Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver
The Board of Governor’s (BOG) Fee Waiver is a grant awarded to qualified students to waive ENROLLMENT FEES. It is awarded to California residents as determined by the Admissions and Records Office. According to State Regulations under the Student Success Act of 2012, new academic eligibility requirements will apply to all students who apply for the BOG Fee Waiver. Effective Fall 2016, BOG Fee Waiver recipients are required to meet Academic and Progress Standards to continue to receive the BOG Fee Waiver. The Financial Aid Office will review Academic and Progress standards for Fullerton College.

IMPORTANT: These standards are separate from the eligibility criteria for Federal Student Aid, Cal Grant, and Enrollment Priority. They should not be confused with Federal and State SAP.

ELIGIBILITY
Effective Fall 2016, students MUST:

- **ACADEMIC**: Maintain cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
  - If cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two (2) consecutive primary terms (Fall/Spring), students may lose the BOG Fee Waiver.

- **PROGRESS**: Maintain cumulative completion of at least 50% of coursework.
  - If cumulative completion falls below 50% for two (2) consecutive primary terms (Fall/Spring), students may lose the BOG Fee Waiver.

If unable to meet any combination of these standards for two (2) consecutive primary terms (starting in Fall 2015), students may lose their eligibility for the BOG Fee Waiver.

Loss of BOG Fee Waiver

Students with two consecutive semesters of not meeting academic and/or progress standards will lose their BOG Fee Waiver

- **Not meeting academic standards** means having less than a 2.0 GPA
- **Not meeting progress standards** means completing less than 50% of your coursework

Loss of eligibility will become effective at the first registration opportunity for Fall 2016

An appeal process will be available through the Financial Aid Office
WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?
• Enroll in a course-load in which you can be successful
• Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA each semester
• Seek appropriate student and academic support services, when needed
• See a counselor for an up-to-date education plan

NOTIFICATION
Students at risk of losing the BOG Fee Waiver have been receiving notifications beginning in Fall 2015. The Financial Aid Office will send notifications to students through myGateway 30 days after the end of the semester if the above standards are not met. The notification will state the student’s status as to whether they are on Academic and/or Progress Probation (based on the cumulative units completed). Guidelines to the appeal process and deadlines will be provided in the notification as well as the class schedules, website, and catalog.

REASONS FOR APPEALS
• Extenuating circumstances (circumstances beyond the student’s control)
  Supporting documentation may be, but not limited to, an accident report, current medical documentation, proof of death certificate, service program, etc.
• A change in a student’s economic situation
  Supporting documentation may be, but not limited to, an employment notice of layoff, bank statements, etc.
• Evidence that a student was unable to obtain essential support services
  Student applied or was waiting for support services but did not receive assistance in a timely manner.
• Special consideration of factors for CalWorks, EOPS, DSPS, and Veteran Services
  Student is a member of one of the about Support Services Department – must provide documentation.
• Students with disabilities who applied for but did not receive accommodations in a timely manner
  A letter from department stating date applied for services and reason the student was unable to receive such request.
• Significant academic improvement
  An unofficial transcript showing significant academic improvement.

DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED AS SUPPORT OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.
INCOMPLETE APPEALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

APPEALS PROCESS
Students will receive notifications through myGateway which will include the timeframe of when a student can appeal along with the appeal instructions. Students who have completed a FAFSA will be able to complete the appeal online through fullcoll.verifymyfafa.com. This is the quickest option. Students will be notified by email or text of their appeal status. If approved, the BOG Fee Waiver will be automatically reinstated.

Students who do NOT have a completed FAFSA will need to complete the paper appeal. Students should ensure all documentation is secured (stapled, in an envelope, etc.) and each document has the student’s name and student ID number. Any appeals not turned in correctly will have a delay in processing. Students should turn it to the blue box outside the Financial Aid Office. Students will be notified through myGateway of their appeal status. If approved, the BOG Fee Waiver will be automatically reinstated.

REGAINING ELIGIBILITY
To regain eligibility, students MUST:
• Improve their GPA or course completion to meet the Academic and/or Progress standards
• Successfully appeal
• Not attend NOCCCD (Fullerton College, Cypress College, and School of Continuing Education) for two consecutive primary terms (Fall/Spring)

STUDENTS EXEMPT
The standard criteria will not apply to:
• Students with an approved enrollment priority appeal
• Foster Youth students (24 years and younger)
• BOG F Recipients (see below)

BOG F RECIPIENTS
The following students qualify for a BOG F and will be exempt from appealing: has certification from the CA Department of Veterans Affairs that s/he is eligible for a BOG F Fee Waiver, has certification from the National Guard Adjutant General that s/he is eligible for a BOG F Fee Waiver, is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor or as a child of a recipient, is a dependent of a victim of the September 11 terrorist attack, or is a dependent of a deceased law enforcement/fire suppression personnel killed in the line of duty.