



## TUITION WAIVER FOR FOSTER CHILDREN PROGRAM

The University System of New Hampshire and the Community College System of New Hampshire have partnered with the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families to provide tuition waivers to eligible students, enabling them to obtain a certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree through either of these systems of higher education. Each system will provide a maximum of 35 tuition/fee waivers to eligible students each year. **Students are required to apply for this assistance annually.**

### Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must be under 26 years of age as of May 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the academic year for which aid is sought and is or was:

- (a) In state foster care for the immediate 6-month period prior to his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- (b) In state guardianship or custody at the time of his or her 18th birthday;
- (c) In guardianship, after being in state foster care or guardianship, at the time of their 18th birthday. *To qualify for the waiver through this eligibility category, you must attach a certificate of guardianship that shows you were in guardianship at the time of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with your application.*
- (d) In placement out-of-state, through the interstate compact for the placement of children, at the time of their 18th birthday. *To qualify for the waiver through this eligibility category, you must indicate your living arrangement at the time of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in the space below.* For example, I was living with my Aunt in Massachusetts.

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- (e) Adopted while in state guardianship or adopted from the care, custody, and control of the department following a surrender or termination of parental rights; or
  - (f) In an out-of-home placement under the supervision of the division for juvenile justice services at the time of his or her 18th birthday.

Additional information about this program is located at: <https://tinyurl.com/teenpayingforcollege>

The attached Application Form and Signature Page must be completed and submitted to the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families. Preference is given to applications received before May 1<sup>st</sup> each year. It is important for you to complete your 'packaging requirements' for the college you are interested in attending **as soon as possible** as delays may impact our ability to consider your application. Individuals who have been approved for a tuition waiver will be notified typically by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**In order to receive Federal Financial Aid, applicants are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** Please visit <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> for information and to complete this process. Questions specific to this process can also be answered by the Financial Aid Office at the college you plan to attend. **Failure to complete the FAFSA will result in an incomplete tuition waiver application and will prevent eligibility for a tuition waiver.**

Additional assistance may be available through other sources such as the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (<https://www.nhcf.org/>), the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (<http://nhheaf.org/>), and local and regional scholarships.

### Participating Colleges and Websites

The University System of New Hampshire and the Community College System of New Hampshire will each grant up to 35 awards annually through this program. Applicants are encouraged to apply to institutions within both Systems to increase the likelihood of being selected for a tuition waiver. **Please contact the institution(s) of your choice to find out key information regarding application, registration, and enrollment deadlines.**

#### UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Keene State College - <http://www.keene.edu/>  
Plymouth State University - <http://www.plymouth.edu/>  
University of New Hampshire, Durham - <http://www.unh.edu/>  
University of New Hampshire, Manchester - <http://manchester.unh.edu/>  
University of New Hampshire College of Professional Studies Online (CPS Online) - <https://cps.unh.edu/online>

#### COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Great Bay Community College - <http://www.greatbay.edu/>  
Lakes Region Community College - <http://www.lrcc.edu/>  
Manchester Community College - <http://www.mccnh.edu/>  
Nashua Community College - <http://www.nashuacc.edu/>  
NHTI – Concord's Community College - <http://www.nhti.edu/>  
River Valley Community College - <http://www.rivervalley.edu/>  
White Mountains Community College - <http://www.wmcc.edu/>



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**Application Form**

Eligibility requirements include full- or part-time enrollment in a program leading to a certificate, associate or bachelor's degree at any New Hampshire public postsecondary institution.

For priority consideration for an award, this application must be received by the Division for Children, Youth and Families by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Additional prioritization will be given to returning waiver recipients and those enrolled full time. Completion of this application does not guarantee an award under this program.

After completion of the Application Form AND Signature Page, forward them to:

Beth Nee, Youth Engagement Specialist-Adolescent Program  
Division for Children, Youth and Families  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
[Elizabeth.L.Nee@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.L.Nee@dhhs.nh.gov)  
Phone: (603) 724-4487

**Please print or type your responses.**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name, M.I. & Last Name*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Legal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Last 4 Digits of your Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate your current status and expected graduation date:**

Currently attending college       Have applied to college       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate the institution(s) you have applied to or are already attending.** *(Check up to four)*

*(Please note that you are required to meet each institutional financial aid filing deadline.)*

University System of New Hampshire

- Keene State College
- Plymouth State University
- University of New Hampshire, Durham
- University of New Hampshire, Manchester
- University of New Hampshire College of Professional Studies Online (CPS Online)

Community College System of New Hampshire

- Great Bay Community College
- Lakes Region Community College
- Manchester Community College
- Nashua Community College
- NHTI – Concord's Community College
- River Valley Community College
- White Mountains Community College

**Did you receive a tuition waiver through this program last year?**     Yes     No

**Name/Address/Email of living parent/guardian or individual with whom you maintain the most contact:**

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**Signature Page**

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the answers on this application form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I (or the Parent/Legal Guardian of this applicant if under 18 years of age) hereby authorize the University System of New Hampshire and/or the Community College System of New Hampshire to disclose information about financial aid, enrollment status, academic progress and degree status to the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families.

I give permission for the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families to provide the University System of New Hampshire and/or the Community College System of New Hampshire with information about my eligibility status for the Tuition Waiver for Foster Children Program.

If selected to receive a tuition waiver, I will notify the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families of any changes to my status (e.g., withdrawal from school, reduction in course load, transfer, change in living situation, etc.)

**FAFSA REQUIREMENT:** A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed each year. If the FAFSA is not submitted to your college(s) of choice, your tuition waiver application will be incomplete and you will not be eligible for a waiver. Please visit <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> for more information.

Date FAFSA submitted: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

College(s) indicated: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Signature of Applicant (or Legal Guardian if Applicant is Under Age 18)*

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*Date*

*The Division for Children, Youth and Families certifies that the above-named applicant meets the eligibility requirements of the Tuition Waiver for Foster Children Program as stated in RSA 187-A:20-b.*

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*Signature and Title of Certifying Authority*

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*Date*