

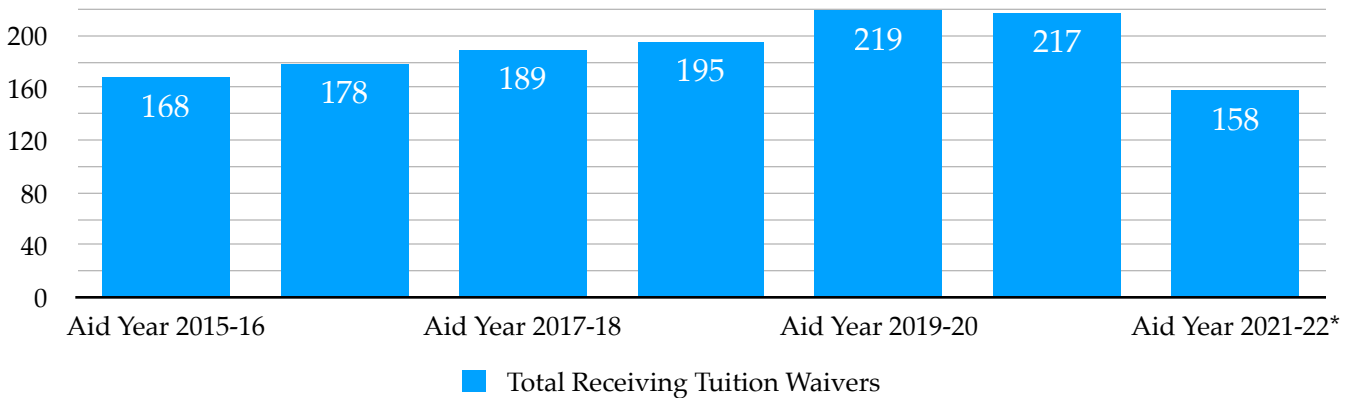
University of Oklahoma
Data on National Guard Students and Waivers
October 27, 2021

National Guard Waivers Trends

National Guard Resident and Non-Resident Tuition Waivers by Financial Aid Year

	National Guard Non-Resident Tuition Waivers		National Guard Resident Tuition Waivers		Total Receiving Tuition Waivers	
	Count	Paid Amount	Count	Paid Amount	Count	Paid
Aid Year 2015-16	20	\$162,214	148	\$416,315	168	\$578,529
Aid Year 2016-17	19	\$156,289	159	\$461,612	178	\$617,902
Aid Year 2017-18	19	\$182,436	170	\$530,263	189	\$712,699
Aid Year 2018-19	14	\$149,463	181	\$529,956	195	\$679,418
Aid Year 2019-20	17	\$138,056	202	\$623,417	219	\$761,473
Aid Year 2020-21	17	\$114,692	200	\$605,558	217	\$720,250
Aid Year 2021-22*	9	\$51,680	149	\$249,697	158	\$301,377
Total	114	\$954,830	1200	\$3,416,818	1314	\$4,371,648

National Guard Students Receiving Tuition Waiver

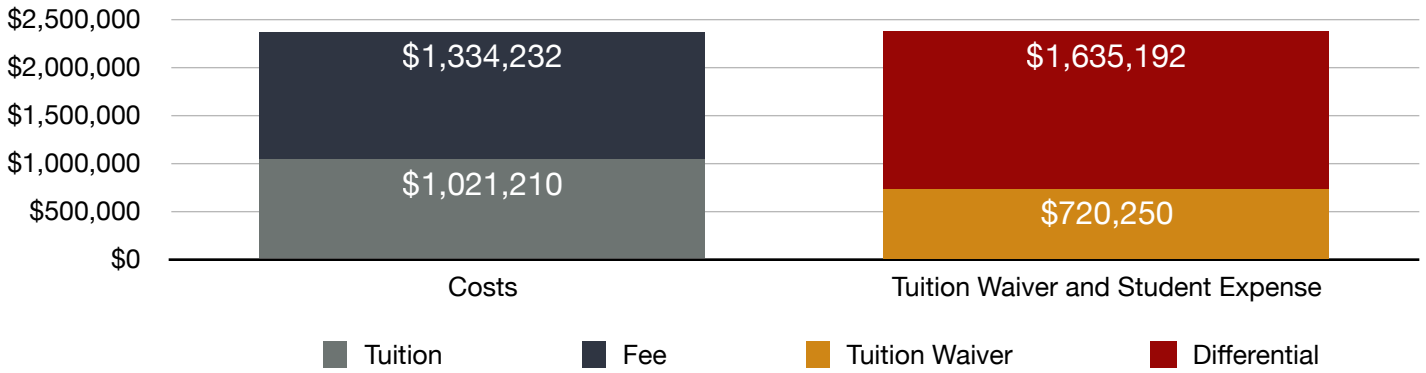


Tuition, Fees and Tuition Waivers for 2020-21

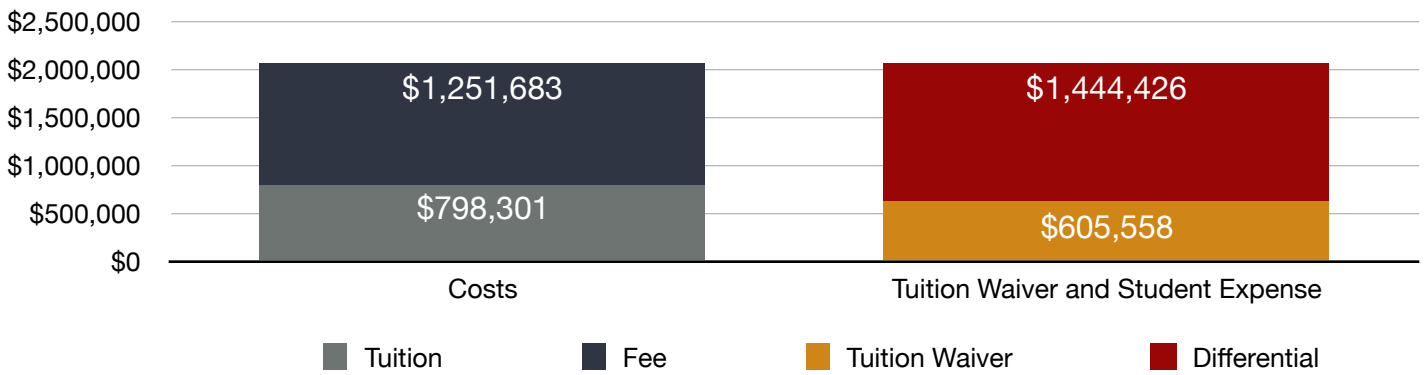
National Guard Tuition Waivers, Tuition, and Fees for 2020-2021

2020-2021 National Guard Waiver Recipients	Count of ID	Total Tuition Waiver Paid	Avg Tuition Waiver Paid	Total Tuition Amt	Avg Tuition Amt	Total Fee Amt	Avg Fee Amt
UG	217	\$720,250	\$3,319	\$1,021,210	\$4,706	\$1,334,232	\$6,149
Liberal Studies	22	\$46,130	\$2,097	\$71,227	\$3,238	\$60,787	\$2,763
Non-Resident	2	\$6,017	\$3,008	\$26,220	\$13,110	\$4,941	\$2,471
Resident	20	\$40,113	\$2,006	\$45,007	\$2,250	\$55,846	\$2,792
Norman - Main Campus	195	\$674,120	\$3,457	\$949,983	\$4,872	\$1,273,445	\$6,530
Non-Resident	15	\$108,675	\$7,245	\$196,689	\$13,113	\$77,608	\$5,174
Resident	180	\$565,445	\$3,141	\$753,294	\$4,185	\$1,195,837	\$6,644
Grand Total	217	\$720,250	\$3,319	\$1,021,210	\$4,706	\$1,334,232	\$6,149

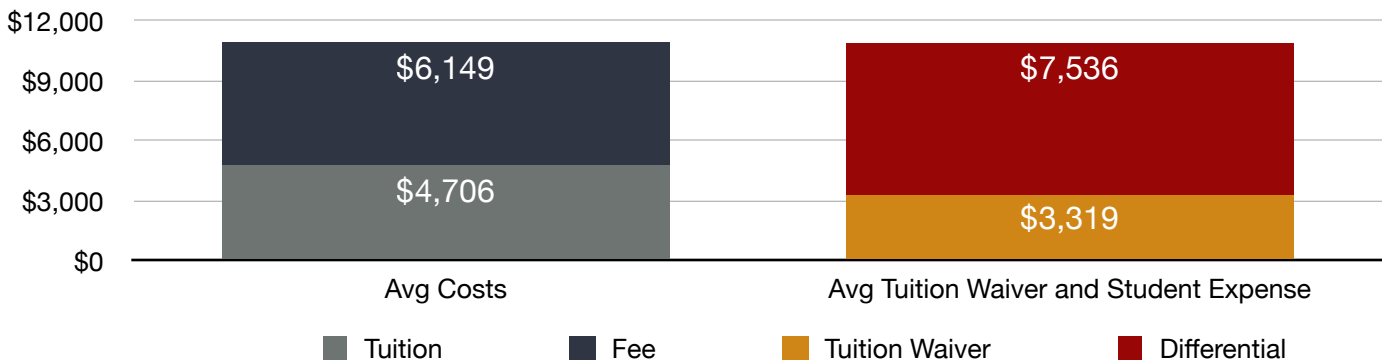
National Guard Tuition, Fees, and Tuition Waiver for 2020-21



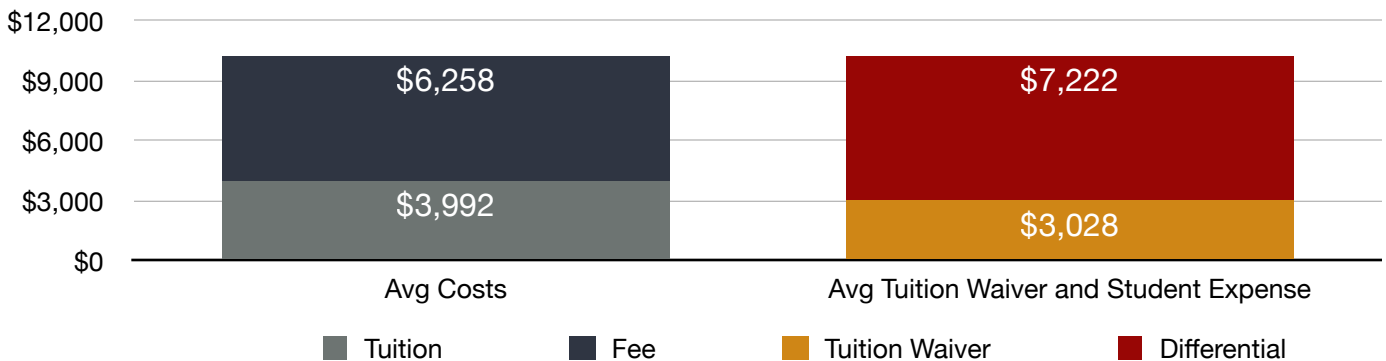
National Guard Tuition, Fees, and Tuition Waiver for 2020-21 (Residents)



National Guard Average Tuition, Fees, and Tuition Waiver for 2020-21



National Guard Average Tuition, Fees, and Tuition Waiver for 2020-21 (Residents)



What we see as current hurdles that keep National Guard students from enrolling at OU.

- There are students serving in OK National Guard but admitted as an out-of-state student. National Guard waiver waives nonresident tuition, but student is still out-of-pocket for in-state tuition, as well as fees.
- Often, Reservists and Guardsmen can qualify for VA benefit *Chapter 1606 – Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve*. October 1, 2021, that is \$407/month for IHL education if enrolled/attending at full-time status for each month. Students may receive the National Guard waiver and also have that \$407/month for full-time attendance of classes to help, may even qualify for a *kicker* with the military component they signed-on for. However, that still does not help enough with living expenses, fees in addition to tuition, and if they are nonresident students, add even more tuition money out of pocket.
- If any Reservists or Guardsmen are considered Active Duty with their service component, they may qualify to use *Federal Tuition Assistance* for education, but again, that assistance is specific to tuition and capped at a specific amount per year. It doesn't cover beyond tuition or beyond the capped annual amount regardless. If these students also qualify for a VA benefit that allows to use FTA and the benefit chapter at the same time, yes - student can choose to use both, but they are burning their educational assistance at both ends and not able to maximize the benefits.
- With pursuing education, receiving the National Guard waiver, the VA benefit chapter not covering costs much past their waiver, taking on more employment jobs in addition to their military service commitment is required to pay for life and remainder of educational expenses. This also dips into the cost of time which interferes with their educational success. The time spent to afford education then bankrupts them of the time needed to succeed in those courses, studies, and focus on career-readiness.
- The complexities and red tape may inadvertently serve as a deterrent to education. From recruitment into the Reserve or Guard, choosing which institution for education, determining what educational benefits or financial assistance is possible by state and/or military service qualifications, it can be a challenge for them to understand exactly how much aid will be received or how much educational expenses will not be covered. For some, too much of a gamble so they do not pursue education. For others, sadly, they assumed incorrectly and are surprised by what wasn't covered when all aid and/or benefits was applied. Results in some not able to enroll in the semester following.

What these students can bring to a campus culture.

- Reserve and Guard stepped up to serve in the state of Oklahoma and communities they live in, all over Oklahoma. They have already chosen to be part of something bigger than themselves. If they are called-up to active duty, they come back when service is complete and plug back into their Oklahoma communities, whether it is their outside jobs, families, schools, churches, community service organizations, etc. Our focus here at OU is to build our campus community and change the trajectory of the future by influencing the next generations in line to lead Oklahoma. These students will contribute to the academic rigor in our classrooms and take it back with them to their homes, communities, and duties of military service.