

Grandparent Waiver Application



The state university Grandparent Waiver was created by the Florida Legislature to allow an out-of-state student with a grandparent who is a legal Florida resident to attend a state university and have out-of-state fees waived beginning in the fall of 2022. It is the **student's responsibility** to apply for this waiver and submit all necessary documentation in accordance with university deadlines. Waivers are limited in number by law and will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Student Eligibility Checklist

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to receive the Grandparent Waiver.

- 1. Have a grandparent who is a legal resident as defined in s. 1009.21(2)a., Florida Statutes.
 - The term “grandparent” means a person who has a legal relationship to a student’s parent as the natural or adopted parent or legal guardian of the student’s parent.
 - The same residency documentation that students provide to demonstrate Florida residency will be required for the grandparent.
 - The documents a grandparent must provide under Florida law to prove residency are detailed below. The documents must demonstrate that the grandparent has established legal residence in this state and must have maintained legal residence in this state for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the grandchild’s initial enrollment in an institution of higher education. Please note that you will need to submit at least **two** of these documents, and at least **one** must be from the list on the left.

The documents **must** include at **least one** of the following:

- A Florida voter's registration card.
- A Florida driver's license.
- A State of Florida identification card.
- A Florida vehicle registration.
- Proof of a permanent home in Florida, which is occupied by the individual's grandparent.
- Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida.
- Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period.

The documents **may** include at least **one or more** of the following:

- A declaration of domicile in Florida.
- A Florida professional or occupational license.
- A document showing Florida incorporation.
- A document evidencing family ties in Florida.
- Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or professional organization.
- Any other documentation that supports the grandparent's request for resident status, including, but not limited to, utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payment; or an official state, federal or court document evidencing legal ties to Florida.

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- 2. Earn a high school diploma comparable to a Florida standard high school diploma, or its equivalent, or completes a home education program.

- 3. Achieve one of the following:
 - An SAT combined score no lower than the 89th national percentile on the SAT.
Though the term "national" appears in the statute, the intended percentile corresponds to the "SAT User" percentile published by the College Board. The score also coincides with the threshold required for each high school graduating class to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars Bright Futures Award. For reference, the Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance publishes the threshold annually in the Bright Futures Student Handbook.
 - An ACT score concordant to the required SAT score above, using the latest published national concordance table developed jointly by the College Board and ACT, Inc.
 - A Classic Learning Test (CLT) score concordant to the required SAT score specified above, using the latest published scoring comparison developed by Classic Learning Initiatives if a state university accepts the CLT for admission purposes.

- 4. Enroll as a full-time undergraduate student in the summer or fall term immediately following high school graduation and continuously enroll full-time every fall and spring term until the requirements for a bachelor's degree have been completed.
 - The student must maintain continuous, full-time enrollment in each term to maintain waiver eligibility. Summer enrollment is not required to maintain eligibility for the waiver.

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Certification

Please provide the information and signature requested below and provide this page of the document to the institution to be considered for the Grandparent Waiver. Additional documentation will be required to verify residency and other eligibility criteria. Upload the completed Grandparent Waiver Application to your applicant portal or email it to residency@unf.edu.

Section 1 - Student's Information

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	
EMAIL	

Section 2 - Grandparent's Information (use Florida address)

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	
EMAIL	

I certify that I have a familial relationship with _____, named in Section 2 above, and that person is a legal Florida resident as defined in s. 1009.21(2)a., Florida Statutes, and is my grandparent as defined in s. 1009.26(20), Florida Statutes.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read this Grandparent Waiver Application and that the facts stated in it are true.

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: The applicant/signatory should be the student or the student's parent if the student is a dependent child.

Authority and regulation: Section 1009.26(20), Florida Statutes, and Board of Governors Regulation 7.008 Waivers and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees.