

# Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver Program

## Fact Sheet

### General Description and Purpose

The purpose of the Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver is to waive tuition and certain fees for qualifying senior citizens enrolled into a Virginia public college or university.

### Application Process

A senior citizen who wishes to take courses under the provisions of the Senior Citizens Higher Education Act shall complete the appropriate process or application as determined by the institution in which the person plans to enroll. The institution shall verify all aspects of the person's eligibility. **Contact your institution's Office of Admission for additional information.**

### Eligibility

1. An eligible senior citizen is a person who, before the beginning of any term, semester or quarter, has:
  - a. At least 60 years of age;
  - b. had legal domicile in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one year,
2. The senior citizen must meet the applicable admission requirements of the institution in which the student plans to enroll,
3. For individuals seeking academic credit, the senior citizen shall have an individual taxable income of no more than \$23,850 in the preceding year. For those seeking non-credit or audit, there is no income restriction.

### Enrollment in Courses

**Courses for Academic Credit:** A qualifying senior citizen may register for and enroll in courses for academic credit as a full-time or part-time student if they had a taxable individual income not exceeding \$23,850 for Virginia income tax purposes for the year preceding the award year. The senior citizen may be admitted to a course only on a space-available basis after all tuition-paying students have been accommodated. State institutions of higher education may make individual exceptions to this procedure when the senior citizen has completed 75% of the requirements for the degree.

**Auditing For-Credit Courses:** A senior citizen, regardless of income level, may register for and audit up to three courses offered for academic credit in any one academic term, quarter, or semester for an unlimited number of academic terms, quarters, or semesters.

**Non-Credit Courses:** A senior citizen, regardless of income level, may register for and enroll in up to three courses not offered for academic credit in any one academic term, quarter, or semester for an unlimited number of academic terms, quarters, or semesters.

### Awards and Renewal

Tuition and fee waivers for qualifying senior citizens are determined by the Office of Admission within the institution of which the student plans to enroll. Fees established for the purpose of paying for course materials, such as laboratory fees are not waived.