

NEW ENGLAND BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S

**tuition**  **break**  
for new england residents

**New England Board of Higher Education's  
New England Regional Student Program**

# How Tuition Break helps students

Through the Tuition Break, residents of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont are eligible to **pay lower tuition**, instead of the regular out-of-state tuition, when they enroll in **eligible programs** at out-of-state public colleges and universities within New England.



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# Key facts

The New England Regional Student Program (RSP) was established by the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) in 1957.

The program is also known as Tuition Break.

During academic year 2017-18:

- About 9,000 New England students and families benefited.
- Participating students saved an estimated \$59 million on their annual tuition bills.
- Average annual tuition savings for a full-time student was \$8,200.



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# How to be eligible

- Must be a permanent resident of a New England state: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont.
- Enroll in a **certificate or degree program** offered through Tuition Break by a state college or university *located in another New England state*: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont.
- Eligibility varies by college.



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# Types of eligibility

- **Specialized degree programs:** Colleges may choose to offer certain specialized degree programs, that are eligible *only for students if their home-state public colleges do not offer the program.*
- **Proximity:** Some colleges allow eligibility for students whose permanent home is closer than to an in-state college. *These colleges are flagged with [P] in our materials.*
- **Flexible:** *New for 2019-20.* Some colleges offer degree and certificate programs to residents of all other New England states (*eligibility is not based on the program being unavailable in a student's home state*). *These colleges are flagged with [F] in our materials.*



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# How eligible programs are determined

- Colleges determine which programs will be eligible through an Annual Review conducted by the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE).
- New programs are proposed, approved and added each year.
- NEBHE announces the updated program lists at the beginning of September.
- Programs are published online at [www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak](http://www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak).



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# Where to find lists of eligible programs

Visit [www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak](http://www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak) to access:

- Program Search (database of all eligible undergraduate and graduate programs, with multiple search options)
- *2019-20 Tuition Break Brochure* (list of eligible bachelor's programs for each state, also available in print)
- *2019-20 Tuition Break Undergraduate Catalog* (lists of associate and bachelor's programs by area of study and by institution, and campus contact information)
- *2019-20 Tuition Break Graduate Catalog*



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# Examples of bachelor's programs

## **Cognitive Science**

*University of Connecticut*

## **Creative Writing (BFA)**

*University of Maine at Farmington*

*Northern Vermont University - Johnson*

## **Cybersecurity**

*University of Maine at Augusta*

*University of Maine at Fort Kent*

*University of Southern Maine*

## **Electromechanical Tech and Robotics**

*Plymouth State University (NH)*

## **Electronic Journalism Arts**

*Northern Vermont University – Lyndon*

## **Environmental Engineering**

*University of Connecticut*

*University of New Hampshire*

## **Meteorology / Atmospheric Science**

*Northern Vermont University - Lyndon*

*Plymouth State University (NH)*

*University of Massachusetts Lowell*

*Western Connecticut State University*

## **Ocean Engineering**

*University of Rhode Island*

*University of New Hampshire*

## **Psychology: Forensic**

*Castleton University (VT)*

## **Religion**

*University of Vermont*

## **Visual Design (BFA)**

*Massachusetts College of Art and Design*

*University of Massachusetts Dartmouth*

**Visit [www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak](http://www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak) to view eligible states and all associate, bachelor's and graduate programs.**



# How to apply

- Select a college that offers a certificate or degree program through Tuition Break.
- Complete that college's admissions application and declare the eligible degree program as the intended area of study. *NEBHE does not require a separate application.*
- Once accepted to the college, confirm with the admissions office that the college has granted status under Tuition Break.
- Some programs may not be eligible for all years of enrollment. *They are footnoted accordingly in our materials.*



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# What do eligible students pay?

- Students eligible through Tuition Break pay a tuition rate that is based on a percent (from 100% to 175%) of an institution's in-state tuition rate. At some institutions, fees may be included in the calculation.
- The tuition rates and savings vary by institution.
- Tuition rates and savings for all the participating colleges and universities are posted at [www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak](http://www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak).



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# Tuition rates and savings: 2018-19

EXAMPLES	RSP Rate	Savings	Fees
Castleton University, VT	\$16,776	\$10,416	\$1,130
Community College of Rhode Island	\$6,222	\$5,518	\$416
University of Connecticut	\$21,566	\$13,650	\$2,882
University of Maine	\$14,070	\$14,520	\$2,380
University of Massachusetts Amherst	\$26,190	\$7,899	\$481
University of New Hampshire	\$26,495	\$4,025	\$3,359
University of Rhode Island	\$21,434	\$7,538	\$1,890
University of Vermont	\$27,888	\$12,288	\$2,340

**KEY. RSP Rate:** *Estimated annual tuition paid by eligible students.*

**Savings:** *Estimated discount on the out-of-state tuition provided to RSP students.*

**Fees:** *Typical mandatory fees, excluding room and board, charged to most students*

*For details about complete costs, including room and board, check each college's website.*

***View rates for all participating institutions at [www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak](http://www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak).***

# More information...

## Additional resources at [www.nebhe.org](http://www.nebhe.org)

- Selected data and weblinks for all **public and independent** colleges and universities in New England (costs, net price calculators, enrollment, etc.)
- College planning resources list
- Financial aid information and resource list

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