

KENNEBEC VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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2.04

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## TUITION WAIVERS

All students applying for tuition waivers must provide proof of Maine residency.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior citizens (65 or older) may register on a space-available basis for credit courses, and tuition only is waived with the approval of the College President. All other related costs still apply (bookstore, lab fees, required insurances). Proof of age is required.

### NATIVE AMERICANS

Kennebec Valley Community College waives all or a portion of tuition charges for **matriculated** students who are Maine residents and document their membership or ancestry in a Maine-based Native American tribe.

**Waiver Eligibility:** To qualify for a KVCC Native American tuition waiver, the student must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. **Tribal Membership or Ancestry:** The student must be included on the current tribal census or have at least one parent or grandparent included on the current tribal census of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet or Aroostook Band of Micmac.
2. **Maine Residency:** The student must meet KVCC's criteria to qualify for in-state tuition charge.
3. **Enrollment:** The student must be accepted into a degree or certificate program and enrolled in credit-bearing courses at KVCC. The student must remain in good academic standing as defined by the college and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by Title IV Federal financial aid regulations.
4. **KVCC Native American Waiver Application:** The student must complete and submit a "KVCC Native American Tuition Waiver Application" to the KVCC Financial Aid Office. Once eligibility is established, re-application is not necessary.
5. **Financial Aid Application:** Applicants for the Native American Waiver must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually as soon as possible after January 1 and provide the documents required for determining aid eligibility. Applicants must meet the general eligibility requirements for receiving Federal student aid.
6. **Programs taught at other campuses:** Students enrolled in the Fire Science program taking classes at Eastern Maine Community College or the Criminal Justice program taking classes at Washington County Community College must apply for the Native American Waiver at those respective colleges and are subject to their waiver policies.

**Waiver Amount:** The waiver is equal to in-state tuition charged to the student in a semester **less any Federal or state need-based grants or scholarships for which the student qualifies.**

Other restrictions apply:

1. Charges other than tuition are not waived.
2. Tuition is not waived for courses with a grade of NS (no show).
3. Summer session tuition is waived only for students in majors which require summer attendance.

**Duration of Eligibility:** Eligibility for the waiver ends after the student has earned one degree or one certificate or after the student has attempted 90 credits at KVCC, regardless of whether or not the student has earned a credential.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Any high school junior or senior meeting the following criteria may enroll for up to 6 credit hours per semester, on a space available basis, before they graduate from high school:

1. A letter of recommendation from the high school guidance department that also attests that the student has at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (a B average)
2. A permission letter from each student's parents.

6.0 hours of credit will be waived each semester. All other fees will be paid by the student. the costs of textbooks, classroom materials, and any required insurances will be the responsibility of each student.

POLICY 2.04 - ATTACHMENT A:

**Application for Native American Waiver**

**Section I. To be completed by the Applicant**

To be eligible to participate in the KVCC Native American Waiver Program, a student must be a member of a Maine Indian tribe and have resided in Maine for at least one-year. Tuition will be waived for qualified students, matriculating in a program. Eligibility is extended to:

Those person whose names are included on the current tribal census of either the Passamaquoddy or Penobscot Tribes of Indians, and:

Those persons who have resided in Maine for at least one year and at least one of whose parents or grandparents were either included on the census of a Maine Indian Tribe or held a band number of the Maliseet or Micmac Tribe located in the State of Maine.

Please Print:

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Name of Applicant	SS#	Telephone Number
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Address: Street	City	State	Zip Code
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When did you begin residing in the State of Maine? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently listed on the tribal census of the Passamaquoddy ( ) or Penobscot ( ) Tribe? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you ( ), your parent(s) ( ), or grandparent(s) ( ), belong to the Micmac or Maliseet Tribe? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, Tribal Name \_\_\_\_\_ English Name \_\_\_\_\_

Band Number \_\_\_\_\_

Are you ( ), your parent(s) ( ), or grandparent(s) ( ), included on a Tribal census? If yes,

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Tribal Name	English Name
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Address	# of Years
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I certify the above statements to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of Applicant	Date
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After completing the above, please submit to the Financial Aid Office along with copies of birth certificates verifying your relationship to the tribal member. (This is a copy of your birth certificate and your parent's birth certificates.) Included with this submit a letter from your tribal clerk, verifying that you/your parent/grandparent is on the tribal census.