

Dear McNeese Student,

McNeese and the Legislature are concerned about students who may be faced with financial difficulties as a result of the recent increases in the cost of tuition and fees. To assist its students, McNeese has made financial hardship waivers available to help needy students with increased tuition costs. **The maximum value of the hardship fee waiver is \$264.00 per semester (Fall17/Spring18) for students who qualify.**

The following criteria have been established by McNeese State University for determining students who will qualify for the hardship fee waiver. A student must meet all of these criteria to qualify:

- The cashier's office must have received a completed Financial Hardship fee waiver application by the 28th day (FALL/SPRING) of the semester for which the waiver is being requested.
- The student must be a Louisiana resident as defined by the Registrar's Office.
- The student must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student (12 or more credit hours) on the 28th day (FALL/SPRING) of the semester which the waiver is being requested.
- The student must be qualified for and receiving a Federal Pell Grant with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of zero as determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- The student's Cost of Attendance (COA) must be greater than the amount of all forms of financial assistance available to the student. COA is defined as: actual tuition/fees, book/supply allowance and room/board only if living on campus.
- The student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- The student must not have received any institutional/foundation scholarships, third party contracts, or fee waiver/tuition exemptions.

We have included a simple hardship fee waiver application form below for your convenience. If you think you meet the above criteria, we encourage you to complete and submit this form to the McNeese State University Cashier's Office in Smith Hall ([in person, via fax to 337-475-5383 or by mail to McNeese Administrative Accounting, Box 92935, Lake Charles, LA 70609](#)) by the 28th day (FALL/SPRING) of the semester. We look forward to seeing you at McNeese State University.

**HARDSHIP WAIVER APPLICATION FOR FALL 2017 IS DUE BY 4:30pm
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4, 2017.**

Any forms received after this deadline will not be evaluated.

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McNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FEE WAIVER APPLICATION

I, _____ would like to apply for the McNeese State University Hardship Fee Waiver.

Full Name _____

Student ID Number _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Semester Requested

FALL 2017