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

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

- NEDHE’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.

New England residents save millions of dollars in tuition while having access to more than 2,000 tuition-discounted degree programs at out-of-state public colleges and universities within New England—including specialized fields of study not offered by their home state public colleges and universities.

The region’s public higher education institutions (HEIs) receive millions of dollars in tuition revenue from eligible RSP students.

NEBHE State Assessments and Return on Investment (ROI)

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

- Managing participation of more than 9,000 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.

ROI for the RSP Tuition Break in FY 2020

State assessments to NEDHE.........................$1,076,250
ROI: RSP tuition savings.................................59-to-1
ROI: RSP tuition savings + tuition revenue........171-to-1

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