



Criteria for Tuition Waiver

The College grants the following waivers based upon available funds. Students must complete an application and meet the criteria outlined below.

Adult Student Waiver

The Adult Student Tuition Waiver is awarded to beginning full-time or part-time students who have:

- Been out of high school for at least five years
- Been admitted to the College as a diploma, certificate, or degree-seeking student
- Demonstrates out-standing performance on-the-job or at the last educational institution attended
- Attach a written recommendation from the student's employer, a community leader, or a faculty member who has recently taught the student.
- Attach a detailed letter written by the student explaining the circumstances as to why the waiver is being requested.
- Must have applied for and accepted all Federal and State financial aid for which you qualify

Continuing Student Waiver

The Continuing Student Tuition Waiver is awarded to full-time or part-time students who attended SOWELA for the previous fall or spring semester. To be awarded a Continuing Student Waiver, a student must:

- Be enrolled in a program that will lead to a diploma, certificate or degree
- Have earned a GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale
- Attach a detailed letter written by the student explaining the circumstances as to why the waiver is being requested.
- Must have applied for and accepted all Federal and State financial aid for which you qualify

First-Time Freshmen Waiver

The First-Time Freshman Tuition Waiver is awarded to high school graduates who enroll at SOWELA Technical Community College in a program that will lead to a diploma, certificate or degree. Students must:

- Have earned a GPA of 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a recommendation from two high school faculty members who taught the student while in high school
- Have demonstrated strong leadership (i.e., student government leaders, yearbook/newspaper, editors, etc.) while in high school
- Attach a detailed letter written by the student explaining the circumstances as to why the waiver is being requested.
- Must have applied for and accepted all Federal and State financial aid for which you qualify

Chancellor Waiver

The Chancellor Waiver is awarded to a limited number of students. Consideration for the Chancellor Waiver is given to students with extenuating circumstances that preclude them from receiving other financial assistance. The Chancellor Waiver may be granted on a one-semester basis; but, the waiver may be continued at the chancellor's discretion at the conclusion of one successful semester of course work. Students must:

- Be enrolled in a program that will lead to a diploma, certificate, or degree
- Have earned a SOWELA GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale if continuing
- Attach a detailed letter written by the student explaining the circumstances as to why the waiver is being requested.
- Must have applied for and accepted all Federal and State Financial aid for which you qualify

If applying for Adult Student Waiver

High School Graduation Month/Year: _____

College(s) Attended: _____

Date(s) Enrolled: _____

I hereby certify that the information submitted in this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I authorize SOWELA Technical Community College to access my electronic academic record. I understand that completing this form does not guarantee that I will receive a waiver. In addition, any debts owed to SOWELA Technical Community College must be paid prior to the disbursement of tuition waiver funds.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Waiver: <input type="checkbox"/> First Time student <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Student <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Student <input type="checkbox"/> Chancellor Waiver	
Diploma, Certificate or Degree-Seeking Program: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
High School GPA: _____ (Required for First-Time Freshmen Waiver)	Overall SOWELA GPA: _____ (Required for Continuing Student and Chancellor Waiver)
High School Graduation Date: _____ (Required for Adult Student and First-Time Freshmen Waiver)	
Letter(s) of Recommendation Received: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Two Required for First-Time Freshmen Waiver)	
Demonstrated Leadership: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Required for First-Time Freshmen Waiver)	
Submitted FAFSA for current year: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Waiver Approved: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Exemption Amount: _____
Semester Awarded: <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Student Notified of Decision: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
FAO Staff Member: _____	

SOWELA Technical Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Title: Compliance Officer

Address: 3820 Sen J Bennett Johnston Ave

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Email: complianceofficer@sowela.edu

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