



MULTIPLE SIBLING TUITION DISCOUNT POLICY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Roger Williams University and Roger Williams University School of Law recognize that the increasing cost of higher education has a serious impact on the ability of potential students to further their education beyond high school; and this is especially true where there is more than one college-age child within a family. The cost often impedes a student and his or her family from considering their top choice college/university. In an effort to allow potential students and their families to have access to and the choice of considering Roger Williams University and the Roger Williams School of Law, the University has established a tuition discount in situations in which multiple siblings attend the University and/or the Law School.

POLICY: If two or more siblings are enrolled simultaneously as full-time students at Roger Williams University as undergraduate or graduate students, and/or at the Roger Williams University School of Law, a tuition discount will be granted to the students and/or their family. The siblings must have been accepted for admission to one or more of the component parts of the University or the Law School in accordance with all normal admission standards.

The tuition discount rate for siblings enrolled full-time at the University or Law School is as follows:

- Ten (10%) percent tuition discount for the first sibling; Ten (10%) percent tuition discount for the second sibling; Twenty (20%) percent tuition discount for the third sibling; and Twenty-five (25%) percent tuition discount for the fourth sibling and additional siblings.
- The discount shall be applied in order of the year of enrollment of each sibling (i.e., first to enroll as an undergraduate, graduate or law school student) and the discount shall continue to be applied as long as there is a continuous enrollment at the University/School of Law.
- In the event of a discount involving more than two siblings with the same date of enrollment, the higher discount rate shall apply to the lesser tuition cost.
- Four or more students enrolled - 10% discount for the first two students; 20% discount for the third student; 25% discount for each of the fourth and any additional students

Normally, there is no restriction as to the age of the student receiving the sibling tuition discount. However, students living in the same household with blended families are eligible for tuition discount before the age of twenty-four (24) for the undergraduate program and before the age of twenty-six (26) for the graduate program and the School of Law. The tuition discount for students living in blended families shall be terminated at the end of the semester in which the student reaches the age of 24 or 26, as the case may be.

Any financial aid awarded to a sibling would reflect the discount prior to being awarded the financial aid.

The discount shall not be applied retroactively, and cannot be combined with any other published tuition discount.

This policy does not apply to fees and other charges.

PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SIBLING TUITION DISCOUNT:

The Bursar shall demand adequate proof that a student is eligible for the sibling tuition discount. In most cases the required proof would be a copy of a birth certificate or proof of adoption.

DEFINITIONS:

Full-time Enrollment – This policy applies to siblings enrolled full-time (12 credits minimum) in an undergraduate day program leading to a Bachelor’s Degree; full-time (9 credits minimum) in a graduate program leading to a Master’s Degree; and full-time (12 credits minimum) in a School of Law program leading to a Juris Doctorate.

Sibling – One or more individuals having at least one common parent, either biological or legally adopted.

Family- In addition to the standard definition of a nuclear family or a single-parent family, for the purposes of this policy, a family may consist of a situation in which one or more siblings reside with one parent, and one or more siblings reside with another parent; or one or more siblings reside in the care of a third party.

Blended Family – A blended family consists of a situation in which siblings of one parent are not related in a biological or adopted way with siblings of another parent, although all siblings reside in the same household.