

Western Undergraduate Exchange Program

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College in the West for Less - save tuition money with the WUE program!

What is WUE?

If you are a resident of a WICHE state, you are eligible to request a reduced WUE tuition rate of 150% of the resident rate at one of the 145 participating schools in the West. (Out-of-state tuition is normally three times what an in-state resident pays!) Search our WUE database to see which institutions participate, and which programs they have available at the WUE rate.

WICHE states include: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

WUE handout

A **Summary of Participating WUE Institutions, by State** is at:

<http://wiche.edu/wue/students>

Programs available and participating institutions

Virtually all undergraduate fields are available to WUE students at participating colleges and universities. Some institutions have opened their entire curriculum on a space-available or first-come, first-serve basis; others offer only designated programs at the reduced WUE rate.

Currently, some 145 public institutions participate in WUE; not all public institutions in every WICHE state participate in the program. To find out which ones do, and the programs that they have made available at the WUE rate, search the **WUE database** at <http://wiche.edu/wue/students>.

Eligibility

To be eligible for WUE, **students must be a resident of a WICHE state (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming).**

Your residency alone does not guarantee you the WUE rate. Some colleges and universities also have additional criteria such as ACT/SAT test scores or high school GPA. WICHE does not set qualification criteria for WUE applicants, nor do we process applications or participate in the student selection process.

The WUE reduced tuition rate is not automatically awarded to all eligible candidates. Many institutions limit the number of new WUE awards each academic year, so apply early! Consult each institution's profile for admissions requirements and application deadlines.

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How do I apply to get the reduced tuition rate?

Apply for admission **directly to the WUE institution(s)** of your choice. There is no general WUE application. If the institution that you are applying to uses a hard copy application, mark prominently on the form that you seek admission at the WUE rate. For online applications, check the WUE box and if there is not one provided, contact the school admissions office on how to apply for the WUE discounted rate.

Although some institutions automatically consider applicants from a WICHE state for the WUE rate, most require that you request the special WUE rate at the time of application for admission, or that you apply for the WUE rate through their scholarship or financial aid office.

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If you are admitted to a WUE institution at the reduced rate, keep all copies of correspondence confirming your WUE award.

Contacts

* For information about *specific WUE programs* available at the college, contact the admissions office of the school you want to apply to.

* For *general* WUE information, contact: info-sep@wiche.edu

Website: www.wiche.edu/wue