

## STATE OF WASHINGTON STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES RESOLUTION 24-08-50

A resolution relating to the waiver of tuition for student athletes.

**WHEREAS**, the State Board has the authority to authorize certain fee waivers in accordance with RCW 28B.15.915; and,

WHEREAS, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has adopted a waiver allowing colleges to waive an amount up to 25% of the established 15-credit resident operating, building and student and activity fees for resident and non-resident student athletes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has a stated goal to increase student access and retention so that they may participate in the opportunities that come from education and training:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes community and technical college boards of trustees to establish an operating fee waiver for grant-in-aid eligible student athletes effective beginning fall quarter of the 2024-25 academic year:

- 1. Colleges may waive up to 100% of the SBCTC established resident student operating fee rate for 15-credits for grant-in-aid eligible student athletes.
- 2. Resident and non-resident grant-in-aid eligible student athletes are eligible for the operating fee waiver.
- 3. Community college boards of trustees must take formal action to adopt a waiver for this purpose before a grant of the waiver may be provided to students.
- 4. Waivers granted for this purpose will not be included in the statutory waiver limit established by RCW 28B.15.910 for the colleges as a whole.
- 5. Each college shall adhere to the rules of the official Code Book of the Northwest Athletic Conference and shall establish its own policy for documenting student athlete eligibility.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges grants to college boards of trustees the flexibility to implement this waiver authority to address issues not explicitly identified in this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the executive director to make adjustments to this action, including any necessary changes to the State Board's Policy Manual, as necessary, for actions taken by the Governor, Legislature, data corrections, externally imposed restrictions or guidelines, uniform accounting and reporting requirements, and unanticipated changes in state or federal law

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on August 29, 2024.

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