



Beginning in the 2008-09 academic year, the State of Oklahoma adopted a Guaranteed Tuition Program where first-time entering new freshmen who are Oklahoma residents may “lock in” a tuition rate that would be guaranteed for four years. Students who wish to enroll in the Guaranteed Tuition Program must sign up for the program by the last day to drop/add for their first semester as a new freshman at Southeastern. **It is the student’s responsibility to register for the program by the deadline.** All students are automatically placed on the regular tuition rate schedule when they are admitted.

To enroll in the program, students must complete the following form and submit it to the Business Office by the deadline.

To be eligible for the Guaranteed Tuition Program, a student must:

1. be a first-time entering student (freshman or transfer who elected for tuition lock previously),
2. be an Oklahoma Resident,
3. be a full-time student completing 12 or more hours each semester, and
4. graduate within 4 years (8 regular semesters)

The guaranteed tuition rate is for tuition only. Fees are not covered by this program and are subject to change each year. The guaranteed rate can be higher than the non-guaranteed tuition rate by as much as 115%.

Oklahoma’s Promise (OHLAP) only pays the non-guaranteed tuition rate. Student who are eligible for Oklahoma’s Promise cannot be enrolled in the tuition lock program. In addition, Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education policy states that students who receive tuition waivers do not have the option of choosing the locked tuition rate.

Students choosing to participate in the guaranteed tuition program should understand that they could possibly pay more in tuition in some cases (e.g. if at some point within the four-year guaranteed period they stop attending, drop below full-time enrollment, or transfer to/from another institution). Students who choose to lock in their tuition rate, continue their undergraduate fulltime enrollment and progress satisfactorily to graduate with a degree in four years may pay less in tuition than if they did not lock in their tuition rate. It is not guaranteed that students choosing the guaranteed rate will pay less over the course of four years. Cost savings depend on the yearly tuition increase rate (if any), the number of hours in which the student enrolls each year, and the successful completion of the degree within 8 regular semesters.

If you have any questions regarding the guaranteed tuition program, please contact Ami Towne at SE by phone at 580.745.2173, email at [atowne@se.edu](mailto:atowne@se.edu), or the Business Office in the Administration Building.

**Historical Tuition Rates for Southeastern**

Academic Year	Tuition Rate per Hour	% Increase From Prior Year	Guaranteed Tuition Rate per Hour
2012-13	\$147.55	7.3%	\$169.68
2013-14	\$156.05	5.8%	\$179.46
2014-15	\$168.50	8.0%	\$193.78
2015-16	\$184.15	9.3%	\$211.77
2016-17	\$198.00	7.5%	\$227.70
5 year average	\$170.85	7.6%	\$196.48

**Historical Cost Comparison: Regular Tuition Rate vs. Guaranteed Tuition Rate**

This example shows the regular tuition rate charged each year for tuition compared to the guaranteed tuition rate. It illustrates the impact the program would have had for a 2013 entering freshmen student who participated in the guaranteed tuition program. The student in the guaranteed tuition program would have paid \$334.20 more in tuition.

Academic Year	Actual Tuition	Percentage Increase in Tuition	Hours Enrolled Per Year	Total Cost of Tuition	Total Cost of Tuition at the Fall 13 Guaranteed Rate
2013-14	\$156.05	5.76%	30	\$ 4,681.50	\$ 5,383.80
2014-15	\$168.50	7.98%	30	\$ 5,055.00	\$ 5,383.80
2015-16	\$184.15	9.29%	30	\$ 5,524.50	\$ 5,383.80
2016-17	\$198.00	7.52%	30	\$ 5,940.00	\$ 5,383.80
<b>Total 4-year Tuition Cost</b>				<b>\$ 21,201.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,535.20</b>

**Projected Cost Comparison: Regular Tuition Rate vs. Guaranteed Tuition Rate**

This example shows the regular tuition rate with a projected increase based on the average increase for the last 5 years compared to the current guaranteed tuition rate. A Fall 2016 entering student who elected for the guaranteed rate of \$227.70 would pay \$715.51 more over the next four years if the regular tuition rate increased 7.6% each year. An increase of 9.4% each year would result in a "break-even" amount where the total regular tuition and total guaranteed tuition are about the same amount.

Academic Year	Projected Tuition with Annual Increase	Hours Enrolled Per Year	Total Cost of Tuition	Total Cost of Tuition at Guaranteed Rate
2016-17	\$198.00	30	\$ 5,940.00	\$ 6,831.00
2017-18	\$213.05	30	\$ 6,391.44	\$ 6,831.00
2018-19	\$229.24	30	\$ 6,877.19	\$ 6,831.00
2019-20	\$246.66	30	\$ 7,399.86	\$ 6,831.00
<b>Total 4-year Tuition Cost</b>			<b>\$ 26,608.49</b>	<b>\$ 27,324.00</b>



**Directions:** Please read and sign the following form to enroll in the Guaranteed Tuition Program. Submit signed form to the Business Office prior to the last day to drop/add in your first semester of enrollment:

*By Mail:* SE Business Office  
425 W University  
Durant, OK 74701

*By Email:* atowne@se.edu

*By Fax:* 580.745.7109

*In Person:* Administration Building, room 208

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SID: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll me in the **Guaranteed Tuition Program** at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. I understand that I must meet the following requirements to receive and/or continue to receive the guaranteed tuition rate for four years:

1. Be a first-time entering student (freshman or transfer who elected for tuition lock previously)
2. Be an Oklahoma resident
3. Maintain full-time enrollment (12 hours) status each regular semester
4. Do not withdraw or drop below full-time status at any time during a regular semester.
5. Graduate within 4 years (8 consecutive, regular fall/spring semesters).

I am aware that I cannot sign up for the Guaranteed Tuition Program if I am eligible to receive the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship or Southeastern tuition waiver scholarships. Both of these scholarship programs are awarded at the regular, non-guaranteed tuition rate.

I understand that fees are not affected by this program and that I will be required to pay the current fee rates each year.

I have reviewed the information provided on the Guaranteed Tuition Program, and I understand that this election is permanent and cannot be changed unless I fail to meet one of the above criteria.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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