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**FREE tuition
for Police
Officers &
Firefighters**



Receive Free College as a Firefighter

Per **Texas Education Code 54.353**,

"The governing board of an institution of higher education shall exempt from the payment of tuition and laboratory fees any student enrolled in one or more courses offered as part of a fire science curriculum..."

Firefighters in the State of Texas receive a tuition exemption when enrolled in courses in a fire science curriculum.

You are eligible if you are:

- A paid firefighter affiliated with a municipal department.
- An active member of an eligible volunteer fire department for at least one year.
- Hold an SFFMA Advanced or TCFP Firefighter II Certification.
- Enrolled in an approved fire science education program.



Receive Free College as a Police Officer

Per **Texas Education Code 54.3531**,

"The governing board of an institution of higher education shall exempt from the payment of tuition and laboratory fees charged by the institution for a criminal justice or law enforcement course..."

Police Officers in the State of Texas receive a tuition exemption when enrolled in courses for criminal justice or law enforcement curriculum.

You are eligible if you are:

- employed as a peace officer by this state or by a political subdivision of this state;
- enrolled in a criminal justice or law enforcement-related degree program at the institution;
- making satisfactory academic progress toward the student's degree as determined by the institution; and
- applies for the exemption at least one week before the last date of the institution's regular registration period for the applicable semester or other term.



Requirements for Admission to participating colleges and universities

- Meet all admission requirements and prerequisites for the college or university.
- Meet all program requirements and prerequisites.
- Apply for tuition exemption well before the semester start date (no last minute attempts).
- Be able to produce documentation pertaining to your certification and department affiliation.
- Meet academic and credit hour compliance standards.

**requirements vary per institution, please contact your prospective university or college for more information regarding the tuition exemption for your desired program.*

