

# WESTERN NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Western Community College Area Board of Governors' Policy

<b>TITLE:</b>	Board Awards, Performance Grants, and Waivers
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Student Services
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	Student Activities
<b>REFERENCE:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statutes: §85-1511 (7), (11), (18), (21)
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### **Purpose**

The Board recognizes that the Western Nebraska Community College student body should be encouraged to exhibit leadership qualities and develop innovative thinking. The Board also believes that academic performance and student activities are essential to stimulate the behaviors the College wishes its student body to demonstrate. The College is authorized to award two general types of tuition and fee waivers: Mandatory Waivers and Discretionary Waivers. Mandatory waivers are authorized by legislation and mandate an award to eligible students who meet the specific parameters and criteria included in the statute. Discretionary waivers are granted at the option of the College.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to all WNCC tuition remissions that are awarded. A tuition remission is a form of financial aid in which the college waives or foregoes all or part of a student's tuition and/or fee charges. A tuition remission is distinct from an award. A scholarship is a grant-in-aid that is funded whereas a remission waives (or forgives) tuition and or fee charges. As such, remissions cannot exceed tuition charges and are not refundable to students or other individuals or organizations.

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### **Policy**

#### *Board of Governors Award*

The Board shall make available a Board of Governors Award Program, which annually provides one award to each public and private high school in the College service area.

Each award shall consist of a standard full-time tuition remission for any College sponsored program at any WNCC location and/or online, and is valid for fall and spring semesters training provided the recipient is enrolled as a full-time student and maintains a "3.0" GPA. Fees, books, and other related expenses remain the responsibility of the recipient.

Each Award is renewable for the second year, fall and spring semesters, of College training (not to exceed four semesters).

#### ACT/SAT Award

The Board shall make available an ACT/SAT Award provided annually to recipients achieving an ACT composite score of 25 or higher or SAT combined score of 1140 or higher (Math and English).

Each award shall consist of a standard full-time tuition remission up to 18 credit hours per semester, renewable for a total of four consecutive semesters, for any college-sponsored program at any WNCN location and/or online. It is valid for fall and spring semester training provided the recipient is enrolled as a full-time student, is a United States citizen, is a graduating high school senior or a recent GED graduate, and maintains a "3.0" GPA. Fees, books, and other related expenses remain the responsibility of the recipient.

ACT or SAT scores must be submitted to the Admissions Director no later than one week prior to the start of fall semester.

#### Performance Grants

The Board shall make available Performance Grant remissions for various College activities. These grants shall be awarded, upon the recommendation of the activity sponsor, by the Financial Aid Office. The President, or his/her designee, is authorized to establish guidelines for administering the Performance Grant Program with reference to the number of awards, value of awards, etc.

Each Performance Grant is valid for the fall and spring semesters, the recipient is enrolled as a full-time student, maintains "satisfactory academic progress," and meets the performance criteria of the Grant. Fees, books, and other related expenses not specifically covered by the Grant remain the responsibility of the recipient.

Each Performance Grant is renewable for the second year, fall and spring semesters, of College training (not to exceed four semesters), provided the Student Services office receives a letter recommending renewal from the activity sponsor, the recipient is enrolled as a full-time student, maintains "satisfactory academic progress," and meets the performance criteria of the Grant.

An annual report of the utilization of the Board of Governors Award and Performance Grants shall be made to the appropriate Board committee.

#### Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver (Gold Club)

Persons sixty (60) years of age or older are eligible to join the "Gold Club" and receive a tuition waiver for one class (up to five (5) credit hours) per semester of credit course work sponsored by the College. Non-credit course work is eligible for a Senior Citizen discount of ten (10) percent on all classes.

Verification of age may be required by appropriate College officials. Materials fees, book costs, and other incidental charges are excluded from said tuition waiver and discount.

**Revising this Policy**

This Board Policy supersedes any prior WNCC policy, procedure, guideline or handbook on this subject matter.

WNCC reserves the right to revise this policy, as necessary, or as new laws require attention.

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**Sponsoring Division/Department:** Fiscal Services

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