

## **PROCEDURE FOR REDUCING TUITION FEES AND DORMITORY FEES AT LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY**

### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Procedure for Reducing Tuition Fees and Dormitory Fees at Lithuanian Sports University (hereinafter referred to as the Procedure) shall establish the principles, criteria and procedures for the reduction of tuition fees and dormitory fees at Lithuanian Sports University (hereinafter referred to as the University).
2. The Procedure has been prepared in accordance with the Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania (No. XII-2534, adopted on 29 June 2016), the Statute of Lithuanian Sports University, and other resolutions of the University Council and the Senate.
3. Definitions:  
**Student** means a person who studies in a higher education institution according to a study programme or in doctoral studies.  
**Tuition fee** means a tuition fee approved by the decision of the Council paid for a year of studies.  
**Dormitory fee** means a monthly dormitory fee approved by the decision of the Council multiplied by the number of months lived in the dormitory.  
**Elite athlete** means an Olympic national team member or candidate, national team member or candidate, World or European Universiade participant.
4. Tuition or dormitory fees may be reduced for:
  - 4.1. full-time and part-time students for high achievements in sport, science, art or social activities;
  - 4.2. full-time and part-time students whose average monthly income per family member, calculated on the basis of the last 3 months' data, after all taxes, is equal to or less than economically disadvantaged income level set by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.
  - 4.3. full-time and part-time students-orphan younger than 24 years old;
  - 4.4. full-time and part-time students whose families have been struck by a disaster (fire, death, disease, etc.);

- 4.5. full-time and part-time students with special needs whose capacity for work is less than 45 %;
- 4.6. full-time and part-time students employed by the University;
- 4.7. The tuition fee or dormitory fee shall not be reduced for first-year students in the first semester, except for candidates for the Olympic and Paralympic teams and candidates for the Olympic alternate team, members of the national team and elite athletes who have signed an agreement with the University (see paragraph 6).

## **II. PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA**

5. The proportion of the tuition or dormitory fee reduction depends on the student's academic achievements / research output:
  - 5.1. the tuition or dormitory fee shall not be reduced for students with academic debts or students with a weighted average in the last session lower than standard (7);
  - 5.2. the tuition or dormitory fee may be reduced by up to 25 percent for students with weighted average in the last session lower than excellent (9) but above the threshold level (6);
  - 5.3. the tuition fee or dormitory fee may be reduced by up to 50 percent for students with weighted average in the last session not lower than excellent (9 or 10);
  - 5.4. the tuition or dormitory fee may be reduced by up to 100 percent for first and second cycle students who had a high weighted average in their last session (9 or 10) and who have a research record;
  - 5.5. the tuition fee can be reduced by up to 100 percent for third cycle students who are successfully implementing an individual study and research plan.
6. The tuition fee or the dormitory fee may be reduced for students - elite athletes:
  - 6.1. up to 100 percent for candidates for the Olympic and Paralympic teams and for the candidates for the Olympic alternate team according to the lists approved by the Department of Physical Education and Sports;
  - 6.2. –following the decision of the LSU Senate Committee for Development and Sport, based on the list of priority sports approved by the Department of Physical Education and Sports, granting no more than one tuition fee waiver to a representative of one priority sport, provided that there is sports grant allocated to pay the tuition fee from the funds provided by LSU social partners, business entities, or other LSU sponsors. Exceptionally, the Senate may decide to reduce or exempt from the tuition fee elite athletes in other sports not on the list of priority sports. The decision regarding the tuition fee waiver can be made throughout the calendar year by a separate decision of the LSU Senate Committee for Development and Sport. The number

of scholarships shall not exceed more than one scholarship for the development of one priority sport for one first-year student.

- 6.3. Up to 10 percent for the members of national and Paralympic national teams of the Republic of Lithuania according to the lists approved by the Department of Physical Education and Sports. With the exception of first cycle students of the Coaching Science study programme, members of the National and Paralympic National adult and youth teams, for whom the fee may be reduced by up to 50 percent.
- 6.4. Up to 40 percent for students and unclassified students in the first cycle Coaching Science study programme, who have signed an athlete contract with Lithuanian Sports University (enrolled after September 2015); up to 50 percent for students and unclassified students in the first cycle Coaching Science study programme, who have signed an athlete contract with Lithuanian Sports University (enrolled before September 2015).
7. The tuition fee or the dormitory fee may be reduced by up to 100 percent for orphans who have lost both parents.

### **III. SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS AND DECISION - MAKING**

8. Students in the study programmes of the first and second cycles who wish to have their tuition or dormitory fees reduced shall provide the Studies Division with the following documents at the beginning of each semester (before September 20 in the autumn semester and February 20 in the spring semester), and students in the third cycle of studies shall submit the documents to the Vice-Rector for Research at the beginning of each semester (before October 5 in the autumn semester and January 5 in the spring semester):
  - 8.1. An application requesting reduction of tuition fee or dormitory fee (the application shall state the reasons why the tuition fee or dormitory fee is requested to be reduced and the amount (in percentage));
  - 8.2. The application shall be accompanied by supporting documents: certificate of an orphan status, certificate of disability, certificate of income of all kinds (work, allowances, scholarships) for 3 months, certificate of student's family composition, certificates certifying achievements in education, sport, artistic or social activities, a certificate signed by the head of the department where the student is employed at the, etc.
9. Employee authorized by the Rector, according to the list composed by LSU Committee for Development and Sports of selected students - elite athletes who are offered reduced tuition or dormitory fees - having assessed the University's financial capacity at the beginning of each semester (before September 25 and February 25, respectively) shall present to the Rector the list of first and second cycle students who are offered a reduction in tuition or dormitory fees. The

Vice-Rector for Research, having assessed the University's financial capacity at the beginning of each semester (before October 10 and January 10, respectively), shall submit to the Rector a list of third cycle students who are offered a reduction in tuition fees.

10. Reduction of tuition fees and dormitory fees shall be considered at the next meeting of the University Rector's Office, which shall consider the reduction of dormitory tuition fees or dormitory fees in accordance with the criteria approved by the Procedure and the University's financial capacity.
11. Decisions on reduction of tuition fee or dormitory fee for first and second cycle students shall be made before October 2 (for the autumn semester) and before March 2 (for the spring semester). Decisions concerning third cycle students shall be taken before October 20 (for the autumn semester) and before January 20 (for the spring semester).

#### **IV. FINAL PROVISIONS**

12. All cases of reduction of tuition fees and dormitory fees shall be formalized by the order of the University Rector.
13. The Rector, taking into account the circumstances specified in the student's application and their evidence, and taking into consideration the financial possibilities of the University, may decide to reduce the tuition fee or dormitory fee in cases and terms not provided for in this Procedure.

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