For residents of:

Connecticut • Maine • Massachusetts
New Hampshire • Rhode Island • Vermont
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 approved programs at out-of-state public colleges and universities within New England.

New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE)’s New England Regional Student Program (RSP)
The New England Regional Student Program (RSP) was established by the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) in 1957. The program is now known as Tuition Break.

During academic year 2018-19:

• About 8,200 New England students and families benefited.

• Participating students saved an estimated $54 million on their annual tuition bills.

• Average annual tuition savings for a full-time student was $8,000.
How to be eligible

• Your home state is: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont.

• You apply for and enroll in an approved program at an out-of-state public college or university within New England.

• Eligibility varies by college/university. They determine which programs will be eligible through an Annual Review conducted by the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE).

• NEBHE announces and publishes the lists of approved programs for the following academic year in September at nebhe.org/tuitionbreak/find-a-program.
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**: Some colleges and universities offer degree and certificate programs to residents of all other New England states – eligibility is not based on the program not being offered by a public college or university in a student’s home state. These colleges and programs are flagged with [F] in the program lists. This eligibility type took effect with the 2019-20 academic year.
View programs at nebhe.org/tuitionbreak

• Select **a state** to view lists of programs by degree level that are approved for residents of that state.

• Select **a college or university** to view their list of approved programs and eligible residents.

• **Search programs** (database of all eligible undergraduate and graduate programs, with multiple search options)

• View and download **catalogs**:  
  2020-21 Tuition Break Undergraduate Catalog  
  2020-21 Tuition Break Graduate Catalog  

View programs by degree level, area of study and by institution, and campus contact information.

New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE)’s New England Regional Student Program (RSP)
New programs approved for 2020-21
• Including more than 70 additional associate and bachelor’s programs
• New programs are approved and added each year

Examples of Bachelor’s Programs

Global Language and Area Studies
• University of Rhode Island
  *Eligible Residents: CT, ME, MA, NH*

International Studies and Diplomacy
• University of Rhode Island
  *Eligible Residents: ME, NH, VT*

Music Therapy
• University of Rhode Island
  *Eligible Residents: CT, ME, MA, NH, VT*

Public Utilities Management
• Southern Connecticut State University
  *Eligible Residents: ME, MA, NH, RI, VT*

Examples of Associate Programs

Esports Management
• Central Maine Community College
  *Eligible Residents: CT, MA, NH, RI, VT*

Public Utility Management
• Gateway Community College
  *Eligible Residents: MA, RI, VT*

Visit nebhe.org/tuitionbreak to view all programs.
How to apply

• Select a college or university that offers a certificate or degree program through Tuition Break.

• Complete that college’s admissions application and declare the approved program as the intended major. *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.*
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 the out-of-state institution's in-state tuition rate. At some colleges, 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 nebhe.org/tuitionbreak under “Data & Reports.”
More information...

Additional resources at nebhe.org

- College planning resources list
- Financial aid information and resource list
- Information in Spanish

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Look for our table at college fairs throughout New England.