Commonwealth September 11, 2001, Tuition Waiver

INSTITUTION

An institution within the system of public higher education under Section 5 of Chapter 15A of the General Law.

ELIGIBLE STUDENT

To be eligible for a Commonwealth September 11, 2001, Tuition Waiver, a student must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be the spouse or child of a resident of Massachusetts who was the victim of the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001, and who died or is missing and officially presumed dead as a direct result of the acts of terrorism that occurred in the United States on September 11, 2001.

The student must submit the following to the institution:

- Copy of the student’s legal birth certificate.
- Certificate of Death for the spouse, parent or legal guardian (or other documentation of death).
- Proof that the death is connected to the terrorism that occurred on September 11, 2001.

ELIGIBLE COURSE

Any state-supported course offered by an institution a public college or university, excluding all graduate courses and courses in the MD program at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Eligible courses include those toward an undergraduate degree program, certificate program, short-term certificate program, and non-credit courses. Institutions are encouraged to develop waiver programs for eligible students that would provide a 100 percent tuition waiver for any non-state supported course and/or certificate program.

AWARD VALUE

Students eligible for the Commonwealth September 11, 2001, Tuition Waiver program will be entitled to a tuition waiver equal to 100 percent of the resident tuition rate for eligible state-supported courses offered at the participating public higher education institution.

AUDIT

a) The Chancellor shall require each campus to furnish annually by August 31, a report detailing the number of Commonwealth September 11, 2001, Tuition Waiver recipients for the previous year and the corresponding amount of tuition waived.

b) All financial books, records and documents pertaining to this program shall at all times be open to inspection, review and audit by the Chancellor, the State Auditor or their authorized representatives who shall have access to the premises wherever such books, records and documents are located. The institution shall retain such financial books, records, and documents for seven years. An institution may retain such records for a period of five years if approval is received from the Records Conservation Board in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 42.