Benefits to Maine of NEBHE’s Regional Student Program, Tuition Break

The New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE), agency of the federally authorized, state-created Compact, provides resource-sharing and cost-saving programs for the six New England states.

- NEBHE’s longest-standing program, the Regional Student Program (RSP) Tuition Break, has delivered more than $1 billion in college tuition savings to New England students and families since 1958.
- The region’s public colleges and universities collaborate to offer specialized academic programs at reduced tuition, providing affordable access to eligible out-of-state residents within the region.
- Tuition Break is a strategic enrollment management tool for participating public higher education institutions, and helps prepare the region’s future workforce in specialized and high-demand fields.

Maine residents save millions of dollars in tuition while having access to more than 1,000 tuition-discounted degree programs at public colleges and universities in the five other New England states—including specialized fields of study not offered by Maine public colleges and universities.

- Maine public institutions receive millions of dollars in tuition revenue from eligible RSP students, who are residents of the other five New England states.

**NEBHE State Assessment and Return on Investment (ROI)**

NEBHE state assessments support operations of the RSP Tuition Break, including:

- Managing participation of more than 8,000 annual participating students
- Engaging 80 public colleges and universities in offering eligible programs and enrollment data collection
- Annual certification of more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate programs
- Promotion of the public colleges and universities and eligible program offerings through extensive outreach and communications, including to school counselors, legislators, students and families.

**FY 2020 RSP Tuition Savings to Maine Residents & RSP Revenue to Maine Public HEIs**

- *FY20 Tuition Savings to Maine Residents*: $2,612,962
- **FY20 Tuition Revenue to Maine Public HEIs**: $14,000,779
- **FY20 Fee Revenue to Maine Public HEIs**: $2,088,047

*Savings to 402 Maine residents. Average savings of $7,330 to a full-time student.*
**Revenue paid by 1,090 eligible RSP students from five other New England states.*

**ROI for the RSP Tuition Break in FY 2020**

- Maine’s assessment to NEBHE: $147,000
- ROI: RSP tuition savings: 18-to-1
- ROI: RSP tuition savings + revenue: 113-to-1

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