Foster Care Waiver/Adoption Waiver
House Bill 1356 exempts Protective and Regulatory Services foster care youths from tuition and fees (excluding general property fee) at State supported institutions of higher education. This exemption also covers graduate work. The student must start college within 3 years of being discharged from foster care. The student should obtain a letter from the Protective and Regulatory Services. The student needs to bring the letter to the Bursar’s Office after they register for their first semester at SHSU. Once we receive this letter from the student, the letter is good for the student’s entire academic career and we will apply the waiver to the student’s account. Still, after the student registers each semester, it is the student’s responsibility to let the Bursar’s Office know that he or she is registered and the waiver needs to be applied to his or her student account.

Requirements:
• Student must have been a foster care child under the Protective and Regulatory Services program in the State of Texas
• Student must begin college within 3 years of being discharged from foster care

• Student must maintain a grade point average that satisfies the college/university’s policy regarding eligibility for financial aid. (This applies to both undergraduate and graduate students.)
• Not complete credit hours considered to be excessive under Section 54.014, unless the college/university allows the student to do so on a showing of good cause. (This applies ONLY to undergraduate students.)

Covers:
• Tuition and fees (excluding general property fee) for undergraduate and graduate program