First Responder Recruitment & Retention Act

Legal Dependent Application

The First Responder Recruitment & Retention Act provides a waiver of 100% of the resident tuition charges of law enforcement officer, professional firefighter or firefighter-paramedic, or their legal dependents for a period of up to five years. The tuition waiver applies after all federal, state, and institutional grants and scholarships.

NOTE: THIS FORM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH LITTLE OR NO NOTICE IN RESPONSE TO NEBRASKA LAW. COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT MAKE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A TUITION WAIVER UNDER THE ACT. CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBLITY WILL BE DETERMINED BY CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEBRASKA LAW.

In order to establish eligibility for this waiver, a dependent student must:

- Be fully admitted into an Associate Degree program at Central Community College
- Have previously submitted the FAFSA to Central Community College
- Complete and sign application
- Provide Certificate of Verification of the parent law enforcement officer or professional firefighter's satisfactory performance as a law enforcement officer or professional firefighter.
- Provide a verification form from the Department of Revenue. Contact Department of Revenue for verification form.

CCC Student Information

Student Name _____ CCC ID _____

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Address: _____

City _____ State_____ Zip_____

Year when first applied for tuition waiver _____

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that you meet the definition of a "dependent student" under FAFSA, have filled out the FAFSA for the 2026-2027 school year, and that at least one parent qualifies as a law enforcement officer or professional firefighter in the State of Nebraska.

I acknowledge and agree that I am eligible for the tuition waiver as a dependent of a law enforcement officer or professional firefighter in the State of Nebraska. I further agree that if I receive a tuition waiver, I will remain a resident of the State of Nebraska for at least five years after I receive the tuition waiver and I will properly file a state tax return with the Department of Revenue for each of the five years as required under Nebraska Law.

I hereby grant Central Community College, its employees, officers, and agents, permission to disclose any personally identifiable information from my academic records to the Nebraska Department of Revenue as may be necessary or appropriate to comply with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-2605, including academic records that may otherwise be protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____

Please return this form to any CCC Financial Aid Office.

Upload through My Financial Aid, email to finaid@cccneb.edu or mail to:

Central Community College Financial Aid; PO Box 4903; Grand Island, NE 68802-4903

Please call 308-398-7555 if you have questions.

Central COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FIRST RESPONDER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT
TUITION WAIVER AGREEMENT

This Tuition Waiver Agreement is entered into on the Effective Date by the undersigned tuition waiver recipient. The terms in this Agreement not specifically defined herein shall have the definitions and meanings provided in the Act.

Tuition Waiver Recipient:			
	(Printed Name)	(Signature)	(Date)
Parent / Guardian:			
(If Recipient under 18)	(Printed Name)	(Signature)	(Date)
Institution:			
Effective Date:			

WHEREAS, the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act, codified in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 85-2601 to 85-2606 (hereinafter "the Act"), authorizes the above identified Institution to provide a tuition credit of up to full tuition charges after subtracting other scholarships and grants (the "tuition waiver") to legal dependents of law enforcement officers and professional firefighters or firefighter-paramedics.

WHEREAS, the institution has determined that the tuition waiver recipient is eligible for a tuition waiver at the institution for the 2026-2027 academic year (fall, spring, and summer terms, as applicable);

WHEREAS, the Act requires the tuition waiver recipient to enter into an agreement with the institution pursuant to the following terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, as a condition precedent to receiving the tuition waiver funds, the tuition waiver recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions:

A. Responsibilities of the Tuition Waiver Recipient

1. **Residency and Filing Obligations**. The tuition waiver recipient**,** pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-2605, understand and agree that the tuition waiver recipient will:

   a. Reside within the State of Nebraska for a period of five (5) years following the use of the tuition waiver;

   b. File a tax return with the Nebraska Department of Revenue to document that the tuition waiver recipient still resides in the State of Nebraska for each year during the five (5) year period following use of the tuition waiver;

2. **Consequences**. If the tuition waiver recipient fails to annually file a tax return to prove residency in the State of Nebraska for the five (5) year period following the use of the tuition waiver or fail to remain a resident of the State of Nebraska for the five (5) year period following the use of the tuition waiver, the tuition waiver recipient agrees to repay the institution the amount of tuition that was waived by the institution.

3. **Effect of Death or Disability**. Any and all residency, filing, or payment obligation incurred by tuition waiver recipient under the Act is canceled in the event of tuition waiver recipient's total and permanent disability or death.

4. **Written Certification**. Each year by April 30, the tuition waiver recipient shall provide a written certification to the institution that the tuition waiver recipient resides at a physical address in the State of Nebraska, and shall provide the institution such physical Nebraska address. If the tuition waiver recipient fails to provide such written certification to the institution by April 30 of any year, the institution may make a request to the Nebraska Department of Revenue to determine whether the tuition waiver recipient has filed a Nebraska tax return. Additionally, the institution may send a certified letter to the last known Nebraska physical address the institution has on file for the tuition waiver recipient to request confirmation that the tuition waiver recipient continues to reside in the State of Nebraska. If either the Nebraska Department of Revenue confirms that the tuition waiver recipient did not file a Nebraska tax return for that year or the tuition waiver recipient fails to respond by August 1 to the institution's confirmation letter, the tuition waiver recipient will be in default of this Agreement. Upon such default, the institution may seek all remedies allowed by law, including repayment of tuition allowed by law.

B. Additional Terms

1. **Termination**. The institution may revoke the tuition waiver immediately if the tuition waiver recipient:

   a. Provided or provides false information to the institution during the application, contract process, or during the course of the tuition waiver recipient's studies at the institution;

   b. Is dismissed or expelled from the institution or drops out of the institution;

   c. Moves out of the State of Nebraska, or the parent or guardian law enforcement officer or professional firefighter fails to maintain satisfactory performance with such law enforcement agency or paid fire department, or moves out of the State of Nebraska or is otherwise ineligible under the Act to receive the tuition waiver;

   d. Applies for or receives a tuition waiver for more than five (5) years;

   e. Upon the death or incapacitation of the tuition waiver recipient; or

   f. If there are changes to the laws of the State of Nebraska, including the Act, or changes to federal law that prohibit continued offering of the tuition waiver.

2. **Term**. This Agreement will be in effect for five (5) years after the completion of the last semester tuition waiver recipient received a tuition waiver.

3. **Choice of Law and Venue**. This Agreement shall be governed as to validity, interpretation, construction, effect, and in all other respects by the laws and decisions of the State of Nebraska. Exclusive venue for any action to enforce the rights and responsibilities of either party under this Agreement shall be in the courts located in the Nebraska county where the institution's primary administration office is located. By this Agreement, tuition waiver recipient waives personal jurisdiction and consents to the exclusive venue described herein.

4. **Waiver**. A waiver of any term or provision of this Agreement by the institution shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such provision on any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision contained in this Agreement. Any such waiver must be in writing to be effective, and no such waiver or waivers shall serve to establish a course of performance between the parties contradictory to the terms hereof.

5. **Release**. Tuition waiver recipient agrees and consents to allow the institution to disclose and share any information, documents and/or records about tuition waiver recipient with any other Nebraska public higher education institution and the Nebraska Department of Revenue, including but not limited to this Agreement and tuition waiver recipient's receipt of tuition waivers from this institution. Tuition waiver recipient further agrees and consents to allow any other Nebraska public higher education institution and the Nebraska Department of Revenue to share any information, documents and/or records about tuition waiver recipient with this institution, including but not limited to any other tuition waiver agreements by tuition waiver recipient, tuition waiver recipient's receipt of other tuition waivers with other higher education institutions in the state, tuition waiver recipient's coursework status, tuition waiver recipient's residency status, and tuition waiver recipient's tax return status, without regard to any state or federal privacy laws.

6. **Amendments**. This Agreement may be modified at any time, with or without notice to the tuition waiver recipient, in response to changes in Nebraska or federal law that require amendments to this Agreement. The institution will use its best efforts to notify the tuition waiver recipient within ten (10) business days of such amendment using the typical means of communication the Institution uses to communicate with students.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, tuition waiver recipient hereby accepts the tuition waiver from the Institution and accepts the conditions of the documents.