Hardship Fee Exemption - GRAD Act and Other Tuition and Fees

The University is concerned about students with financial hardships being able to pay for tuition and fees. For this reason, the University has established the following procedure:

Louisiana residents enrolled full-time who are meeting the minimum Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards may be eligible to receive an exemption of the academic excellence fee, operational fee, as well as certain tuition and fee increases. Undergraduate students must qualify for Pell Grant as determined by the Department of Education.

Additional Eligibility Criteria (Remaining Need):

- For students who live on campus, the cost of mandatory tuition and fees up to 15 hours, a $600 book allowance and actual University charges for housing/meals will serve as the base calculation figure. For commuter students, the actual cost of tuition and fees and a $600 book allowance will serve as the base calculation figure. From this figure, the following will be subtracted to determine unmet financial need:
  1. Pell Grants, SEOG Grants and any other federally funded grants;
  2. State grants, including Go-Grants and TOPS Awards;
  3. Any University based aid, including scholarships;
  4. Any Private funded scholarships; and
  5. Loan qualification amount based on student’s classification.

- The remaining number, if any, is the student’s unmet need. Students who have an unmet need will be eligible for the Hardship Fee Exemption. Fee Exemptions must be applied for every year. Undergraduate students must enroll full time and successfully complete at least 12 hours with a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average to renew the exemption for the second semester. Graduate students must enroll full time and successfully complete at least 9 hours with a 3.0 cumulative Grade Point Average to renew the exemption for the second semester.

Instructions: Please complete and return to the Office of Financial Aid, P.O. Box 2005, Thibodaux, LA 70310. This application must be submitted before the first day of classes for the semester in which you are applying.

Section 1: To be completed by the student

1. Name: ________________________________ 2. Banner ID: ________________________________
3. Telephone Number: ____________________ 4. Semester: ________________________________

Student’s Signature ________________________________ Date ________________

* To reapply you must remain a full-time student, complete 12 hours, and maintain a 2.0 semester GPA.

Section 2: For office use only

| Awarded a Pell Grant | No | Yes | EFC $______ |
| Louisiana Resident   | No | Yes |
| Completed Financial Aid Process | No | Yes |
| Satisfactory Academic Progress | No | Yes |
| Dependency Status    | D  | I   |
| Full-time Enrollment Status | No | Yes | Hours _____ |

Actual Tuition & Fees (Housing + Meals) $______ Books + $600/ Total $______
Grants Federal $______ State $______ Total $______
Scholarships University $______ Private $______ Total $______
Loan Qualification $______
Remaining Need $______

Eligibility Status:  No Not eligible  Yes Eligible  If eligible, posted to fee bill on ______________.
Processed by: ________________________________ Date: ________________

Individuals needing accommodations (ADA) are encouraged to call 985-448-4783 or visit www.nicholls.edu/ada for assistance.