

## Border Bill Information

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The state of Washington's "Border Bill" legislation was first enacted to allow Oregon residents who live in specified counties to attend WSU Tri-Cities part-time (8 credits or less per semester) and pay resident tuition rates for courses taken through the Tri-Cities campus.

Effective fall semester 2009, the law has been expanded to include individuals who relocated from one of the eligible Oregon counties to the state of Washington *within the previous 12 months*.

### ELIGIBLE OREGON COUNTIES

The specific Oregon counties whose verified residents are eligible for this benefit are: *Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Morrow, Multnomah, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Washington*.

**NOTE:** A similar waiver opportunity is available for verified residents of the following counties in Oregon: *Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco*. Students from these counties should complete the Border Bill application form and provide the required documentation as outlined below to be considered for the alternative waiver of non-resident tuition (8 credits or less per semester).

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS and MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION

For those residing in *OREGON*:

To be eligible for the Border Bill (or similar waiver) you must be able to verify that—

- You have resided in one of the 13 counties listed above for at least 90 days prior to enrollment at WSU Tri-Cities

To verify your eligibility, you must provide a copy of—

- Your Oregon driver's license, front and back, showing an eligible address.
- If your driver's license was issued *less than 90 days* prior to enrollment at WSU Tri-Cities, other documents that may be used for verification of eligibility could include, but are not limited to, copies of your voter registration, lease agreement, utility bill, phone bill, etc.

For those residing in *WASHINGTON*:

To be eligible for the Border Bill (or similar waiver) you must be able to verify that—

- You moved to the state of Washington within the past 12 months and were previously a resident of one of the counties listed above for 90 days immediately prior to moving to Washington.

To verify your eligibility, you must provide a copy of—

- Your Washington driver's license, front and back.
- Other documents that may be used for verification of eligibility could include, but are not limited to, copies of your voter registration, lease agreement, utility bill, phone bill, etc.
- Documentation showing you were domiciled in one of the eligible Oregon counties for at least 90 days immediately before relocating to Washington within the last 12 months.

### EXCLUSIONS and RESTRICTIONS

- The Border Bill does not cover courses offered through WSU Pullman, WSU Spokane, or the Distance Degree Program (DDP).
- International students are not eligible for this benefit.
- You are not eligible for the Border Bill if you have lived in Washington for more than 12 months.
- If you choose to enroll in more than 8 credits total for a single academic term, you will pay non-resident rates for **ALL** credits.
- If enrollment for a specific semester is 8 credits or less but the Border Bill does not cover some of the credits, your account will reflect both resident and non-resident fees. For example, if you register for 3 credits through WSU Tri-Cities and 3 credits through WSU Pullman, your charges would be 3 credits of resident tuition for the Tri-Cities course and 3 credits of non-resident tuition for the Pullman course.

**IMPORTANT:** We will contact you if more information is required for your application or supporting documentation. You will be notified *by e-mail* whether or not you qualify for the Border Bill. If you are determined to be eligible for the Border Bill your student account will be adjusted accordingly. **You are responsible for all other fees** including late registration fees, late payment charges, special course fees, etc. Please call (509) 372-7498 if you have any questions about your student account statement.

We *strongly recommend* you check your student account statement regularly on myWSU to make sure the information is accurate! Go to [www.my.wsu.edu](http://www.my.wsu.edu) and click on "Finances" to view your account.

