

Please do not submit this form until you have been admitted to FIU in one of the designated programs.

*Deadline to submit the application is by the first day of classes of the semester.

Eligibility Criteria

Beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year, Florida law provides for the waiver of tuition and fees for **one online course** in the first term and discounted tuition in subsequent terms for students who meet certain criteria and are enrolled in an online baccalaureate degree program. Students must meet the criteria below:

- Classified as a resident for tuition purposes; and
- ✤ Have not previously earned a bachelor's degree; and
- Be in good academic standing (not warning, probation, or dismissal); and
- Enrolled in an eligible online baccalaureate degree program as defined in the <u>Board of Governors Online Program Inventory</u>; and
- Meet **one** of the following eligibility requirements:
 - Is a veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14), F.S.;
 - Is an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces;
 - Is an active drilling member of the Florida National Guard, whose eligibility **MUST** be validated by the servicemember's unit Commander and/or the Commander's designated representative serving as the Unit Point of Contact (additional verification form must be submitted every term);
 - Is a nontraditional student, defined for the purposes of this program as a student who has earned a Florida standard high school diploma, a high school diploma comparable to a Florida standard high school diploma, or its equivalent, or completed a home education program, and has been out of high school or home education program for at least 5 years. A nontraditional student must not have been enrolled in a postsecondary institution in the last 5 years.

Note: This program has a maximum limit of 92 eligible students and is granted on a first come, first served basis. Decisions for this waiver are made pursuant to Florida State Statute 1009.26 (19). All courses that are waived or discounted must be a part of the online baccalaureate degree program. This waiver cannot be applied if other waivers, third party contracts, and/or scholarships that are expressly restricted ARE or WILL be applied/credited toward a student's tuition and fees.

To remain eligible for the Online Free Seats Program, students must be:

- Enrolled in at least one eligible credit hour during the academic year; and
- Remain in an eligible online baccalaureate degree program; and
- Maintain good academic standing (not warning, probation, or dismissal).

Students who withdraw from the University or have been discontinued for three consecutive terms for non-enrollment will need to reapply to the Online Free Seats program; waiver is not guaranteed and may no longer apply.

Student Information	TERM:	□Fall 20	□Spring 20	□Summer 20
Full Legal Name Last		First	Middle	
Student ID Number	Current Phone		Current E-mail	
By signing this form, I			_, certify that I meet the elig	gibility criteria set forth above.
Student's Signature			Date	
Submit this com		required atta equired dead	chments to: <u>onlfswaiver@f</u> line	iu.edu



Additional program information and criteria:

- a. For purposes of this program, online baccalaureate programs are those programs/majors included in the <u>Board of</u> <u>Governors Online Program Inventory</u>.
- b. All courses that are waived or discounted must be a part of the online baccalaureate degree program in which the student is enrolled.
- c. Active drilling members of the Florida National Guard must have active drilling status verified on a form developed by the Board of Governors and provided by the university to obtain a signature from the member's Unit Commander and/or designated representative serving as the Unit Point of Contact. **Such verification must be conducted each term** in which the student is participating in the Online Free Seats Program. (See attached form)
- d. A student who qualifies for the tuition discount is eligible to receive the discount for up to 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree program for which the student is enrolled.
- e. Accelerated credits and transfer credits count towards the 110 percent limitation specified in the statute.
- f. Fees will not be discounted.