

How WUE MAKES GOING OUT OF STATE MORE AFFORDABLE

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Come on an
**ADVENTURE
TO ALASKA**



So many choices ...





Out of State Advantages

- Less impacted majors
- Programs not available in your state
- Specialized programs
- Internships with companies in other regions
- Experience the “culture” of other parts of the US
- Gain independence
- Affordability



Paying for College

- Fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Institution specific financial aid
- Look for additional scholarships, especially in your local area
- Don't let the 'price tag' prevent your application; you won't know the true cost until you've been accepted and received a financial aid offer

Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?

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- a. Attend any college outside your home state.
- b. Attend any public college outside your home state.
- c. Attend a college in the District of Columbia or Puerto Rico.

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Fact or Fiction?

It always costs more to
attend college out-of-state



Fiction!

- Special scholarships especially for non-resident students
- Some schools offer in-state tuition to certain groups
- Merit-based scholarships
- Need-based scholarships/grants
- Cost of living
- Western Undergraduate Exchange



Western Undergraduate
Exchange

WUE



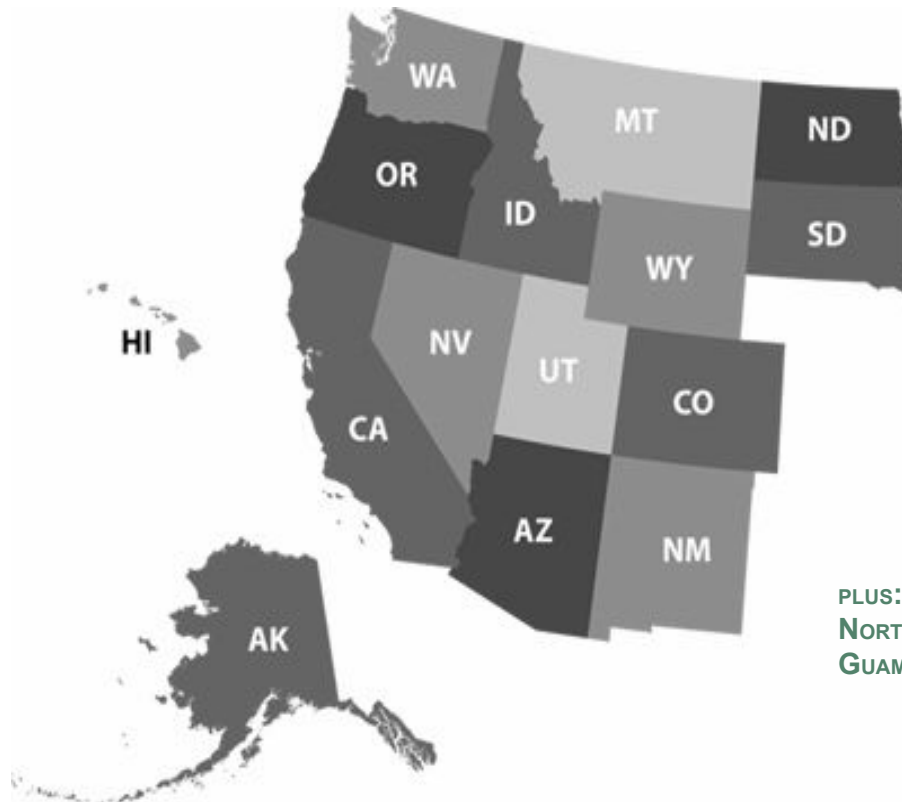
WUE is ...

- ▶ A Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education (WICHE) program
- ▶ A discounted tuition, equal to 150% of resident tuition
- ▶ Offered by about 160 public postsecondary institutions
- ▶ Good for 2- and 4-year degrees

WUE is not ...

- ▶ In-State Tuition
- ▶ Guaranteed or Automatic
- ▶ Reciprocity – not a true “exchange”
- ▶ Offered for every major at every institution
- ▶ Compatible with gaining residency
- ▶ Available from every school in WUE states

Who is Part of WUE?



PLUS:
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
GUAM

WUE SAVINGS FACTS



AN EXAMPLE



How Much Can Students Save with WUE?

Compared to non-resident tuition



Estimated value: \$13,815 per year



Estimated value: \$10,572 per year



Oregon State
University

Estimated value: \$16,395 per year



Estimated value: \$12,900 per year



Estimated value: \$14,000 per year



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

Estimated value: \$15,680 per year

How Much Can Students Save with WUE?

Sample Costs



Estimated tuition & fees: \$10,363



Estimated tuition & fees: \$18,853



Estimated tuition & fees: \$20,557



Estimated tuition & fees: \$15,270

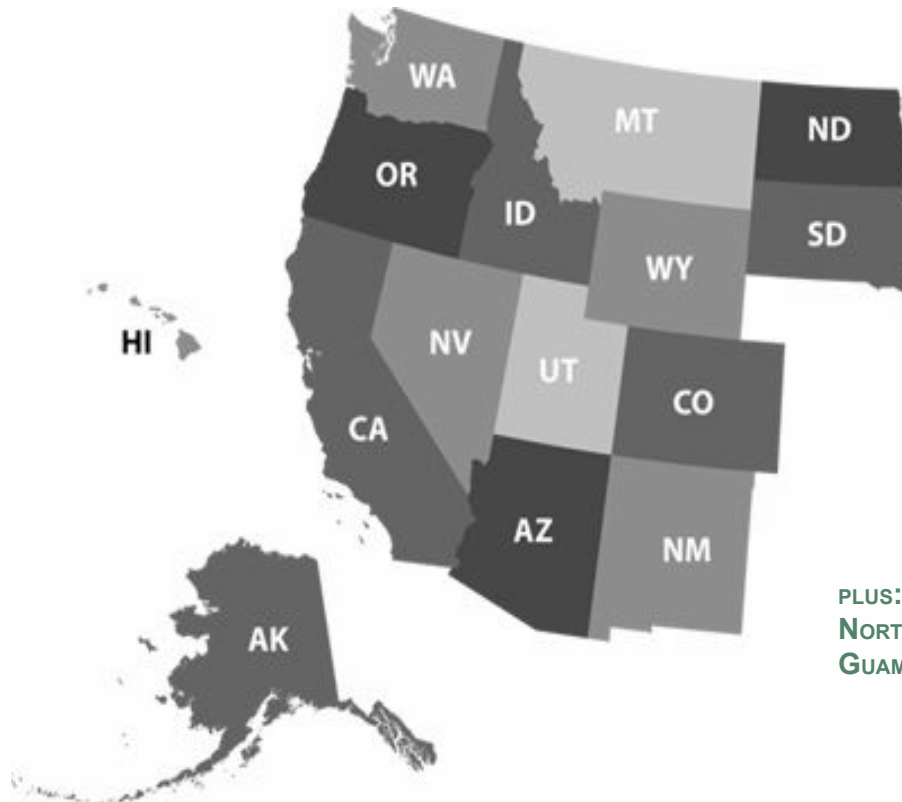


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Estimated tuition & fees: \$12,108

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Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

America's largest regional interstate tuition savings program

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) is an agreement among WICHE's 16 member states and territories. Participating public colleges and universities provide steep nonresident tuition savings for Western students.

Through WUE, eligible students can choose from hundreds of undergraduate programs outside their home state at a rate of up to 150 percent of that institution's resident tuition rate.

Since full nonresident college-tuition rates may exceed 300 percent of resident rates, WUE increases affordable choices for students, and minimizes the adverse impacts of student loan debt.

Find Options at www.wiche.edu/wue

Welcome to Your WUE Savings Finder.

Search among hundreds of undergraduate degrees offered at the WUE rate of 150% of resident tuition (or less) by 160+ public colleges and universities across the West. Find the school and program that fits your geographic and educational goals.

Start here to save an average of \$9,000 a year!

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All States/Territories

Clear

Degree Type

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162 RESULTS



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Check each school's WUE policy on its website





THERE IS NO GENERAL WUE APPLICATION.

WUE is awarded directly by
each individual university.



APPLYING FOR WUE

Many WICHE partners use WUE
as a merit scholarship





APPLYING FOR WUE

When you apply, be aware of ...

- Early Deadlines
- First Come, First Serve Programs
- Separate WUE Applications
- Minimum GPA and SAT/ACT scores
- Limitations based on Major
- If not offered WUE, there may be other options
- You can't accept WUE and then seek residency or in-state tuition

SCHOOL	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE	SEPARATE APP
University of Montana	3.9 GPA or based on other academic qualifications, such as course rigor	June 30 th	No
Montana State University	3.0 GPA, highly competitive	Jan. 6 th	Yes, w/essay
University of Wyoming	GPA and Test Score (3.75 and 1260 SAT or 27 ACT)	May 1 st	No
University of Hawaii, Hilo	3.0+ GPA	None	Yes
University of Alaska Fairbanks	Awarded to all applicants	None	Not Usually

Examples of WUE Requirements



SCHOOL	LIMITATIONS
Boise State University	All majors except Radiologic Science, Alternative Fee Programs and online programs
Oregon Institute of Technology	All majors except Medical Imaging, Medical Lab Science, Dental Hygiene, and Paramedic Education
University of Arizona	Only available to Mining Engineering and Natural Resources majors
University of Wyoming	Available for all majors
University of Alaska Fairbanks	Available for all majors, including 2-year degrees

Examples of WUE Requirements

One more question to ask:

Can other scholarships
be stacked with WUE?

Policies vary regarding
pairing WUE with other
institutional scholarships



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