

Performing Arts Tuition Waiver

General Eligibility Requirements:

1. Degree seeking at Bismarck State College
2. Enrolled in 12 or more credits at BSC each semester
3. Enrolled and successfully completed one or more performing arts (music, theater, or visual art) class(es) fall semester.
4. Enrolled in one or more performing arts (music, theater, or visual art) class(es) spring semester classes prior to the last date to enroll in 16 week classes per the dates and deadlines schedule.
5. Participate in one or more of the following BSC's performing arts programs:
 - a. Music must participate in at least one appropriate ensemble each semester
 - b. Theater must participate in at least one production each semester
 - c. Visual Arts: must be enrolled in at least one visual art class each semester
6. Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA (grade point average) at end of initial semester of enrollment and each semester thereafter if applying for consecutive waivers.
7. Remain in good standing (i.e. no financial holds, or violation of the BSC Student Code of Conduct).

Waiver terms and coverage:

1. The amount of the performing arts waiver will be \$500 per academic year, applied in full during the spring semester. The waiver application will be submitted to Student finance to be applied to the student's tuition in the spring semester of the academic year of application after the last date to drop classes with a 100% refund for the 16 week session during the spring term only. Tuition waivers do not include mandatory fees, class fees, books, board, room, insurance, taxes, or any other costs.
2. Waivers provide no refundable balances to the student.
3. Students cannot receive multiple types of waivers within a semester.
4. Students who withdraw/drop may be required to prepay all or a portion of the tuition costs previously covered.
5. Waiver applications do not guarantee a waiver. Available waiver amounts for an academic year are limited, therefore applications will be reviewed along with all eligibility requirements and performance.
6. Waivers are not automatically renewed each academic year. Students must reapply every academic year according to the application process.

Exceptions to terms and coverage:

Based on remaining performing arts waiver funding available for the academic year, partial waivers of \$250.00 may be awarded to those students who meet eligibility requirements 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 for new and returning students. Returning students will need to meet requirement 3 and 6 based on previous last term of enrollment.

All exceptions will be evaluated on a case by case basis with recommendations from the appropriate program lead and the final determination made by the Department Chair.

Application Process:

1. Student must meet all BSC admission requirements as a degree seeking student and be accepted for enrollment.
2. Student must complete and submit a Performing Arts Waiver application to the Fine Arts & Humanities Department Chair. The Department Chair will forward to the appropriate faculty for review.
 - a. The Application for the full \$500 waiver must be submitted between May 1 and the last date to add a 16-week course for fall semester according to the dates and deadlines schedule for the academic year.
 - b. Students seeking an exception for the \$250 waiver for spring semester must submit the completed application between December 1 and the last date to add a 16 week course for spring semester according to the dates and deadlines schedule.
3. Once application per academic year only. Students cannot receive multiple waivers. If a student is receiving an institutional waiver of greater value, the student may not receive this waiver. Waivers decrease the tuition debt only and do not provide cash in hand for the student.

4. Applications will be evaluated and administered by the three programs: music, theater, and visual arts. All applications will be handled on a first come basis and the needs of the various programs. After review applications meeting criteria will be sent to the Fine Arts & Humanities Chair for review to determine if the student meets full time status and has the required 2.5 GPA.
5. By signing the application form, the student acknowledges that they understand the parameters of maintaining eligibility for the performing arts waiver, the expected amount of the waiver, what the waiver can be used for, and when the waiver will be applied to their student account. The student also understands if the requirements of the waiver are not fulfilled they may be responsible for repayment of the waiver.
6. Upon approval by the Fine Arts & Humanities Department Chair the recipient will receive confirmation of the waiver and a copy of the approved application will be submitted to the Student Finance Department to be applied to the student account.



PERFORMING ARTS TUITION WAIVER APPLICATION

Last Name _____ Legal First Name _____ MI _____
Student ID _____ BSC Email _____

As a BSC degree-seeking student, are you:
If a returning BSC student, choose term of last attendance and enter year:
Complete if, returning BSC student or transfer student: cumulative college GPA _____

Performing Art Tuition Waiver applying for:
 \$500 tuition waiver (must meet requirements for Fall/Spring semesters)
 \$250 tuition waiver exception-must meet requirements for Spring semester

What discipline are you applying for?
(Note: If applying for exception for Spring semester-fulfilment of requirements will be for Spring semester only)

If applying for a music waiver, list instrument or voice range: _____

I understand, I must be enrolled in 12 or more BSC credits as a degree-seeking student. Check if agree

I understand I must be enrolled in one or more performing arts credit classes relating to the discipline of this tuition waiver request. Check if agree

I understand it is my responsibility to sign up with the instructor of the discipline I am requesting the waiver for participation in along with the required ensemble, productions, etc. no later than the first week of 16 week session classes each semester. Check if agree

I have read and understand the eligibility requirements, terms and coverage of this Performing Arts Tuition Waiver.

Student Signature Date

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR OF THE FINE ARTS & HUMANITIES DIVISION FOR REVIEW

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Date Received: _____ Previous Recipient: Yes NO
Student meets all requirements for waiver? YES NO GPA _____
Spring Term- Academic Year Approved _____ Amount: \$500 \$250

Signature Fine Arts & Humanities Chair Date _____

Waiver applied to Student Account in Student Finance on _____