
Listserv Summary: Sponsored Student Fees

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An inquiry was made as to whether institutions charge a fee (or additional fee) for each sponsored student, particularly those who are provided with scholarships from governments that require extra steps in the admissions office.

Summary of responses:

There were 19 responses to this inquiry. 63% of respondents indicated they did not charge any additional fees for sponsored students, and 37% indicated that they do currently charge a fee for sponsored students. Five of the responding universities are currently considering instituting a fee, and one other charges a separate orientation fee. The majority of the 19 responding universities include the fee in addition to tuition. Examples of some institution's fee approach are listed below:

- \$100 fee specifically for sponsored students because double workload of many offices.
- \$250/semester fee for sponsored students because of specialized processes required for these students. This is in addition to a \$100/student/semester fee already charged by the cashier's office for third party billing services.
- No fee specifically for sponsored students, but all international students (including sponsored) have orientation fee \$85 (Fall entry) or \$50 (Spring entry). If the institution generates the form in-house, sponsored students have the same "international student" fee as other J1 students (\$125/semester). If a different organization creates the form, this fee is not applied to the student's account.
- \$75 per half- semester for all government-sponsored students, which is sent to sponsor as part of the invoice.
- \$300/student Sponsored Student Fee per semester if sponsored by governments or companies. This fee is charged with tuition and the funds go directly to the ISSS office. If student is sponsored by the State Department or a non-profit, they are not charged this fee.
- \$300 per sponsored student

One institution that does not charge a fee stated "we consider the additional investment of time, advising, and processing as part of program design and worth it for the value these generally outstanding students bring to our university."