NONRESIDENT TUITION

Nonresident tuition will be charged to students who have not established residency in the State of California for a period of one year prior to the day before classes begin.

Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request

A student who qualifies for the Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request will be exempt from paying the out-of-state tuition fee and will pay an in-state enrollment fee. The qualifications for the waiver are stated below.

A student, other than non-immigrant aliens under 8 U.S. Code Section 1101(a)(15), who meets all of the following requirements shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition in the Desert Community College District:

- either high school attendance in California for three or more years OR attainment of credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school coursework and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or combination of those schools;
- graduation from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent thereof;
- registration or enrollment in a course offered for any term commencing on or after January 1, 2002;
- completion of a questionnaire form prescribed by the State Chancellor's Office verifying eligibility for this nonresident tuition exemption; and
- in the case of a student without lawful immigration status, the filing of an affidavit that the student has filed an application to legalize his/her immigration status, or will file an application as soon as he/she is eligible to do so.

Additional Nonresident Tuition Exemptions

- A. Any student who meets all of the following requirements:
 - demonstrates financial need;
 - has a parent or guardian who has been deported or was permitted to depart voluntarily;
 - moved abroad as a result of that deportation or voluntary departure;
 - lived in California immediately before moving abroad;
 - attended a public or private secondary school in the state for three or more years;
 and

- upon enrollment, will be in his/her first academic year as a matriculated student in California public higher education, will be living in California, and will file an affidavit with the District stating that he/she intends to establish residency in California as soon as possible.
- B. The District shall exempt from nonresident tuition any non-immigrant aliens granted "T" or "U" visa status under title 8 U.S. Code Section 1101(a)(15)(T)(i) or (ii), or section 1101(a)(15)U)(i) or (ii), respectively, who meet all the following requirements:
 - high school attendance in California for three or more years;
 - graduation from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent thereof;
 - registration or enrollment in a course offered for any term or commencing on or after January 1, 2002; and
 - completion of a questionnaire form prescribed by the State Chancellor's Office verifying eligibility for this non-resident tuition exemption.
- C. The District shall exempt from nonresident tuition a special part-time student, other than a non-immigrant alien under 8 U.S. Code Section 1101(15)(a), participating in a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership program and enrolled in no more than 15 units per term.

The nonresident enrollment fee (U.S. Citizen and Non-U.S. Citizen) is published in the schedule of classes and online. The calculation of tuition shall be done in compliance with applicable law and regulation to reflect the current expense of education and the preceding fiscal year, and it shall reflect fees in contiguous districts.

Not later than February 1 of each year, the Superintendent/President shall bring to the Board for approval an action to establish nonresident tuition for the following fiscal year. The fee shall be calculated in accordance with guidelines contained in applicable state regulations and/or the California Community College Attendance Accounting Manual.

Administrator: VP Student Success

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures regarding collection, waiver, and refunds of nonresident tuition.

References:

Education Code Sections 68130.5 and 76140 et seq.; Title 5 Section 54045.5

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