

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

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President

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Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College utilizes the 4% waiver of educational fees as approved by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education to support the mission of the College. The 4% educational fee waiver allocation will be based on educational fee revenues collected by Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College each academic year. To be considered for the 4% waiver, students are required to complete a FAFSA and apply for the lottery funds if available. Fee waivers may be granted in the form of full or partial scholarships or tuition discounts to enhance student recruitment, retention and academic excellence to specific classifications of students as outlined below:

- A. Student Advisory Board Officers who serve in a leadership capacity as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary may each receive a \$500 tuition waiver for the fall and spring terms each year for as long as the student holds the office up to a maximum of four (4) semesters.
- B. A maximum of fifteen (15) \$1000 partial tuition waivers may be awarded to high school graduates of schools within Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties who plan to enroll at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College during the fall semester immediately following the date of high school graduation. Students will be required to complete a Merit Tuition Waiver application. Selection of award recipients will be based on a competitive process that may examine high school grades, rank in class and participation in high school and community activities. Students who are selected for the waiver may receive up to \$500 waiver for the fall and spring semesters for the first year of enrollment only. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 to retain the fee waiver status. Waivers may only be made to cover the cost of tuition minus any other federal or scholarship aid received by the student

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- C. High school valedictorian and salutatorian graduates are eligible for the 4% tuition waiver if not funded by OCTech Foundation. Students who are selected for the waiver will receive up to full tuition and must maintain a GPA of 3.0. They may receive full tuition for the length of the program not to exceed three semesters for diploma programs and 5 semesters for associate degree programs.
- D. Curricula with low student enrollment may be provided the opportunity to award one annual \$1320 fee waiver to a student who enrolls during the fall semester. Students who are selected for the fee waiver may receive up to a \$660 waiver in the fall and spring semesters for a maximum of four semesters for two year programs and 2 semesters for one year programs. Enrollment data that will be used to determine qualifying curricula will be based on student enrollment for the previous fall semester. Selection criteria for the fee waiver will be based on financial need and recommendations from College faculty and staff. Students who receive the fee waiver must maintain a 2.5 program GPA to retain the scholarship and remain in the original curricula of study throughout the scholarship period.
- E. Students who are participating in the Community Higher Education Council (CHEC) cross-registration agreement may be eligible for the tuition waiver if they are certified as a full-time student at the home institution and are a South Carolina legal resident.
- F. Current high school students who enroll in classes offered by the College through special agreements between OCTech and area high schools may receive a full or partial tuition waiver to attend OCTech. Students who are enrolled in courses at OCTech in partnership with area businesses and industry to promote workforce development may receive a full or partial tuition waiver through a special agreement between the employee and OCTech.
- G. Students who are enrolled in courses at OCTech in partnership with area businesses and industry to promote workforce development may receive a full or partial tuition waiver through a special agreement between the employer and OCTech.
- H. Full or partial tuition waivers may be granted to prospective or current students at special events sponsored by the College throughout the year in order to promote recruitment and/or retention initiatives.
- I. The College President may utilize the fee waiver to accommodate students with exceptional circumstances that prohibit their ability to pay tuition for a particular term or semester. The President will identify these students and forward specific approval to the College Business Office.
- J. Any or all of the above classifications for tuition waivers may be suspended at any time as monitored by the Chief Business Officer and approved by the College President.