

Lake Region State College
Diversity Waiver Procedure

The diversity waiver is intended to promote the enrollment of a diverse student body. Diversity, for this procedure, is inclusive of all aspects of human differences, including but not limited to background, socioeconomic status, veteran status, work history, experience living, working and/or volunteering abroad, living with a disability, and/or being bi-lingual/multi-lingual. Enrolled members of a North Dakota Indian tribe, a federally recognized American Indian tribe, Alaskan natives and AmeriCorps volunteers eligible for the Segal Education Award are encouraged to apply.

Applicant Requirements

- Must be degree-seeking from Lake Region State College
- Must submit the Diversity Waiver Application & essay describing how diversity impacts his/her life.

When waivers are available, an applicant who is degree seeking and who has completed the application and essay may only be denied the waiver by a majority vote of the three-member Diversity Waiver Committee.

Renewal Requirements

- Recipients are limited to two years (four semesters) of eligibility, unless otherwise noted. Students choosing to use the waiver for a summer session must request this in writing with the Financial Aid Director by June 1st.
- Students must earn at least a 2.0 term GPA to be eligible to have the waiver renewed.
- Recipients are encouraged to assist LRSC in its mission to promote understanding of diverse cultures.

Amount of Waivers

- Priority deadline for fall semester is July 15th. Applications will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Applications will be accepted after these dates; however, awards are subject to availability.
- Unless otherwise approved by the President, the number of waivers awarded will not exceed 3% of FTE and will not exceed 50% of the amount of tuition. Tuition waivers do not include fees, books, housing & food.
- Waivers for full-time students cover half the cost of tuition, waivers for part-time students are pro-rated.
- This waiver cannot be used in combination with the International student waiver.
- Students who have financial aid or third-party aid (tribal funding, Job Service, employer, or other scholarships) above the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board, may have their waiver reduced, or cancelled.
- Eligible AmeriCorps students who have completed a 1,200-hour term of service shall be eligible for a 50% tuition waiver. Those volunteers completing a 600 or 900-hour term of service shall be eligible for a 25% tuition waiver. Those completing a 300-hour term of service are eligible for a 25% tuition waiver which is only renewable for one additional term. A maximum of six tuition waivers will be issued to eligible AmeriCorps students during any one term unless additional waivers are approved by the President.

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