

Student Disability Certification

Student Certification: I, _____ certify that I have a permanent total disability which totally incapacitates me from working at an occupation for which I receive income.

I certify that this information is accurate and correct. I understand that if the college has reasonable basis to believe it to be false, I may be requested to provide a copy of my federal income tax return (including W-2 and 1099 forms) pertaining to the period of enrollment. If then found to be false I may be subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct which could result in my expulsion from the college. Additionally, I understand that if I have received any type of employment income during the period of permanent total disability, I will be required to repay all waived fees plus collection costs.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Physician's Disability Certification

I, _____, M.D., am a physician practicing in the medical specialty of _____.

I am the physician for the following patient (name of patient) _____

I certify that, as provided in T.C.A. Section 49-7-113 (below), this patient suffers from a permanent total disability which totally incapacitates him/her from working at an occupation which brings him/her income.

The specific condition which totally and permanently disables this individual is:

Date: _____

Physician Signature: _____

Address: _____

49-7-113 Disabled and elderly persons - Auditing or enrollment.

(Auditing of Courses – Subsection a)

(1) Disabled persons suffering from a permanent total disability which totally incapacitates such person from working at an occupation which brings the person an income, and persons who have retired from state service with thirty (30) or more years of service, regardless of age, or persons who will become sixty (60) years of age or older during the academic quarter or semester, whichever is applicable, in which such persons begin classes and, who are domiciled in Tennessee, may audit courses at any state-supported college or university without paying tuition charges, maintenance fees, student activity fees or registration fees; however, this privilege may be limited or denied by the college or university on an individual classroom basis according to space availability.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply at medical schools, dental or pharmacy schools, and no institution of higher education shall be required to make physical alterations of its buildings or other facilities to comply with this section.

(3) Prior to admittance, the university or college involved may require an affidavit or certificate from a physician or an agency charged with compensating the disabled person or adjudicating the permanent total disability of the person who is requesting admittance to classes, that such person is permanently totally disabled as set forth herein.

(4) A student who is receiving services under federal or state vocational rehabilitation programs is not eligible for a waiver of tuition and fee benefits under this section.

(Credit Courses – Subsection b)

(5) Subject to the same terms and conditions as provided in subsection (a), disabled persons, as defined in subsection (a), and persons who will become sixty-five (65) years of age or older during the academic quarter or semester, whichever is applicable, in which such persons begin classes and, who are domiciled in Tennessee, may be enrolled in courses for credit at state-supported colleges and universities without payment of tuition charges, maintenance fees, student activity fees or registration fees, except that the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee and the board of regents of the state university and community college system may provide for a service fee which may be charged by the institutions under their respective jurisdictions, the fee to be for the purpose of helping to defray the cost of keeping the records of such students and not to exceed forty-five dollars (\$45.00) a quarter or seventy dollars (\$70.00) a semester.

[Acts 1974, ch. 623, § 1; 1976, ch. 502, § 1; 1977, ch. 28, § 1; 1980, ch. 842, §§ 1, 2; T.C.A., § 49-3251; Acts 1997, ch. 360, § 1; 2002, ch. 788, § 6.]
