GRANTS AND WAIVERS FOR MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS

MassGrant Program
The MASSGrant Program is administered and awards are made by the Office of Student Financial Assistance under the MA Department of Higher Education. Scholarship eligibility is verified by the Financial Aid Office. For the 2019-2020 academic year, scholarship awards at Worcester State University range from $600 to $1,300. Application is made by completing the FAFSA. Massachusetts residents applying for financial aid who will enroll full-time must apply for MASSGrant by May 1. MASSGrant eligibility is limited to eight semesters.

Worcester State University Need-Based Tuition Waiver and Massachusetts Cash Grant Program
Full and partial need-based tuition waivers are awarded to selected students who demonstrate financial need and who are:

- undergraduate students
- in good academic standing
- legal residents of Massachusetts.

Waivers may not exceed a semester’s tuition charge and other waivers and/or tuition remissions for which a student is eligible will be deducted from the tuition charged before the need-based tuition waiver amount is determined. Award amounts are determined by the Financial Aid Office.

Massachusetts Cash Grant is awarded based on need and cannot exceed tuition and fees. Award amounts are determined by the Financial Aid Office.

Categorical Tuition Waivers
Worcester State University students may be considered for tuition waivers based on the following designations (contact the Bursar about providing documentation of eligibility):

Veterans Tuition Waiver: As provided in M.G.L. Chapter 4, Section 7(43) including: Spanish War, World War I, World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Lebanese Peace Keeping Force, Granada Rescue Mission, the Panamanian Intervention Force, or the Persian Gulf.

For purposes of tuition waivers, the term "veteran" shall also include any individual who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the United States for not less than ninety days at least one of which was served in the theatre of operation for the Somali mission known as "Operation Restore Hope" and whose last discharge or release was under honorable conditions.

Native American Tuition Waiver: Available and certified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver: Available for persons over the age of 60.

Armed Forces Tuition Waiver: Available for an active member of the Armed Forces including Army, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard stationed and residing in Massachusetts.

Clients of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission or Commission for the Blind: Available as certified by the respective commission.

John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Program: Awards non-need-based state-supported undergraduate tuition waivers to students who are awarded John and Abigail Adams Scholarship by the Department of Education. Completion of a FAFSA, continuous full-time enrollment at a state college or university, and a 3.0 are required.

Mass Transfer Program: Available to students who have completed an associate degree at a public community college under the Mass Transfer Program. The waiver is equal to 100% of the resident tuition rate at Worcester State University for the two years of a student's enrollment immediately following their community college enrollment. A 3.0 GPA is required for renewal of the waiver.

Department of Social Services Adopted Children Tuition Waiver: This tuition waiver encompasses 100% of tuition for state-supported courses at all of the Massachusetts public institutions of higher education, excluding graduate courses. Eligible students include all students in the custody of the Department of Social Services adopted by eligible Massachusetts’ residents through the Department of Social Services. Students must be twenty-four (24) or under. The Department of Social Services will provide certification of eligibility for the waiver; please contact them for further information.

Department of Social Services Foster Care Tuition Waiver: This tuition waiver encompasses 100% of tuition for state-supported courses at all of the Massachusetts public institutions of higher education, excluding graduate course. Eligible students include all students in the custody of the Department of Social Services placed in foster care with eligible Massachusetts’ residents through the Department of Social Services. Students must be twenty-four (24) or under. The Department of Social Services will provide certification of eligibility for the waiver; please contact them for further information.

Massachusetts National Guard Scholarships: Members of the Massachusetts Army or Air National Guard Office Recruitment Program are eligible for 100% tuition remission. Eligibility must be renewed after each 30 credits attempted. Contact the Massachusetts National Guard or the Registrar’s Office to speak to the Veteran’s Representative for more information.

State Employees’ Tuition Remission: State Employees and their dependents that elect to take courses at Worcester State University may have some or all of their tuition waived. Documentation of eligibility should be submitted to the Bursar’s Office. Eligible persons should contact the Personnel Office at their place of employment for further details.

Army/Navy/Air Force ROTC Scholarship Programs: The ROTC Scholarship is designed to offer financial assistance to outstanding students in the four year programs. Normally, the award is made prior to the student’s first-year of college; however, a student may enter the program in their first-year. Recipients are required to serve on active duty in the branch of the Service they have elected for a period of four years, and then in the active reserve. Contact the ROTC Office at the College of the Holy Cross or Worcester Polytechnic Institute for further information.