

TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTIONS AND WAIVERS

Exemptions allow some Texas residents or nonresidents to enroll and pay a reduced amount of tuition or fees.

Waivers allow some nonresidents to enroll and pay the Texas resident tuition or fee rate.

All exemption and waiver programs require a student to meet certain eligibility criteria. In addition to meeting the program criteria, a student's continued eligibility may be impacted by [Texas Education Code \(TEC\) Section 54.2001](#).

Contact the Business Office for additional information. Listed below are the exemption programs available at COM:

- Adopted students formerly in foster or other residential care
- Blind/deaf student exemption program
- Children of disabled or deceased firemen, peace officers, game wardens, and employees of correctional institutions
- Concurrent enrollment waiver
- Educational aide exemptions
- Exemption for highest ranking high school graduate
- Exemption for peace officers enrolled in law enforcement and criminal justice courses
- Exemption for students under conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services
- Exemption program for children of professional nursing program faculty and staff
- Exemption program for clinical preceptors and their children
- Firefighters taking fire science courses or emergency management courses
- Hazlewood exemption (for qualified Texas veterans, spouses and dependent children)
- Military: Texas national guard tuition assistance program
- Senior citizen, 65 or older, free tuition for auditing classes
- Exemption for the surviving spouse and minor children of certain deceased public servants
- Exemption for children of U.S. POW's and MIA's
- Exemption for college benefit eligible **employees**

*** Tuition and Fee Exemptions and Waivers are subject to change.**

Types of tuition waivers:

- Competitive scholarship waiver
- Military: persons eligible for veterans educational benefits, their spouses and children who move to Texas
- Waiver for college benefit eligible **employee** dependents