

Please Note: Parents and students seeking grandparent waiver guidance should visit the following link:

https://www.flbog.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Grandparent_Waiver_Guidance_for_Parents_Students_Sept_2023.pdf

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In 2021, the Florida Legislature amended Section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, to create the Grandparent Waiver. Beginning with out-of-state undergraduate students admitted for the 2022-23 academic year, eligible students with grandparents residing in Florida may be eligible for an out-of-state fee waiver. The remainder of this document outlines the student eligibility requirements and provides guidance for the State University System institutions in implementing this new waiver program.

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the grandparent waiver. Students are only eligible to receive this waiver starting in their first year of enrollment.

1. Have a grandparent who is a legal resident as defined in s. 1009.21(1), F.S.
 - a. 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.
 - b. The following documents will be considered acceptable for determining grandparent’s residency and relationship to student.
 - i. A standardized SUS form that a parent or grandparent has signed regarding the familial relationship.
 - ii. The same residency documentation that students provide to demonstrate Florida residency for the grandparent.
2. Earn a high school diploma comparable to a Florida standard high school diploma, or its equivalent, or complete a home education program.
3. Achieve one of the following.
 - a. 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

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