

Office of Financial Aid

Firefighters Exemption Application



| APPLICANT INFORMATION | | |
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| Name: | | |
| Date of birth: | Phone: | Student ID: |
| Current address: | | |
| City: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Email address: | | |
| Requirements | | |
| <p>Initial recipients: Must be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently employed as a fulltime paid firefighter, or • A volunteer fire fighter currently, and for one year in the state of Texas & hold an Accredited Advanced level of certification or Phase V (Firefighter II) certification <p>Subsequent recipients: One of the above requirements, in addition the applicant must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress at Grayson College</p> | | |
| Costs Covered by Exemption | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tuition | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lab Fees | |
| Document(s) Required for Full-time Fire Fighters | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Letter from Fire Chief stating employment status. | |
| Documents Required for Volunteer Fire Fighters | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Letter from Fire Chief stating date became a volunteer and current volunteer service. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of Certification (Advanced Level or Phase V) | |
| Your application will not be processed until you have provided all necessary documentation. | | |
| Student Signature: | | Date: |

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Sec. 54.353. FIREFIGHTERS ENROLLED IN FIRE SCIENCE COURSES.

(a) The governing board of an institution of higher education shall exempt from the payment of tuition and laboratory fees any student enrolled in one or more courses offered as part of a fire science curriculum who:

(1) is employed as a firefighter by a political subdivision of this state; or

(2) is currently, and has been for at least one year, an active member of an organized volunteer fire department participating in the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System or a retirement system established under the Texas Local Fire Fighters Retirement Act (Article 6243e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) and who holds:

(A) an Accredited Advanced level of certification, or an equivalent successor certification, under the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas volunteer certification program; or

(B) Phase V (Firefighter II) certification, or an equivalent successor certification, under the Texas Commission on Fire Protection's voluntary certification program under Section 419.071, Government Code.

(b) An exemption provided under this section does not apply to deposits that may be required in the nature of security for the return or proper care of property loaned for the use of students.

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a student who for a semester or term at an institution of higher education receives an exemption under this section may continue to receive the exemption for a subsequent semester or term at any institution only if the student makes satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or certificate at that institution as determined by the institution for purposes of financial aid.

(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the exemption provided under this section does not apply to any amount of additional tuition the institution elects to charge a resident undergraduate student under Section 54.014(a) or (f).

(e) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the exemption provided under this section does not apply to any amount of tuition the institution charges a graduate student in excess of the amount of tuition charged to similarly situated graduate students because the student has a number of semester credit hours of doctoral work in excess of the applicable number provided by Section 61.059(l)(1) or (2).

(f) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt:

(1) rules governing the granting or denial of an exemption under this section, including rules relating to the determination of a student's eligibility for an exemption; and

(2) a uniform listing of degree programs covered by the exemption under this section.

Added by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 359 (S.B. 32), Sec. 17(b), eff. January 1, 2012.

Reenacted and amended by Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1316 (S.B. 220), Sec. 3.01(a), eff. June 14, 2013.

New Requirements Fall, 2014

Senate Bill 1210 (83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session) adds a Grade Point Average (2.00) requirement for persons to receive continuation awards through the program. The Bill also establishes a Limit to the Total Number of Hours, cumulative, that a student may take and continue to receive awards through this program. These changes go into effect in fall, 2014.