



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 you qualify



Tuition Waiver Application

Completed application packets must be returned to the Financial Aid Office by the dates listed below or as indicated:

Fall - July 15

Spring - December 15

Summer - May 1

Please check the box below to indicate which waiver you wish to apply for (check only one):

Adult Student Continuing Student* First Time Freshmen Concurrent Enrollment

* If applying for the Continuing Student Waiver, you need only complete the top portion of the application and sign/date the application

Full Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Address: _____
 Street City State Zip

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Program of Study at SOWELA: _____

If applying for First-Time Freshman Waiver:

High School: _____

High School Graduation Month/Year: _____ High School Grade Point Average: _____

List any awards, honors, prizes, scholarships, etc. you received:

List any extracurricular activities, club memberships, and leadership positions including high school, college, volunteer, and community:

If applying for Adult Student Waiver

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"/> Concurrent Enrollment	
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 Students)
High School Graduation Date: _____ (Required for Adult Student and First-Time Freshmen Waivers)	
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)	
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 Senator J. Bennett Johnston Ave, Lake Charles, LA 70616, Telephone: 337-421-6565 or 800-256-0483, Email: complianceofficer@sowela.edu.