

SCHOLAR TUITION RATES

OVERVIEW

Out-of-state students pay an additional fee referred to as **tuition** that is not assessed to in-state students. High-achieving out-of-state students may qualify for a discounted **SCHOLAR RATE** or a **SCHOLAR RATE PLUS**.

RATES

The **SCHOLAR RATE** for 2015-2016 is \$3,291 for the Fall or Spring term, versus the regular amount of \$6,678 for 15 credit hours. The **SCHOLAR RATE PLUS** for 2015-16 is \$2,194, versus \$6,678. The rates are flat for Fall and Spring, so that students taking more than 15 credit hours are not assessed an additional per-hour fee. The rates are not available for the Summer term.

Undergraduate Out-of-State SCHOLAR RATE Fall 2015 and Spring 2016

Hours	15hrs	16hrs	17hrs	18hrs
Maintenance	\$3,189	\$3,240	\$3,291	\$3,342
Tuition: SCHOLAR RATE	\$3,291 (vs \$6,678.00)	\$3,291 (vs \$6,784.00)	\$3,291 (vs \$6,890.00)	\$3,291 (vs \$6,996.00)
Program and Service Fee	\$520	\$520	\$520	\$520
Total	\$7,000	\$7,051	\$7,102	\$7,153

Undergraduate Out-of-State SCHOLAR RATE PLUS Fall 2015 and Spring 2016

Hours	15hrs	16hrs	17hrs	18hrs
Maintenance	\$3,189	\$3,240	\$3,291	\$3,342
Tuition: SCHOLAR RATE PLUS	\$2,194 (vs \$6,678.00)	\$2,194 (vs \$6,784.00)	\$2,194 (vs \$6,890.00)	\$2,194 (vs \$6,996.00)
Program and Service Fee	\$520	\$520	\$520	\$520
Total	\$5,903	\$5,954	\$6,005	\$6,056

All fees of the University are subject to change. See [Other Fees](#) (page 2) on the Bursar's Office website for additional charges such as room, board, etc.

[NOTE: Students who take *all online* classes may be eligible for a discounted tuition rate of \$127 per credit hour. Click on the [e-rate](#) link for additional information.]

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Classified as out-of-state for fee payment purposes.
- ✓ Classified as undergraduate.
- ✓ Classified as degree-seeking.
- ✓ Enrolled in 15 or more credit hours for the current Fall or Spring term through the 25% refund period. [See the Bursar's Office website for [important dates](#).]
- ✓ Completed all of the eligibility requirements for the previous term, if a discounted rate was received in the previous term.

SCHOLAR RATE ELIGIBILITY

The Scholar Rate is available to all categories of out-of-state students (i.e., first-time freshmen, returning students, transfer students, etc.). There is no maximum number of semesters for which a student may receive the rate if they meet the general eligibility requirements above as well as the following **additional** requirements:

- ✓ **First-time freshmen** must have a minimum 21 ACT (or 980 SAT verbal and math) **and** a minimum high school un-weighted cumulative 3.0 g.p.a. [**Note: Returning and transfer students with fewer than 15 credit hours earned are classified as first-time freshmen for the purpose of assessing this rate only.**]
- ✓ **Returning students and transfer students** must have a minimum of 15 credit hours earned for that semester and a cumulative 3.0 g.p.a. Specifically, if all other applicable eligibility requirements are met:
 - A returning student who did not qualify for the rate upon *entering* the University, but earns 15 credit hours and a cumulative 3.0 g.p.a. while *attending* the University, is eligible for the rate in the semester following the one in which these thresholds are met.

- A returning student who qualified for the rate upon entering the University, but does not qualify for one or more subsequent semesters, is again eligible for the rate in the semester following the one in which he/she has earned 15 credit hours and he/she has a cumulative 3.0 g.p.a.
- A transfer student entering the University with a minimum of 15 credit hours earned and a 3.0 g.p.a. is eligible for the rate upon entering the University.

SCHOLAR RATE PLUS ELIGIBILITY

The Scholar Rate Plus is available to out-of-state first-time freshmen only. Students may receive this rate for a maximum of eight (8) semesters if they meet the general eligibility requirements above as well as the following **additional** requirements:

- ✓ First-time freshmen must have a minimum 25 ACT (or 1130 SAT verbal and math) **and** a minimum high school un-weighted cumulative 3.3 g.p.a.
- ✓ Returning students who received the Scholar Rate Plus in the previous term must have a minimum of 15 credit hours earned for that semester and a cumulative 3.0 g.p.a.

APPEALS

An eligibility appeal may be submitted that documents one of the following:

- ❖ **No Offer** – The student has met all requirements and the rate has not been assessed for reasons of error, grade change, coding change to degree-seeking, etc.
- ❖ **Graduation** – The student is a senior who will graduate in the current semester and the minimum of 15 hours is not required to do so. Written confirmation from the student's academic department head and/or advisor is required.
- ❖ **Hours Earned** – The student received a grade of "F" or a grade type of "W" or "I" in the previous semester in only one course. During the student's entire matriculation, this *Hours Earned Appeal* may be granted only once. **A Scholar Rate Plus student who successfully appeals will automatically become a Scholar Rate student.**

A student must submit an [appeal form](#) and appropriate documentation, if applicable, to the Enrollment Services Office at EnrollmentMgt@tnstate.edu within ten (10) calendar days of the first day of classes for an appeal to be considered. The first day of classes is specified on the [University Calendar](#).

No change in fees will be made after the appeal deadlines. For example, if a student drops from 15 credit hours to 3 credit hours during the Fall term, the discounted rate will not be adjusted to the regular out-of-state rate, which would be lower in this instance.

APPLICATION AND NOTIFICATION

No application is required to receive these discounted rates. A rate will be automatically assessed to those who qualify. Students will be notified via U.S. mail and/or email if they are eligible for and/or have received a discounted rate for that semester. Students with questions about the rates may contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (615) 963-4995.