklist:

- ___ Application Completed and Signed
- ___ Fill out the FAFSA
- ___ ESSAY
- ___ Copy of Unofficial Scurry County High School Transcript
- ___ Contract
- ___ Attend ONLINE orientation

APPLICATION AND ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE ABOVE TO:

WTC FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
6200 COLLEGE AVENUE,
SNYDER, TX 79550

****LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED****

SUBMIT