

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TUITION WAIVER POLICY

The Department of Agriculture awards Graduate Trustees' tuition waivers to eligible AGR graduate students on a semester-by-semester basis.

During the first two weeks of classes each semester, students admitted to the AGR graduate program may apply for a Graduate Trustee's Tuition Waiver. Students not receiving tuition waivers through Graduate Assistantships may be eligible for these partial tuition waivers.

Application Guidelines

Purpose: To financially assist master's degree students with tuition who do not receive an assistantship or other tuition waiver.

Eligibility Criteria: Students must turn in the tuition waiver application and the Selective Service Verification form to graduate program coordinator to be considered for a tuition waiver.

Both full-time and part-time students are eligible for tuition waivers. Only students who have completed less than two years full-time or less than 36 credit hours are eligible. Tuition waivers minimum requirements are as follows:

New graduate students

- 2.8 minimum cumulative GPA during last 60 hours of undergraduate work
- Minimum GRE score 285 (Verbal plus Quantitative)
- Admission to AGR graduate program

Currently enrolled graduate students

- 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA for graduate courses at ISU
- Admission to AGR graduate program

Mainframe screens SDAA, SDCR, SDTS are used to verify GPA, GRE, and credit hours.

All tuition waiver awards are at in-state rates.

Recommend: Students are approved/denied based on the above criteria. Each case is reviewed individually and a recommendation made.

Procedure: CAST provides AGR with the dollar amount available to the department for the year. Annually some fund is reserved for summer sessions, and the balance is split between the fall and spring semesters.

The per semester dollar amount is entered into a spreadsheet that calculates the students' tuition waiver based on the number of credit hours being taken by each student, the number of student requests, and the dollar amount provided for the semester.

Letters are sent to the student electronically through e-mail.

Contracts: N/A