

HSTA Waiver Rules and Policies

1. The HSTA waiver is only available to students who successfully complete all aspects of the HSTA program.
2. The HSTA waiver is allowed for in the WV State code **and is only provided by WV State run Colleges**. Private schools, hospitals and out of state colleges are not governed by the WV State code and therefore do not have to provide the waiver. * A few private colleges will give a small stipend for HSTA students.
3. HSTA students must be enrolled fulltime and making satisfactory progress as determined by federal financial aid guidelines and the college they attend
4. **WV State run colleges provide the waiver so they establish rules and amounts student will receive. HSTA provides them with no funding. So amounts are strictly determined by the colleges based on their budgets.** *Fairmont State/Pierpont only provide the waiver for Health and STEM majors
5. **HSTA can only be used for tuition.** Normally, this is only the “base tuition” of a college’s cost. It does **NOT** cover special program fees, or other fees, books or housing.
6. Your other financial aid may affect the amount of your waiver, and therefore the waiver amounts may vary among students. You should contact your financial aid counselor (see attached list) about your waiver and how it fits in with your financial aid the semester before or at least 3 months before coming to campus.
7. HSTA graduates will receive 8 semesters of a waiver for your undergraduate degree unless you graduate early. The HSTA undergraduate portion can only be used for your first bachelor’s degree. (no second bachelors, regardless of how many semesters of HSTA waiver you used for the first degree)
8. If you stay in a Health or STEM major you will then qualify for a Graduate school waiver at WVU, Marshall, or Concord. This is a whole new waiver you can use on top of your undergraduate waiver.
9. A HSTA student qualifies for 1 undergraduate waiver, 1 masters level waiver if they attend a qualifying school major **and**, 1 Professional school waiver if they attend a qualifying school and major (such as medical school, pharmacy school, dentistry etc.) **You can use all three.**
10. Marshall, WVU, Bluefield State and Concord are currently the only colleges providing the graduate and professional school waivers. You can find a list of qualifying graduate

and professional school majors on the HSTA website: <http://wv-hsta.org/resources-events/graduate-resources/hsta-eligible-majors/>

11. If you have questions regarding your waiver now or in the future, please contact the HSTA Transitions and Records Coordinator Kas Kasten at 304-293-0769 or kkasten@hsc.wvu.edu . We are here to help you. :0)