



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 3358:5-9-04 Student fees and payment policy.

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(A) Affordability is a major goal of community colleges with the primary mission relating to specialized workforce education and accessibility. Clark state college endeavors to provide educational opportunities for individuals of all economic backgrounds. The goal is to never turn away a student solely based on finances. The college and the Clark state college foundation provide scholarships that benefit students who find the cost of tuition to be difficult for them.

(B) The challenge of fostering student access and success in higher education while maintaining or improving the quality of the learning experience is something that the president and trustees struggle with each year. Discussions have resulted in innovative tuition policies resulting in differentiated tuition rates.

(C) How tuition is established and governed as well as the causes of tuition increases is critically important for trustees to consider as post-secondary education becomes more of a requirement for people to be financially successful and for states and the nation to remain globally competitive in the twenty-first century.

(D) Tuition is part of a higher education finance system that links several key policies together, rather than part of a stand-alone policy, represented by the sticker price of the college. Tuition can be thought of as one leg of a three-legged higher education finance stool, with the other two legs being state appropriations and financial aid. As the size, shape and length of all three legs of a stool need to be considered in concert to ensure stability and functionality, integrating these three finance policies is necessary to be effective in achieving the strategic goals of the college.

(E) The president is charged with developing administrative procedures to support this student fees and payment policy.