



NAA GRC
The Grandparent Waiver
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Background Information

- In 2021, the Florida Legislature created *The Grandparent Waiver* by amending Section 1009.26, Florida Statutes.
- Beginning with the 2022-23 academic year, eligible top-performing out-of-state undergraduate students with a grandparent residing in Florida can qualify for a tuition and fee waiver.
- Policies are maintained by the Florida Board of Governors (BOG).
- The waiver is not permissible for students who qualify for Florida residency.
- Waivers are limited in number and granted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- BOG regulations do not allow retroactive applications for previously enrolled students. They must be enrolled as an FTIC student for Fall 2022.
- Eligible students will be treated as residents and should only be charged fees charged to resident students.

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Student Eligibility

- ❑ Be admitted as an undergraduate, degree-seeking student by a public, four-year university in Florida;
- ❑ Enroll as a full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student in the summer or fall term immediately following high school graduation;
- ❑ Have a Grandparent who is a legal resident of Florida;
- ❑ Earn a high school diploma, or its equivalent, or completes a home education program; and
- ❑ Achieve an SAT combined score no lower than the 89th national percentile on the SAT, an ACT score concordant to the required SAT score above, or a Classic Learning Test (CLT) score concordant to the required SAT score specified above.

Maintaining Eligibility

- ❑ There is no need to reapply as long as the student enrolls full-time every consecutive fall and spring term at the same university until the requirements for the bachelor's degree have been completed.
- ❑ If a student enrolls part-time, the student will not receive the waiver for that term and may not receive the waiver for subsequent terms.
- ❑ If a student transfers to another SUS institution, they must apply for the waiver at the new institution.
 - ❑ There is no guarantee that a student who received the waiver at one university will receive the waiver at another university.
- ❑ Summer enrollment is not required.

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Admissions Criteria

- ❑ Students must apply through an SUS institution when they apply for admission.
- ❑ It is the student's responsibility to submit all necessary documentation to the university in accordance with university requirements and deadlines, including but not limited to:
 - ❑ A form regarding the familial relationship signed by a parent or grandparent.
 - ❑ Documentation to demonstrate Florida residency for the grandparent.

Waiver Policy

- ❑ FAMU can award up to 15 waivers to students, beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year.
- ❑ The deadline for incoming first-year-students to apply for *The Grandparent Waiver* is June 1st.
- ❑ After June 1st, applications will only be considered if the cap of 15 has not been exceeded (BOG Reg. 1009.26).



FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1887 as the State Normal College for Colored Students, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) is the only historically state supported educational facility for African Americans in Florida. It has always been co-educational. In 1890, the second Morrill Act was passed. This enabled the school to become the Black Land Grant College for the State of Florida. In 1891, the college was moved from its original location west of town to its present location which was once the site of "Highwood," Territorial Governor W.P. Duval's slave plantation. The site is one of the highest hills in Tallahassee. The school was known as Florida A&M College from 1909 until 1953 when it attained university status.

GRANDPARENT WAIVER APPLICATION

The state university Grandparent Waiver was created by the Florida Legislature to allow an out-of-state student with a grandparent who is a legal Florida resident to attend a state university and have out-of-state fees waived beginning in the Fall of 2022. It is the **student's responsibility** to apply for this waiver and submit all necessary documentation in accordance with university deadlines. Waivers are limited in number by law and will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to receive the Grandparent Waiver.

1. Have a grandparent who is a legal resident as defined in s. 1009.21(2)a., Florida Statutes.
 - a. The term "grandparent" means a person who has a legal relationship to a student's parent as the natural or adopted parent or legal guardian of the student's parent.
 - b. The same residency documentation that students provide to demonstrate Florida residency will be required for the grandparent.
 - i. The documents a grandparent must provide under Florida law to prove residency are detailed below. The documents must demonstrate that the grandparent has established legal residence in this state and must have maintained legal residence in this state for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the grandchild's initial enrollment in an institution of higher education.

The documents **must** include at **least one**:

- A Florida voter's registration card.
- A Florida driver's license.
- A State of Florida identification card.
- A Florida vehicle registration.
- Proof of a permanent home in Florida, which is occupied as a primary residence by the individual's grandparent.
- Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida.
- Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period.

The documents **may** include **one or more**:

- A declaration of domicile in Florida.
- A Florida professional or occupational license.
- A document showing Florida incorporation.
- A document evidencing family ties in Florida.
- Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or professional organization.
- Any other documentation that supports the grandparent's request for resident status, including, but not limited to, utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; or an official state, federal, or court document evidencing legal ties to Florida.

2. Earn a high school diploma comparable to a Florida standard high school diploma, or its equivalent, or completes a home education program.
3. Achieve one of the following.
 - a. An SAT combined score no lower than the 89th national percentile on the SAT.
 - b. An ACT score concordant to the required SAT score above, using the latest published national concordance table developed jointly by the College Board and ACT, Inc.
4. Enroll as a full-time undergraduate student in the summer or fall term immediately following high school graduation and continuously enroll full-time every fall and spring term until the requirements for a bachelor's degree have been completed.
 - a. The student must maintain continuous, full-time enrollment in each term to maintain waiver eligibility. Summer enrollment is not required to maintain eligibility for the waiver.
5. Student understands that other scholarships awarded by the Office of Admissions are not stackable (can't be combined with other Admissions merit based scholarships) on grandparent waiver.

If you believe you meet or will meet these requirements and as part of the process to verify your eligibility for the Grandparent Waiver, please provide the information requested on the next page. All information provided is subject to verification.

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CERTIFICATION

Please provide the information and signature requested below and provide this page of the document to the institution to be considered for the Grandparent Waiver. Additional documentation will be required to verify residency and other eligibility criteria.

Section 1 – Student’s Information

Student First Name:	
Student Last Name:	
Student UID:	
Student Phone:	
Student Email:	
Student Address:	
Student City:	
Student State:	
Student Zip:	

Section 2 – Grandparent’s Information (use Florida address)

Grandparent First Name:	
Grandparent Last Name:	
Grandparent Phone:	
Grandparent Email:	
Grandparent Address:	
Grandparent City:	
Grandparent State:	
Grandparent Zip:	

I certify that I have a familial relationship with _____, named in Section 2 above, and that person is a legal Florida resident as defined in s. 1009.21(2)a., Florida Statutes, and is my grandparent as defined in s. 1009.26(20), Florida Statutes. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read this Grandparent Waiver Application and that the facts stated in it are true.

Applicant’s Printed Name:	
Applicant’s Signature:	
Date:	

Note: The applicant above should be the student’s parent unless student is an independent.

You do not need to print and sign by hand. However, your signature (whether wet or electronic) still certifies that the information submitted is accurate. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing from the time we receive the form in our office.

Authority and regulation: Section 1009.26(20), Florida Statutes, and Board of Governors Regulation 7.008 Waivers and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees.