

Dependents of Licensed Public School Teachers/State of Tennessee Employees Fee Discount Policy & Procedures

Dependent children of public school teachers and state employees of Tennessee may be eligible for a fee discount equal to 25% of in-state tuition (maintenance) fees.

Eligibility

- Dependents of full-time employees who are licensed by the Tennessee Department of Education and employed by any local board of education in Tennessee are eligible immediately after hire.
- Dependents of retired teachers with a minimum of 30 years of full-time licensed service or receives disability retirement after a minimum of 25 licensed years of service in Tennessee public schools.
- Dependents of full-time employees who are employed by the executive, legislative or judicial branches of Tennessee government are eligible immediately after hire. (Employees of Human Resource Agencies, First Tennessee Development District, School Systems, and Board of Education employees **are not** considered state employees for the purpose of this discount.)
- Dependents of state employees who retired* with at least twenty-five (25) years of full-time service with the state of Tennessee are eligible. (Retired public school teachers are not considered retired state employees for the purpose of this discount.)
- Dependents of deceased state employees who died while a full-time employee of the state of Tennessee are eligible.
- Dependent children are defined as:
 - Natural children 23 years of age or younger
 - Legally adopted children 23 years of age or younger
 - Stepchildren 23 years of age or younger living in a parent/child relationship
 - Or other individuals 23 or younger, living in a parent/child relationship where the employee/teacher has legal custody and is considered a dependent of the employee/teacher.

***Retirement verification for teachers and state employees must be made by the Division of Retirement (TCRS).**

Links for forms and more information on policy and procedures are provided below. They're available on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's website.

- [Fee Discount Form for Children of Licensed Public School Teachers and Children of State Employees](#) (PDF File)
- [Fee Discount Rules for Children of Licensed Public School Teachers](#) (PDF File)
- [Fee Discount Rules for Children of State Employees](#) (PDF File)