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*Approved by and date:*

*Board of Trustees* 02/12/2018

*Executive Leadership Team* 01/30/2018

#### **Policy:**

In accordance with its Mission, the Kilgore College Board of Trustees places emphasis on the importance of “access” through optimization of its institutionally funded competitive scholarship awards.

#### **Procedures:**

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**Authorizing Statute:** The waiver program for non-resident scholarship students is authorized through Texas Education Code Section 54.213. Local Boards of Trustees tuition and fee latitude under Texas Education Code Section 54.5035(b) and Section 130.084(b)

#### Definitions:

**Non-Resident:** For the purposes of this policy, non-resident means either an out of state residency classification and /or an out of the Kilgore College taxing district residency classification as appropriate.

**Institutionally Funded:** Refers only to those scholarship awards that the institution provides for via its operating budget. This does not include scholarships or endowments funded by external parties including the Kilgore College Foundation.

**Eligible Persons:** A nonresident/out of district student who receives a competitive scholarship from a Texas public institution of higher education under the following conditions may receive a waiver under the following provisions:

- a. The competitive scholarship must meet the following requirements:
  - 1) For an out of state residency tuition waiver, the total scholarship award must be at least \$1,000 for the period of time covered by the scholarship, not to exceed 12 months. For an out of district tuition waiver, the total scholarship award must be at least \$500 for the period of time covered by the scholarship, not to exceed 12 months. NOTE: Institutional scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, however all awardees are required to qualify each semester as per award guidelines;
  - 2) Be awarded by a scholarship committee authorized in writing by the institution's administration to grant scholarships that permit this waiver of nonresident tuition;
  - 3) Be awarded according to criteria published in the institution's paper or electronic catalog, available to the public in advance of any application deadline;

- 4) Be awarded under circumstances that cause both the funds and the selection process to be under the control of the institution; and
- 5) Permit awards to both resident/non-resident and/or in district/out of district persons.

Application:

- a. An eligible person, who qualifies for a waiver under the guidelines described in this policy will pay resident and/or in district tuition rates.
- b. The waiver of non-resident/out of district tuition under this provision will only apply to the semester or semesters for which the enabling scholarship is awarded.
- c. If the scholarship is terminated for any reason prior to the end of the semester or semesters for which it was initially awarded the person will pay non-resident/out of district tuition for any semester following the termination of the scholarships.
- d. Waivers of non-resident tuition, in a given semester under the provisions of Texas Education Code &54.213, will not exceed 5 (five) percent of the total number of students enrolled in the institution in the same semester in the prior year.
- e. Waivers of non-resident/out of district tuition under this policy only applies to tuition paid to the institution awarding the enabling scholarship. Unless, said recipient is simultaneously enrolled in two or more public institutions of higher education under a program offered jointly by the institutions under a partnership agreement, in which case the recipient is entitled to a waiver also at the second institution.