

Native American Tuition Waiver

Instructions: To apply for the EMCC Native American Tuition Waiver, complete and sign the “Student Certification” section below and submit this form to your tribal representative to complete the “Tribal Certification” section. The completed original must be mailed to the EMCC Student Aid Office from the tribal office and received no later than two weeks prior to the start of the semester.

STUDENT – Print neatly

Last Name		First Name		MI
Social Security Number (last 4 digits) xxx-xx-_____			EMCC ID	
Mailing Address		City	State	ZIP
Landline Phone	Cell Phone		E-Mail	

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

Name of tribe or nation with which you are associated	
Check all statement(s) which apply to you:	
<input type="checkbox"/> My name appears on the current tribal census of the tribe indicated above.	
<input type="checkbox"/> My parent’s name is on the current tribal census of the tribe indicated above.	Parent’s Name
<input type="checkbox"/> My grandparent’s name is on the current tribal census of the tribe indicated above.	Grandparent’s Name
Have you ever attended any Maine Community College and received a Native American Tuition Waiver? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

By signing below I certify that I have read and understand the “EMCC Native American Tuition Waiver Policy” (on the reverse of this form) and meet the eligibility criteria. I give permission to the tribe or nation with which I am associated to provide EMCC’s Student Aid Office with information about my association with the tribe or nation or about this waiver application if necessary.

_____ **Signature of Student** _____ **Date**

TRIBAL CERTIFYING OFFICIAL – Print neatly

Dear Tribal Representative:			
The student above is applying for a Native American tuition waiver at Eastern Maine Community College.			
To qualify, the student, the student’s parent or the student’s grandparent must be listed on the current tribal census of a recognized Native American tribe.			
Please:			
➤ Check the specific statements below that apply to the student,			
➤ Sign and return the form to EMCC’s Student Aid Office at the address indicated below, and			
➤ Contact the EMCC Student Aid Office if you have any questions.			
Check the Tribe or Nation with which the student is associated <u>and</u> which you represent:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aroostook Band of Micmac	<input type="checkbox"/> Houlton Band of Maliseet	<input type="checkbox"/> Passamaquoddy Tribe	<input type="checkbox"/> Penobscot Nation
<input type="checkbox"/> Other state or federally recognized North American Indian tribe (specify):			
Check all statement(s) which apply to the student:			
<input type="checkbox"/> The student’s name is on the current tribal census of the tribe indicated above.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The student’s parent’s name is on the current tribal census of the tribe indicated above.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The student’s grandparent’s name is on the current tribal census of the tribe indicated above.			

_____ **Printed Name & Title of Tribal Certifying Official** _____ **Phone number of Tribal Certifying Official**

_____ **Signature of Tribal Certifying Official** _____ **Date**

****See reverse side for Eligibility Criteria and where to return application & supporting documentation.****

Eastern Maine Community College waives all or a portion of tuition charges for matriculated students who are Maine residents and document their membership or ancestry in a Native American Tribe or Nation.

Eligibility Criteria: To qualify for an EMCC Native American tuition waiver, the student must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. **Tribal Membership or Ancestry:** The student must be included on the current tribal census or have at least one parent or grandparent included on the current tribal census of the Aroostook Band of Micmac, the Houlton Band of Maliseet, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation; or a state, a federal, or a provincial North American Indian Tribe, or held a band number of the Maliseet or Micmac Tribes.
2. **Maine Residency:** The student must be a resident of the State of Maine 12 months prior to enrollment at EMCC (qualification for in-state tuition charges).
3. **Enrollment:** The student must be accepted into a degree or certificate program and enrolled in credit courses which are part of their academic program at EMCC. The student must remain in good academic standing as defined by the College and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by Title IV Federal Student Aid regulations.
4. **Tuition Waiver Application:** The student must complete and submit an “EMCC Native American Tuition Waiver” to the EMCC Student Aid Office. Once student eligibility is established, re-application for the tuition waiver is not necessary.
5. **Student Aid Application:** Applicants for the Native American Waiver must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **annually** as soon as possible after January 1st and provide the documents required for determining aid eligibility.
6. Applicants must meet the general eligibility requirements for receiving Federal student aid.

Waiver Amount: The tuition waiver is equal to the amount of in-state tuition charged to the student in a semester less any Federal or state need-based grants or scholarships for which the student qualifies. Charges other than tuition are not waived.

Duration of Eligibility: Eligibility for the waiver ends after the student has earned one degree or one certificate or after the student has attempted 90 credits at EMCC, regardless of whether or not the student has earned a credential.

Transferring: Students transferring between Maine’s community colleges must reapply and reestablish eligibility for the tuition waiver at their new college.

Return To		
<i>EMCC -- Student Aid Office</i>		
354 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine 04401		
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