

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FEE

(LRS 17:3351.10)

General Description:

Academic Excellence Fees promote academic excellence at institutions by enhancing instructional programs, as defined by the 2003 Louisiana Legislature.

Legislation: §3351.10. Academic excellence fee; amount; waivers; Louisiana Community and Technical College System

A. In addition to the authority granted to the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges by R.S. 17:1871(B) and 3351(A)(5) and in accordance with Article VII, Section 2.1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the board may provide for the assessment of an academic excellence fee at each institution under its management and supervision effective for the Fall, 2003, academic session and thereafter. The fee shall be in addition to any other tuition or attendance fees and charges established by the board.

B.(1) The fee amount per student shall not exceed seven dollars and fifty cents per credit hour per academic session and shall not exceed ninety dollars per academic session.

(2) The fee shall not be a cost that is payable by the state on behalf of any student who is a recipient of an award under the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students.

(3) The fee shall be paid by all students. However, the board shall establish criteria for waiving the fee in cases of financial hardship as determined by the board. Information relative to such waivers and the criteria and procedures for obtaining a waiver shall be made available to all prospective students in a timely manner such that each student is informed of the availability of a waiver prior to the student making a final decision concerning attendance at any institution under the management and supervision of the board.

(4) The fee shall not be imposed on students in an apprenticeship program.

C. Fee proceeds shall be used to promote academic excellence at each institution by enhancing instructional programs. However, no proceeds shall be used to pay the salary of any university or university system administrator.

Acts 2003, No. 1132, §1, eff. July 2, 2003; Acts 2008, No. 652, §1, eff. July 1, 2008.