

Presidential Out-of-State Tuition Waiver 2015/2016

- Step One:** Please read the information on page 2 to determine eligibility.
Step Two: Complete waiver form and include proof of lawful presence, or for non-resident aliens: proof of current immigration status
Step Three: Complete and attach essay (Not required for previously approved applicants.)
Step Four: Submit form and essay before the priority deadline to Armstrong's Office of the Registrar:
☒ 11935 Abercorn Street, Victor Hall, Savannah, GA 31419; ☒ Registrar@armstrong.edu; ☎ 912.344.3410

Citizenship status

All students requesting in-state tuition through an out-of-state waiver must prove to be lawfully present in the U.S. Please check one of the following citizenship categories: U.S. Citizen Resident Alien Non-resident Alien Other, please specify _____

Examples of acceptable documentation for proof of lawful presence in the United States:

- A certified U.S. birth certificate (a photocopy from the student will not be accepted)
- A current U.S. passport
- A U.S. Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship
- A current GA driver's license or state-issued ID issued after January 1, 2008 (a limited term driver's license is not acceptable)
- A current military ID (active duty only, not dependent)
- A current, valid Permanent Resident Card (USCIS form I-151 or I-551)

I am applying for the following term: **Fall 2015 & Spring 2016 (Priority deadline: May 1)**
 Spring 2016 ONLY (Priority deadline December 1)
 Summer 2016 ONLY (Priority deadline May 1)

I am eligible for the waiver because:

- I am an incoming (new to Armstrong) freshman, and I meet all requirements.**
- I am an incoming (new to Armstrong) transfer student, and I meet all requirements.**
- I am a previously approved waiver applicant, and have maintained the GPA requirements.**
- I am a continuing student not previously awarded a Presidential Waiver, and I meet all requirements.**

Full Name _____

Last First Middle

Student ID# _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Current Mailing Address _____

Street City State Zip Code

Email Address _____ Preferred phone number _____

Decisions

The amount of waivers available each semester varies. Applying for either waiver does not guarantee approval. Current Board of Regents policy states that Presidential waivers may be granted each semester to only 2% of full-time enrolled students at Armstrong State University in the fall term one academic year prior. Student may become ineligible for the waivers if he/she fails to reapply annually, drops below the required GPA, transfers to another school, graduates, exceeds their semester limit, or is otherwise determined to be ineligible for the waiver. Decisions are made by a committee that includes staff from the Office of Admissions, the Office of the Registrar, and the Office of International Education. These waivers are highly competitive. Please be prepared to pay out-of-state tuition and fees.

Oath and Affirmation

I understand that any material false statement made knowingly and willingly by me on this application, or any documents attached hereto may, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 16-10-71, which provides that upon conviction, a person who knowingly commits the offense of false swearing shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both, subject me to prosecution in a court of law. Additionally, I further understand that any such false statement may subject me to immediate dismissal from the institution. Further, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information submitted on this application is true and complete.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

General Requirements:

- Incoming students new to Armstrong are encouraged to complete the admission process by the posted waiver deadlines. Students have to be accepted before a decision on the Presidential Waiver application can be made.
- Students must submit an original essay covering the current waiver topic: “Why do you believe you should be awarded an out-of-state tuition waiver?” Please include your name on the essay.
- Incoming freshman may remain on the waiver for up to four academic years. Transfer Students may remain on the waiver for up to three academic years. Graduate Students may remain on the waiver for up to two academic years (Three years for students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program).
- Students eligible for another out-of-state tuition waiver should not apply. If eligible for another waiver, student must apply for and submit documentation for that specific waiver.
- Graduate students lose eligibility if they accept a Graduate Assistantship.
- Post-baccalaureate students are not eligible.
- Students must be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours for undergraduate students; 6 credit hours for graduate students)

Academic Waiver Requirements:

- Freshman: Minimum 3.3 High School GPA and/or minimum score of 1000 SAT / 21 ACT and/or Freshman Index of 2655. To remain on the waiver, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete a new application form annually.
- Transfer: 30 or more transferable semester hours and a minimum 3.0 transferred GPA. To remain on the waiver, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete a new application form annually.
- Graduate: Minimum 3.3 undergraduate degree GPA. To remain on the waiver, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete a new application form annually.

International Waiver Requirements:

- Must be a non-US citizen and be “in legal status” with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to be considered for this waiver. Proof of current status is required. Please attach a copy of the student’s most current: I-20, Visa, or I-797C. If student’s status changes during the academic year, the student must submit documentation with his/her new USCIS status. It may be determined that the student will need to apply for another waiver or petition for residency. If the student does not maintain USCIS status, the waiver will be removed.
- Freshman: Preferred minimum 2.5 High School GPA in the semester/term directly prior to the academic year. This rule only applies to students that have prior US college/university credits. International transcripts will be evaluated for grade determination by Armstrong State University Admissions Office. To remain on the waiver, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and complete a new application form annually.
- Transfer: 30 or more transferable semester hours and a preferred minimum 3.0 transferred GPA in the semester/term directly prior to the requested academic year. This rule only applies to students that have prior US college/university credits. International transcripts will be evaluated for grade determination by Armstrong State University Admissions Office. To remain on the waiver, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and complete a new application form annually.
- Graduate: Preferred minimum 3.0 undergraduate degree GPA. This rule only applies to students that have prior US college/university credits. International transcripts will be evaluated for grade determination by Armstrong State University Admissions Office. To remain on the waiver, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete a new application form annually.

Priority deadlines

Academic year (fall and spring semesters): May 15, 2015
 Summer ONLY: May 1, 2015
 Spring ONLY: December 1, 2015

Previously approved applicants must submit a new application annually by May 15th for the following academic year. Students attending during the summer semester must submit a separate application for summer.

If a student’s application is denied or if a student loses their waiver due to exceeding their semester limit or GPA, they have the option to appeal, in writing, to the committee. If granted, the student must meet the GPA requirement for the waiver at the end of the semester that they are conditionally awarded to continue for the academic year.

Office Use Only		Comments:
Waiver Application Status: Code: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied By _____ Effective Term: _____		
SOATEST:	LWPR Document:	
FRESHMAN High School GPA: _____ SATV: _____ SATM: _____ = _____ ACTV: _____ ACTM: _____ = _____ Freshman Index: _____	Student Notified: <input type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> In Person	
TRANSFER Transferred GPA: _____	Date Waiver Entered into system:	
GRADUATE Undergraduate GPA: _____	Hold, if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No SPACMNT: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	For renewals: Student entered as <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Years on the waiver _____