

Fee Waiver & Reduction for Spring 2027

Fee Waiver Submission Deadline: Monday, December 21, 2026

The Fee Waiver Program is a benefit available to eligible Faculty, Staff, and Managers within the CSU system. This program allows employees or one eligible dependent to enroll in CSU state-funded courses at a reduced rate at any of the 23 CSU campuses. The Fee Waiver & Reduction application can be found on the [Human Resources website](#). Additional details regarding eligible fees, residency requirements, and taxation are also available on the [CSU Fresno Human Resources website](#).

Important Changes for Spring 2027

Based upon new guidance from the Chancellor's Office, the full-time Tuition Fee is waived if an employee or eligible dependent takes two courses that exceed 6.0 units *if no other courses are indicated on that semester's class schedule at census or if both parents are employees and eligible to transfer their fee waiver benefit to a dependent child, the one child would receive both benefits and be eligible for a full tuition waiver on a fee waiver.*

Therefore, beginning Spring 2027 the full-time tuition fee waiver will only be applied in the following situations:

- A student is enrolled in **only 2** courses, and one of those courses is 4 units.
- 2 eligible employees submit a waiver for the same dependent.

The part-time waiver will be applied to all other course combination scenarios.
Examples:

- If an employee submits a fee waiver for themselves or an eligible dependent for two 3-unit courses, their part-time tuition is waived.
- If an employee submits a fee waiver for themselves or an eligible dependent for two 3-unit courses and one 4-unit course, their part-time tuition is waived; the full tuition is not waived.
- If an employee submits a fee waiver for themselves or an eligible dependent for two 4-unit classes and one 1-unit class (three classes, totaling 9 units), then they are in more than 2 courses; the part-time tuition fee is waived.

Submitting Your Fee Waiver Application

Please submit the Fee Waiver through Optimize by [clicking here](#).

If applying for a dependent who is not currently on your Fresno State medical/dental plan, include proof of relationship documents (e.g., birth certificate or marriage license).

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Important Dates

December 21, 2026	Priority Processing Deadline for Fee Waiver Applications For Employees and Dependents Attending Fresno State: Submit the Fee Waiver & Reduction Application for Spring 2027 by Monday, December 21, 2026, to ensure the waiver/reduction is applied before the payment deadline. For Employees and Dependents Attending Another CSU Campus: Verify any deadlines with the campus you or your dependent will be attending. The Fee Waiver & Reduction Application must be submitted to the Fresno State Human Resources office at least one week before the deadline set by the attending CSU campus.
December 22, 2026 – January 15, 2027	Fee Waivers received on/after December 22, 2026, but no later than January 15, 2027, may take up to 30-40 days to be processed. Students are responsible for ensuring the timely payment of any tuition and fees not covered by the waiver. If the waiver is applied after December 22, 2026, students must pay any remaining balance on time.
January 15, 2027	Payment Due Date and Student Account Balance Employees or dependents enrolled in courses for Spring 2027 must regularly check their student account and ensure that any balance due by Friday, January 15, 2027, is paid to avoid having classes dropped due to non-payment. Students are responsible for paying any tuition and fees not waived. If there is an overpayment after the Fee Waiver is applied, it will appear as a credit and be automatically refunded or applied to existing charges by Student Accounting. For questions, please contact Student Accounts at 559.278.2876 or email student-accounts@mail.fresnostate.edu
February 17, 2027 Census Date	Fee Waivers received on or after February 17, 2027 will not be initially accepted. Waivers received on or after Census Date are subject to committee review for approval or denial.

Please note: Courses offered through Continuing and Global Education, Open University, or Extended Education do not qualify for the Fee Waiver Program. Hourly employees (intermittent, emergency hires) are not eligible for this benefit.

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