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Name of Key Area	College Affordability & Financial Aid
Title	Reducing the Cost: Exemptions and Waivers in Texas
Goal	The goal is to provide individuals with list of resources of tuition exemptions, waivers, and discounts as well as websites to further their research.
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Researching ways to reduce your education costs will require a lot of time but it is time well spent. The following are exemptions and waivers that can help Texas residents further their education.

Exemptions: State based financial aid programs granted to **eligible Texas residents** who attend a *public college or university*. Usually will cover partial or full tuition **and/or** fees. For more information please visit: <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa.cfm?Kind=E>.

- Adopted Students Formerly under the Conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS)
- Blind/Deaf Student Exemption Program
- Children of Disabled or Deceased Firemen, Peace Officers, Game Wardens, and Employees of Correctional Institutions
- Combat Exemption for Children of Military Service Members
- Concurrent Enrollment Waiver
- Educational Aide Exemption
- Exemption for Highest Ranking High School Graduate
- Exemption for Peace Officers Disabled in the Line of Duty
- Exemption for Peace Officers Enrolled in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice Courses
- Exemption for Students Enrolled in Courses for Dual High School and College-Level Credit
- Exemption for the Surviving Spouse and Minor Children of Certain Deceased Public Servants (Employees)
- Exemption from Irrelevant Fees
- Exemption of Out-of-District Fees for Certain Students Living Outside a Public Community/Junior College's Taxing District
- Exemption Program for Children of Professional Nursing Program Faculty and Staff
- Exemption Program for Clinical Preceptors and Their Children
- Fee Proration for Students Enrolled in Shorter than Average Terms
- Firefighters Taking Fire Science Courses
- Good Neighbor Scholarship Program
- Hazlewood Exemption (for Texas Veterans)
- Military: Children of U.S. Military who are Missing in Action or Prisoners of War (MIA/POWs)
- Military: Orphans of Texas Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard
- Military: Texas National Guard Tuition Assistance Program
- Senior Citizen, 55 or Older, Tuition Reduction Program
- Senior Citizen, 65 or Older, Free Tuition for 6 Credit Hours

- Senior Citizen, 65 or Older, Free Tuition for Auditing Classes
- TAPS for Tuition Program
- Tuition Exemption for Current or Former Foster Care Students under the Conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS)
- Tuition Reduction for Students Taking More than 15 Hours

Waivers: Tuition reductions for Texas residents and non-residents that “waives” cost by “waiving” tuition or fees. For more information, feel free to visit:

<http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/apps/financialaid/tofa.cfm?Kind=W>.

- Academic Common Market Waiver
- Border County Waiver
- Bordering States Waiver
- Competitive Scholarship Waiver
- Dual Medical/Philosophy Degree Waiver (Biomedical Research Scholarship Student Waiver)
- Economic Development and Diversification Waiver
- Mexican Citizens with Financial Need-Border County Waiver
- Mexican Citizens with Financial Need-Border Nations Waiver
- Military: After Assignment in Texas
- Military: Assigned to Duty in Texas
- Military: Honorably Discharged, Separated or Retired Veterans who Move to Texas
- Military: Member, Spouse or Child who Remains Continuously Enrolled in Higher Education in Texas
- Military: NATO Forces
- Military: Persons Eligible for Veterans Educational Benefits, Their Spouses and Children who Move to Texas
- Military: Radiological Science Students of Midwestern State University
- Military: Spouse and Dependents Who Previously Lived in Texas
- Military: Survivors
- Out-of-State Military: If Family Intent is to Make Texas Home
- Research Assistants and Teaching Assistants Waiver
- Tuition Waiver for Students from Neighboring States Continuing Upper Level Undergraduate Studies
- Waiver for College Faculty and their Dependents
- Waiver for Nonresidents Enrolled in Texas Public Universities Located within 100 Miles of the Texas Border
- Waiver for Students from Mexico Enrolled in Graduate Degree Programs in Public Health
- Waiver of Nonresident Tuition for Foreign Service Officers Stationed in Mexico Attending Public Institutions of Higher Education in Texas
- Waiver Program for Registered Nurses Enrolled in Postgraduate Nursing Degree Program

Tuition Discount:

- Academic Common Market: Are you interested in an out-of-state school but would like an in-state tuition rate? The ACM provides a database for academic programs that have been

agreed on between states to be offered at in-state tuition. For more information visit: <https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market>.

- Regional Contract Program: Health degrees that have been agreed on between states to be offered at in-state tuition. For more information visit: <https://www.sreb.org/regional-contract-program>.

Adapted from:

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