



Series: 300: Child and Family Services
Policy Name: Tuition Exemptions
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Regulation: 1009.25(2) (c), F.S.
Policy: Under the provision of 1009.25 Fee exemptions for tuition are as follows:

1. The following students are exempt from any requirement for the payment of tuition and fees, including lab fees, for adult basic, adult secondary or career-preparatory instruction:
 - a. A student who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent.
 - b. A student who has a high school diploma or its equivalent and who has academic skills at or below the eighth grade level pursuant to state board rule. A student is eligible for this exemption from fees if the student's skills are at or below the eighth grade level as measured by a test administered in the English language and approved by the Department of Education, even if the student has skills above that level when tested in the student's native language.
2. The following students are exempt from the payment of tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that provides postsecondary career programs, community college, or state university:
 - a. A student enrolled in a dual enrollment or early admission program pursuant to s. 1007.27 or s. 1007.271.
 - b. A student enrolled in an approved apprenticeship program, as defined in s. 446.021.
 - c. A student who is or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services who, after spending at least 6 months in the custody of the department after reaching 16 years of age, was placed in a guardianship by the court. Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction. The exemption remains valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.
 - d. A student who is or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age in the custody of a relative under s.39.5085 or who was adopted from the Department of children and Family Services after May 5, 1997. Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction. The exemption remains valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.
 - e. A student enrolled in an employment and training program under the welfare transition program. The regional workforce board shall pay the state university, community college, or school district for costs incurred for welfare transition program participants.
 - f. A student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private shelter designed to provide temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.



- g. A student who is a proprietor, owner, or worker of a company whose business has been at least 50 percent negatively financially impacted by the buy-out of property around Lake Apopka by the State of Florida. Such a student may receive a fee exemption only if the student has not received compensation because of the buy-out, the student is designated a Florida resident for tuition purposes, pursuant to s. [1009.21](#), and the student has applied for and been denied financial aid, pursuant to s. [1009.40](#), which would have provided, at a minimum, payment of all student fees. The student is responsible for providing evidence to the postsecondary education institution verifying that the conditions of this paragraph have been met, including support documentation provided by the Department of Revenue. The student must be currently enrolled in, or begin
3. The Road to Success Program staff will complete and submit the tuition exemption form for students that meet the conditions of paragraph (1), sections (a), (b), and (d) above to either the student's school or to the student directly, in order to verify their eligibility.

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