



EMPLOYEE AND/OR DEPENDENT TUITION WAIVER FORM

Employee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employee's ID# & Position /Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dependent's Student ID# or SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Employee: (check one)

- Self Spouse Unmarried Natural or Adopted Child Unmarried Step-Child Unmarried Legal Ward

Does the Dependent live with you? Does the Dependent live with a former Spouse?

Dependent for federal income tax purposes? Dependent Date of Birth:

(Dependents must not have attained the age of 26 and they must reside in the household of the employee or the employee's former spouse. Exception: stepchild must reside in the household of the employee).

Institution to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Term/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Status: Undergraduate Graduate

Table with 5 rows and 4 columns: Course #, Course Name, Credit Hours, Online, Audit.

I certify that I am familiar with the provisions of the State Board of Education Policy 612.02 and that the person(s) requesting the tuition waiver benefits qualifies as an eligible employee or dependent in accordance with Policy 612.02 guidelines (see reverse of form for policy and/or processing steps).

Employee Signature and Date box containing certification items like 'All fees... responsibility of the student' and 'Maximum of one audit per term'.

Supervisor Signature (if required)

Date

Certification box for Supervisor: Full Time (100%), 30-39 Hours (75%), 20-29 Hours (50%), <20 Hours (25%), Employment/Retirement Date, and Department/Division.

Certification box for Student: Student's GPA at least 2.0? Yes/No, Certifier Name, Date, and Department/Division.

Certification box for President: I hereby certify that... is an eligible employee at... and is eligible to receive all benefits... President/Vice President/Director, Date, and Department/Division.

INSTITUTION TO ATTEND:

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has been approved to receive a tuition waiver for \_\_\_\_\_ hours at \_\_\_\_\_ (College or Entity)

President Date

**GUIDELINES FOR POLICY  
TUITION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY AND ALABAMA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM EMPLOYEES**

**I. GENERAL**

This tuition waiver program is designed for all full-time and Salary Schedule H-30-35 employees of The Alabama College System and the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education and their dependents as defined under Section II. Courses taught by Athens State University are not subject to this policy. The program will be coordinated by each institution for employees within The Alabama College System and the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education. An application form for the tuition assistance program is available at each institution and should be completed prior to registration for classes. A copy of the completed form must be maintained by the employing institution and the institution offering courses (if different).

**II. DEFINITIONS**

**Employee:** Any full-time or Salary Schedule H-30-35 employee of any System institution and the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education. This program will not include temporary or part-time employees or persons serving as independent contractors to any of the System institutions or to the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education.

**Dependent:** The spouse of any full-time employee, the unmarried, natural or adopted children of any full-time employee, residing in the household of the employee or the employee's former spouse; the unmarried stepchildren of any full-time employee, residing in the household of the employee; a legal ward (a minor child placed by the court under the care of a guardian), who has not attained the age of 26.

**III. ELIGIBILITY**

**A. Requirements**

**Employees:** Employees must have been employed by a System Institution or the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education for at least 12 months prior to the first scheduled day of class for the term for which the employee is applying. Employee eligibility will remain in effect for the duration of their employment in The Alabama College System or the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education.

**B. Termination of Eligibility**

**Employees:** Eligibility terminates if the employee discontinues full-time or permanent part-time employment at the respective institution for any reason except on an approved leave of absence.

**Dependents:** Dependents will be ineligible when said employee becomes ineligible, except that dependents of any employee who has 25 years of more of continuous service in The Alabama College System or the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education upon retirement from The Alabama College System or the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education are eligible to participate in the program for a five-year period commencing with the date of the employee's retirement.

**IV. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE, LIMITATIONS, CONDITIONS, AND AUDITING**

**A. Tuition Cost for Undergraduate Program**

All eligible employees and their dependents will be allowed a waiver of one-third of the normally-charged tuition after the first year (full academic year or 12-month period) of employment; a waiver of two-thirds tuition after the second year of employment; and a waiver of full tuition after the third year of employment (partial tuition adjustments are to be rounded down to the nearest dollar). Salary Schedule H-30-35 employees will be allowed a waiver calculated at a prorated rate of full-time employment. Expenses for supplies, books, and fees other than tuition will not be waived. Each institution will be allowed to count the credit hours generated by these enrollees.

**B. Limitation**

There is no limitation as to the number of credit hours taken, other than the regular academic limitations that apply at the respective institutions. **NOTE:** In regards to classes taken at Athens State University a maximum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester is allowed for ACCS employees. The maximum waiver allowed will be calculated at the rate of \$167 per credit hour (the amount of traditional tuition rate per class at Athens State University on October 1, 2013).

All students will be required to abide by the academic policies that are in effect at the institution they are attending.

**Dependents:** Dependents will be eligible when said employee is eligible, and to the same degree to which the employee is eligible, except as herein modified.

**C. Conditions**

To be eligible for tuition waiver, the student-employee or dependent must maintain at least a "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in the courses for which he/she receives tuition assistance. Failure of the student-employee or dependent to meet this grade requirement will result in the employee or dependent's having to pay tuition for courses taken until his/her average grade is "C" or better. The student-employee or dependent can then again be eligible when his/her cumulative grade point average is brought back up to the "C" requirement.

**D. Auditing**

The student-employee or dependent will be allowed to audit one course (up to five credit hours) per term at no cost.

The student-employee or dependent must meet all attendance requirements, class participation, and assignments as required of credit-enrolled students except the final examination is not required. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the student-employee or dependent becoming ineligible for further participation as an audit student in credit hour-producing courses reported for funding purposes.

**E. Repeating Class**

Tuition costs for courses repeated will be the responsibility of the student-employee or dependent and consideration under the tuition assistance program will be disallowed. Tuition assistance will be disallowed for repeating a class for which the grade of "W" was originally received.

**F. Records Transmittal**

The student-employee or dependent must re-certify eligibility, as specified in Condition IV.C. above, prior to registering for a new term by providing verification of course completion to:

1. The Academic or Technical Dean at the institution of attendance; and/or
2. The Academic or Technical Dean at the institution of employment who will forward it to the President for the student-employee's or dependent's permanent file.

Those not registering for the next term must, within twenty (20) days after course completion, present official documentation of course completion to:

1. The Academic or Technical Dean at the institution of attendance; and/or
2. The Academic or Technical Dean at the institution of employment who will forward it to the President for the reportee's permanent file.

**G. Work Week**

Participation in this program is **in addition** to the employee's full-time work week, and should not be considered when computing the employee's time for financial compensation. However, in certain cases the employee's work schedule may be adjusted to permit course attendance. Adjustments to an employee's weekly work schedule must be recommended by the employee's supervisor and/or Dean, and approved by the President.

**V. TUITION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COURSES**

Eligible ACCS employees and dependents are allowed a waiver towards tuition for the graduate program as follows:

**Employee:** ½ tuition remission of graduate tuition for up to two courses per semester at Athens State University after completion of 3 years of continuous permanent full-time employment with any ACCS institution, including ATN, or the ACCS System Office. Employee will become eligible the semester following the date in which they meet the three year requirement. Permanent part-time employees, with 3 years of continuous employment, will be allowed a waiver calculated at a prorated rate of full-time employment.

**Dependent:** ½ tuition remission of graduate tuition for one graduate course at Athens State University per semester. The ACCS employee must meet the criteria of ACCS employee eligibility for graduate courses for their dependent, as defined above, to be eligible.