

# Classified Family Grant-in-Aid Program

## Overview

WNC implemented the Classified Family Grant-in-Aid Program for spouses, domestic partners and dependents allowing eligible dependents of WNC classified staff to benefit from a reduced base registration fee. **The program is established for a one-year trial period including Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Summer 2020.**

**To apply, complete the** Classified Family Grant-in-Aid Request Form.

## Eligibility

Spouses, domestic partners and financially dependent children of active regular classified employees working at least .53 full-time equivalent at Western Nevada College are eligible to participate in the program.

- “Spouse” is defined as any individual lawfully married to another individual.
- “Domestic partner” is defined as any individual so registered with the Office of the Secretary of State.
- “Financially dependent child” shall mean a natural, adopted or step child of a classified staff member who is not financially independent, is claimed as an exemption for federal income tax purposes under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 152), and has not attained the age of 24. The classified staff member must attest to a dependency each time a tuition reduction is issued. Western Nevada College may at any time request proof of dependent eligibility for verification purposes.
- The financially dependent children of a domestic partner are also eligible.

For qualified, dependent children who have served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces, the age limitation will be extended for a period of such active service, but not to exceed 6 years.

There is no age limitation for a spouse or a domestic partner.

## Limitations and Course of Study

- The Classified Family Grant-in-Aid Program may only be used for undergraduate state-supported courses at Western Nevada College.
- There is no limitation to the number of credits that will be covered for each item (Fall, Spring, Summer).
- Fees covered by this program will be equivalent to the current amount of the grant-in-aid benefit for professional employees and pay for a portion of the base registration fee.

- This program does not pay for the cost of additional fees such as differential registration fees, special course fees, excess credit fees, or books.
- If a spouse, domestic partner, or dependent child does not qualify as a resident student, only the portion of the per credit registration fee allocated to the State Operating Budget is paid by this benefit.

### **Courses Eligible for Reduced Registration Fees**

All for-credit classes that are included in the weighted student credit hour calculation for state funding are eligible.

### **Restrictions on Courses Eligible for Reduced Registration**

The following programs are not eligible or have restrictions:

- Intensive English Language classes (IELC) are not eligible.
- Remedial classes <100 level are not eligible.
- Non-credit classes offered through Continuing Education are not eligible.