



Introducing WUE

Are you dreaming of going out-of-state to college but can't afford the out-of-state price tag? The WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange) program is coordinated by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) and allows students to get some relief from out-of-state tuition costs. Through WUE, students in western states may enroll in participating two-year and four-year public college programs at a reduced tuition level, up to 150% of the institution's regular resident tuition. In all cases, tuition is considerably less than nonresident tuition.

Who is eligible?

- Student must be a resident of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Student must meet WUE requirements at the participating school. Some schools automatically award WUE scholarships. Some may have conditions for GPA, test scores, intended majors, admission deadlines or other conditions for enrollment in WUE.
- Check with your prospective school to see what's required to be awarded the WUE tuition rate by searching online "WUE (school name)" and checking the WUE website (www.wiche.edu/wue)

What are some popular WUE schools?

- University of Idaho
- Idaho State
- Boise State University
- Northern Arizona University
- Arizona State (select majors)
- Northern Colorado University
- University of Colorado (Denver or Colorado Springs)
- Colorado State University
- University of Alaska
- University of Hawaii
- Portland State
- Eastern/Southern/Western Oregon Universities
- University of Utah
- Utah State
- University of Montana
- Montana State
- University of Las Vegas Nevada
- University of New Mexico
- There are many more. See them all at www.wiche.edu/wue

How do I apply for WUE?

- Students apply directly to the WUE-eligible school for admission. Make sure to check the school's financial aid and scholarship website to learn exactly how WUE is awarded.

Example

Joe, an Eastlake High School student from the state of Washington, is interested in attending a WUE school in the state of Idaho. We'll call this school "Idaho U". Joe is considered an out-of-state student at "Idaho U" which would normally subject him to a tuition premium. Because "Idaho U" is part of the Western Undergraduate Exchange, Joe is eligible for discounted out-of-state tuition. Joe has checked to see if there are any GPA, test score, major or admission deadline requirements.

In-state tuition at "Idaho U"	\$10,000
Out-of-state tuition at "Idaho U"	\$25,000
WUE tuition at "Idaho U" (1.5x in state tuition)	\$15,000
Cost savings for Joe to attend WUE school	\$10,000 per year for \$40,000 savings over 4 years

Reminders

- **WUE only applies to tuition**, *not room, board, books, fees and transportation.*
- WUE Tuition can sometimes be stacked with other scholarships to bring the cost of tuition to the same or less than Washington in-state tuition, always ask.
- If your favorite out-of-state school doesn't participate in WUE, ask about other out-of-state scholarships.

Questions

- Contact the Financial Aid Office of your target school to ask about WUE.
- See Mrs. McGuigan in the EHS College and Career Center

