

## Disability Services Deaf/Blind Tuition Waiver Requirements

As per the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, the following requirements must be met in order to obtain a waiver of tuition at a state funded Texas college or university:

1. Furnish proof of Texas residence for one year prior to entering school.
2. Certification that he/she is a “blind person” or a “deaf person” by the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Division of Blind/Deaf Services, in a written statement, which certification is considered conclusive.
3. A written statement of purpose from the person that indicates the certificate or degree program to be pursued or the professional enhancement from the course of study for that certificate or degree program.
4. A high school diploma or its equivalent.
5. A letter of recommendation from the principal of the high school attended by the deaf or blind individual, a public official, or some other responsible person who knows the deaf or blind individual and is willing to serve as a reference.
6. Proof that he/she meets all other entrance requirements of the institution.
7. A cumulative passing rate of at least 67 percent at the end of each semester.
8. Credit hours that do not exceed 150 percent of the minimum number of hours required to complete his/her primary program of study.
9. A cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale or higher must be attained by the end of the student’s first period of enrollment at the colleges of DCCCD. This average must be maintained at the end of each subsequent period of enrollment for a student to continue to receive the waiver. Student who do not meet this minimum CGPA requirement will not be eligible.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the above requirements and will furnish the necessary documentation in order to receive the tuition exemption.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Disability Services Office Signature