

# Eastern Maine Community College

## Native American Tuition Waiver Program Agreement

Our goal is to provide support for all EMCC Native American students who wish to obtain an academic credential that will assist them personally and professionally as they plan for the future.

### Student Eligibility/Criteria

**For students who are enrolled at EMCC,** this program covers tuition charges for:

- ✓ Students whose names are included on the current tribal census, or who have at least one parent or grandparent included on the current tribal census, of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet, and Aroostook Band of Micmac, *and*
  - Who provide EMCC with official proof directly from the tribe, Nation or band in a sealed envelope, similar to the process used for official transcripts.
- ✓ Continuing students who sign this Agreement and apply for financial aid. (Assuming documentation from the tribe was previously provided.)
- ✓ Students who provide a statement of support identifying all financial assistance provided by the tribe, Nation, or band. (This must be official documentation provided by the Tribal office responsible for assisting students with their cost of education.)
- ✓ Students who meet with a Student Aid Office staff member responsible for scholarships and waivers:
  - to submit their application and supporting materials,
  - to discuss the relationship between the waivers and other federal or state financial aid, and
  - to sign the required Agreement.
- ✓ Full-time, matriculated students, enrolled in academic, credit-bearing courses at Eastern Maine Community College:
  - Who remain academically eligible to register for classes, *and*
  - Who complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by October 15 for the fall semester and/or academic year, or no later than March 1 for spring semester enrollment, *and*
  - Who maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress in compliance with Title IV Federal financial aid policies in the Student Aid Guide on the college web site.
- ✓ Students enrolled in the regular fall and spring semesters
- ✓ Students who are NOT employed by the Maine Community College System on a half-time or greater basis and who are NOT carried on the MCCA employee payroll.

## **Native American Tuition Waiver**

1. An eligible student's bill will be credited with a Tuition Waiver after initial authorization from the EMCC's Student Aid Office
2. The total funds received by the student from all sources including the waiver may not exceed total cost of attendance.
3. All sources of gift, grant and scholarship assistance from federal, state, institutional and outside agencies will be used to pay the student's bill for institutional charges, prior to determination of the amount of the Tuition Waiver each semester
4. The tuition waiver will be awarded using a program specific budget established by the Student Aid Office. In the event of an over-award, the tuition waiver will be adjusted first.
5. All separate charges will be the responsibility of the student.

### **APPEAL PROCESS**

A student who disagrees with a decision made under this Program Agreement may submit a Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal form to the Student Aid Appeals Committee for review. Their decision on the student's appeal will be final.

I have read and agree to the above terms of this program. I understand that the Student Aid Office has the authority to deny the Tuition or Housing and Meal Waiver based on academic or disciplinary action by the campus.

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**Student (Print Name)**

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**Student (Signature)**

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**SSN**

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**Date**

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**Student Aid Office Staff**

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**Date**