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
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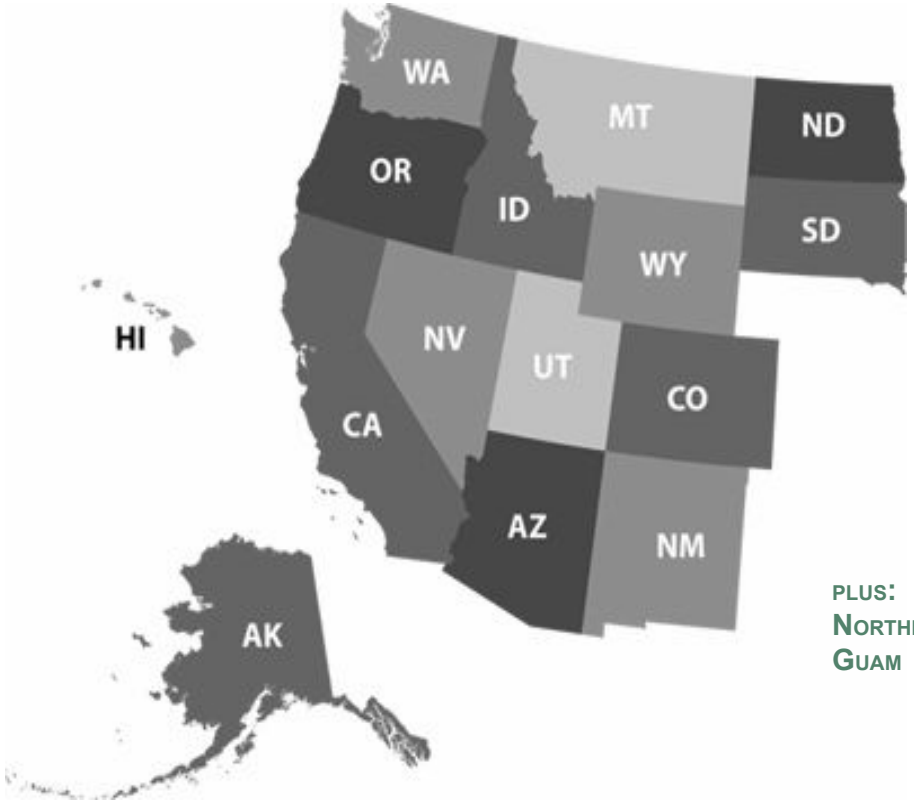
WUE *is* …

- 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?



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WUE Savings Facts

An Example

How Much Can Students Save with WUE?

Compared to non-resident tuition

University of Wyoming

Estimated value: $13,815 per year

Northern Arizona University

Estimated value: $10,572 per year

Oregon State University

Estimated value: $16,395 per year

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Estimated value: $12,900 per year

Central Washington University

Estimated value: $14,000 per year

Boise State University

Estimated value: $15,680 per year

How Much Can Students Save with WUE?

Sample Costs

University of Wyoming

Estimated tuition & fees: $10,363

NAU Northern Arizona University

Estimated tuition & fees: $18,853

Oregon State University

Estimated tuition & fees: $20,557

UAF University of Alaska Fairbanks

Estimated tuition & fees: $15,270

CWU Central Washington University

Estimated tuition & fees: $13,033

Boise State University

Estimated tuition & fees: $12,108

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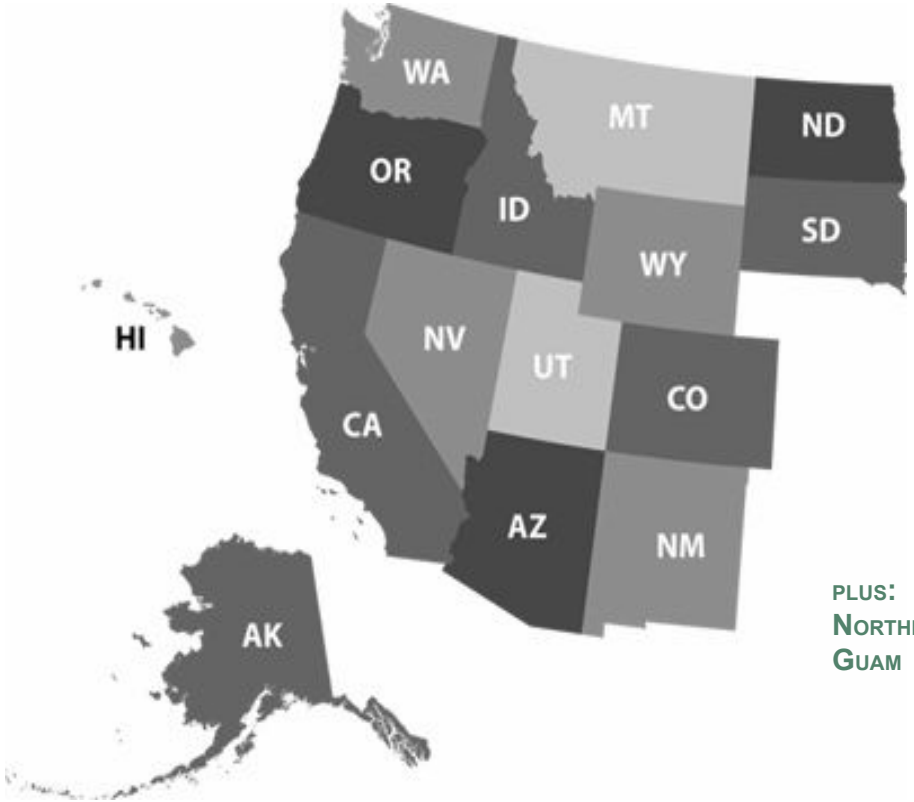

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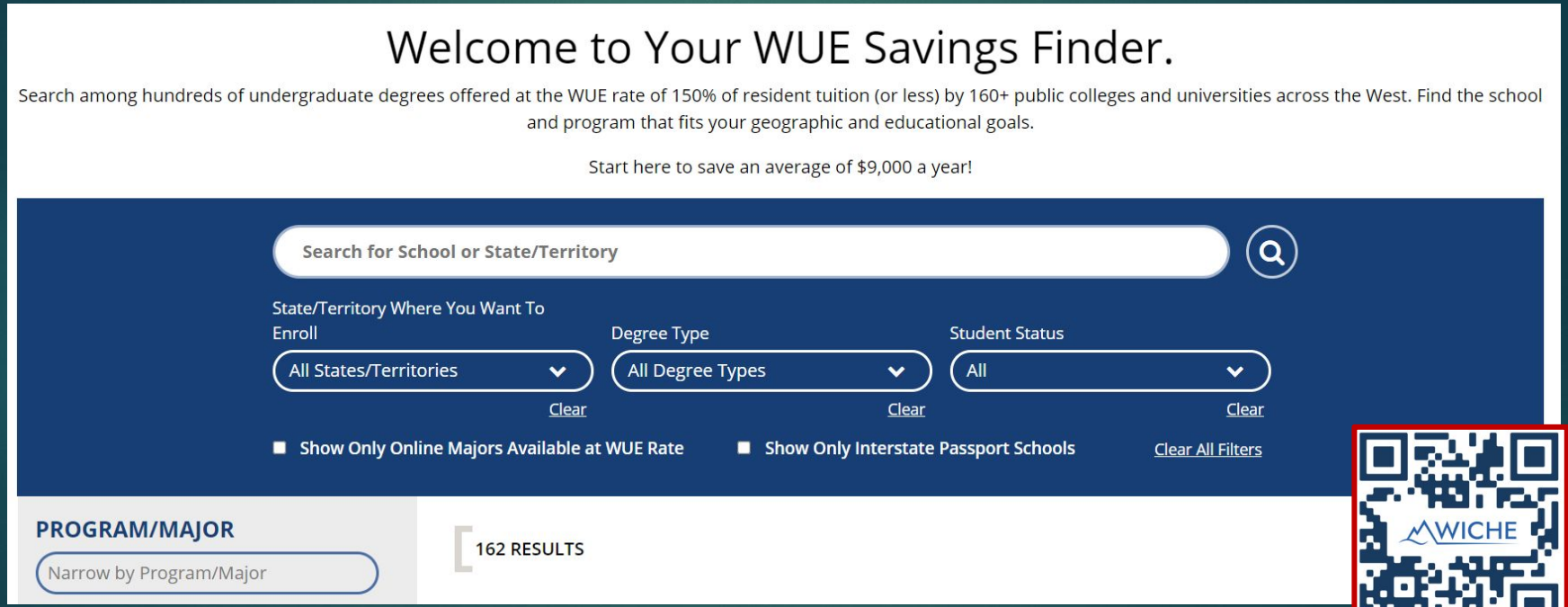

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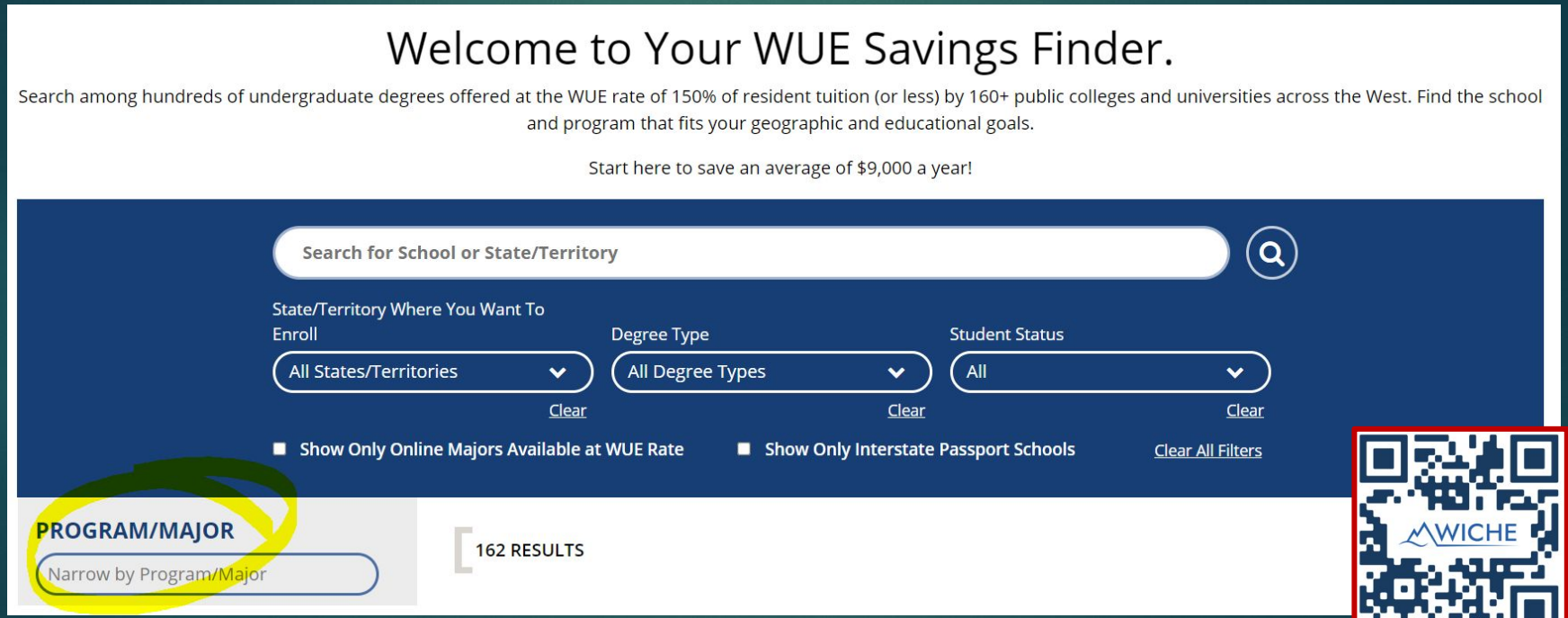

Check each school's WUE policy on its website

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

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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

Examples of WUE Requirements

SCHOOL	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE	SEPARATE APP
University of Montana	3.9 GPA or based on other academic qualifications, such as course rigor	June 30th	No
Montana State University	3.0 GPA, highly competitive	Jan. 6th	Yes, w/essay
University of Wyoming	GPA and Test Score (3.75 and 1260 SAT or 27 ACT)	May 1st	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

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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