

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION FINA Administration and Finance	POLICY NUMBER FINA 8.05 (formerly FINA 4.05)
POLICY TITLE Law School Educational Fee Waiver	
SCOPE OF POLICY USC Columbia School of Law	DATE OF REVISION XXX
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Administration and Finance - Bursar

PURPOSE

This policy establishes the University of South Carolina School of Law's implementation of S.C. Code Ann. § 59-112-130, which authorizes educational fee waivers for eligible South Carolina resident law students.

DEFINITIONS

Fee Waiver - For the purpose of this policy, an educational fee waiver is called a tuition award. Fee waivers are funded by allocation from Joseph F. Rice School of Law Education and General funds.

Fee Waiver Allowable – Amount of fee waiver allowed to be expended under the calculation provided by the SC Code of Laws.

Fee Waiver Authorized – Amount of Joseph F. Rice School of Law allocated for fee waivers as approved by the Board of Trustees during its annual budget process.

POLICY STATEMENT

SC Code of Laws 59.112.130 enables public institutions of higher education with a law school to offer educational fee waivers to no more than four (4%) of the law school student body for South Carolina residents or based on four percent (4%) of the prior year's law school tuition revenue. The University will follow procedures consistent with the requirements of the South Carolina Code of Laws 59.112.130 and University policy as described below.

- A. Fee waivers enable the law school to expand access to legal education for South Carolina residents; to enroll academically talented students; and/or to meet financial need or recognize contributions to the law school community.
- B. Fee waivers are a reduction in the student's tuition fees and may not be used to provide for other educational fees such as application fees, bonded indebtedness, books, housing and meals. Fee waivers, as defined in this policy, may only be provided to South Carolina residents.

PROCEDURES

Procedures for implementing this policy are maintained by the School of Law and may be updated as needed.

RELATED UNIVERSITY, STATE, AND FEDERAL POLICIES

[SC Code of Laws 59.112.130](#)

[SC Code of Laws 59.101.620](#) (for undergraduate students)

S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-112-10 through 59-112-100 (residency and tuition classification)

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HISTORY OF REVISIONS

DATE OF REVISION	REASON FOR REVISION
July 1, 2006	Policy creation
April 20, 2015	Policy revised due to SC Code of Laws reference update, departmental reorganization and departmental name changes.
_____, 2025	Format changes, clarifying language and reorganization for ease of use. Renumbered from FINA 4.05 to FINA 8.05.