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**Enrollment Management Policy
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TUITION WAIVER**

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President's Cabinet**

The objective of this policy is to ensure that the Millersville University community includes a core group of international students who add to the cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity of the campus and who provide a global perspective to the academic and social life of the campus. The Admissions Office is encouraged to recruit international students, especially those who are capable of paying the full non-resident tuition rates.

Value of International Student Tuition Waivers

The value of tuition waivers granted to international students can be up to the full value of the non-resident tuition differential but cannot be greater than the differential. The waiver also cannot cause the international student to pay less than the in-state tuition rate of a corresponding undergraduate or graduate student. Once approved for an entering student, the waiver will continue on the same basis through eight semesters (assuming continuous attendance) as long as the student is otherwise eligible. Students will be required to complete a financial status form each year at which time, any form of gift aid shall be reported. The Financial Aid Office will advise the Vice President for Enrollment Management and adjustments will be made if deemed appropriate.

Number of International Student Tuition Waivers

The maximum number of international student tuition waivers awarded to entering freshmen will be based on the allotted budget. This dollar figure may be awarded in any combination up to the full out-of-state differential. These numbers are exclusive of students enrolled in exchange programs.

Eligibility Criteria

The primary criterion used in determining eligibility for an international student tuition waiver is financial need. An appropriate Financial Needs Assessment Form will be used to solicit information from applying students. The Director of Admissions will recommend students to the Vice President for Enrollment Management. The Vice President for Enrollment Management will determine which applicants will receive tuition waivers and the value of the tuition waivers for the recipient.

The second criterion utilized in determining eligibility for an international student tuition waiver is the extent to which an applicant will add to the racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the campus. In exceptional cases, a student with no financial need may be

granted a waiver if they promote the University's diversity goals and have superior academic credentials as judged by the Vice President for Enrollment Management.

With respect to academic standing, students are eligible for waivers as long as they meet the normal academic criteria established for full-time degree seeking students. Continuation of waivers beyond the first semester will require that students meet normal academic progress associated with receipt of financial aid, (i.e., pass 24 credits and maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average over two semesters). In order to be eligible for continuing waivers, international students must take at least 12 credits each semester (9 credits in the case of a graduate student) unless an exception is granted by the Vice President for Enrollment Management. Students receiving waivers will continue to receive the appropriate waiver for courses taken during winter sessions, summer sessions, or other terms, if appropriate. Students remain eligible for the waiver through 8 semesters or up to 120 credit hours. Students not meeting the requirements for graduation that have utilized all of their eligibility under this program may appeal to the Vice President for Enrollment Management for an extension. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the Vice President for Enrollment Management.

All international students will be required to live in campus residence halls in accordance with normal policies for residential students. Students will be encouraged to continue residence in the dormitories throughout their studies at Millersville, but will not be precluded from living off campus under the regular policy.

For eligibility purposes, an international student is defined as one who enters the United States on an F1 or J1 visa as a full-time student. Students with other visa status may be granted waivers on an exception basis if they are not otherwise eligible for any type of federal or state aid. Waivers may be approved for both undergraduate and graduate students.