

Guide for Credit Tuition Waiver for Students with Disabilities

HB 104 effective October 1, 2011

In accordance with Maryland law [Maryland General Assembly House Bill 104 on October, 1 2011] (for credit courses) and amended with House Bill 53 on July 1, 2012 (to include non-credit courses)], the college waives tuition charges for credit and certain qualified noncredit continuing education courses for Maryland residents who are certified as retired or disabled by the Social Security Administration.

To apply for the Social Security waiver you must be a Maryland resident.

Note: the SSI or SSDI waiver alone will not keep a student from being dropped for non-payment. Payment is required.

<https://www.aacc.edu/costs-and-paying/credit-costs-and-payment/paying-your-bill/waivers/>

CREDIT STUDENTS

If you are a credit student, you must provide a Social Security Waiver form from an official of the Social Security Administration (or Railroad Retirement board or former federal employer) that you are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) benefits and are permanently disabled. You also may submit a current Social Security Administration (SSA) Benefit Verification Letter. Send waiver forms or SSA Benefit Verification Letters to the cashier's office prior to the beginning of the term. Fees and any remaining tuition charges must be paid on or before the due date.

If your SSI or SSDI waiver form is already on file with AACC, you will need to notify the cashier's office at 410-777-2236 each term you intend to use the waiver.

SSI or SSDI waiver forms are valid for one year from the date signed by the Social Security Administration. Social Security Administration Benefit Verification Letters are valid for one year from the date of the letter.

Degree and Certificate Seekers

If you're working toward a credit certificate or degree, you're required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Credit certificate and degree seekers are eligible for up to 12 credits of tuition charges to be waived by Social Security. Any student financial aid, other than a student loan, will be applied first to your tuition.

For assistance please contact the AACC Financial Aid office at 410-777-2203.

Credit Nondegree Seekers

If you're a credit student, not seeking a degree or certificate and taking 6 credits or less, the FAFSA is not required. You're eligible for up to 6 credits of tuition charges to be waived by Social Security.

Social Security Certification Tuition Waiver Form

Student Name: _____

Student AACC ID#: _____

I certify that the above-named individual is out of the workforce as a result of a permanent disability and is receiving a social security disability benefit (SSDI) or supplemental security income (SSI) as defined by the Social Security Act, Railroad Retirement Act, or in the case of a former federal employee, the federal retirement or pension authority (U.S. Office of Personnel Management).

Individuals receiving SSI or SSDI benefits as a dependent or survivor of a disabled beneficiary do not qualify for this waiver.

*Place Office Stamp in Box*_____
*Printed Name & Title of Certifying Official*_____
*Signature of Certifying Official*_____
*Phone Number of Certifying Official*_____
*Date*_____
Student Signature

Student signature authorizes the Social Security Administration (Railroad Retirement Board, or U.S. Office of Personnel Management) to release information on the above named individual and acknowledges that this form is valid for one year from the date signed. In addition, student acknowledges that he/she must apply for financial aid if degree or certificate seeking.

Return completed form with signature and stamp to the Cashiers office:

E-Mail: cashiersoffice@aacc.edu

PH: 410-777-2236