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**Tuition Waivers  
Persons Identified in State Law**

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Pursuant to ARS 15-1808, the Mohave County Community College District after verification by the Arizona peace officers memorial board, by the Arizona fallen firefighter memorial committee, by the adjutant general of the national guard or by the Arizona department of veterans' services that a person is (1) the child or the spouse of (2) a peace officer, correctional officer, firefighter, emergency paramedic, national guard member or member of the United States armed forces who was a (3) resident of Arizona or stationed in Arizona and (4) who was killed in the line of duty or who died from injuries suffered in the line of duty while traveling to or from duty, shall provide the person who qualifies and who otherwise meets the qualifications for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship at any community college under the jurisdiction of the district.

The tuition waiver scholarships shall be limited to children who are thirty years of age or younger or a spouse who has not remarried and shall be limited for a spouse or for any one child to **not more than sixty-four credit hours** at Arizona community colleges and a total number of credits including any transfer credits from an Arizona community college equal to the number of credits required for a baccalaureate degree at Arizona universities for that student's initially declared course of study.

A member of the Arizona national guard who received a purple heart citation on or after September 11, 2001 or a former member of the Arizona national guard who was medically discharged from the Arizona national guard due to an injury or disability suffered during status under title 10, United States Code, in weekend training status, in annual training status or in response to a state of emergency declared by the governor is eligible for a tuition waiver scholarship provided for in this section.

The Mohave County Community College District, after verification by the Arizona department of veterans' services that a person is a member or former member of the United States armed forces who received a purple heart citation, who was a resident of the state of Arizona or was stationed in Arizona at the time of the injury that resulted in the purple heart citation and whose disability rating determined by the United States department of veterans affairs is fifty percent or more, shall provide the person who otherwise meets the qualifications for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship at any community college under the jurisdiction of the district. A person who is convicted of a felony is ineligible for a tuition waiver scholarship provided for in this subsection.

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Pursuant to ARS 1809.01, each community college district shall provide a tuition waiver scholarship at any community college in that community college district to any person who meets all of the following conditions:

1. Resides in this state.
2. Either:
  - (a) Is currently in foster care and is at least fourteen years of age.
  - (b) Was in foster care when the person was at least fourteen years of age.
  - (c) Was adopted from foster care and the adoption was finalized after the person attained fourteen years of age.
3. is a United States citizen or is a noncitizen who is lawfully present in this country.
4. has total personal assets, not including scholarships or grants received by the person that are worth less than \$10,000.
5. Is under twenty-three years of age.
6. Is accepted into a community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district. The person must demonstrate continuous progress toward a degree or certificate to remain eligible for a tuition waiver scholarship issued pursuant to this section.
7. Completed and submitted to the United States department of education a free application for federal student aid before each year in which the person receives a tuition waiver scholarship pursuant to this section.
8. After the first academic year in which the person receives a tuition waiver scholarship pursuant to this section, annually completes at least thirty hours of volunteer service during the previous academic year.
9. Remains in good standing with the policies established by the university or community college at which the person is enrolled.

B. A tuition waiver scholarship provided pursuant to this section shall be reduced by the amount of any other federal aid scholarships or public grants and any other public aid received by that person from or through the university or community college at which the person is enrolled, except that a tuition waiver scholarship may not be reduced by the amount of federal grants received by the person from the department of child safety under the Arizona education and training voucher program.

C. If the tuition waiver scholarship is terminated before a tuition waiver scholarship recipient obtains an associate degree, a baccalaureate degree or a certificate and before the recipient reaches twenty-three years of age, that person shall continue to be awarded a tuition waiver scholarship until the person reaches twenty-three years of age or obtains a baccalaureate degree, an associate degree or a certificate, whichever occurs first, if the person continues to meet the scholarship criteria prescribed by this section.

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D. For the purposes of this section, "tuition" means tuition and mandatory fees charged by the university or community college.

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