
New England Board of Higher Education

TUITION BREAK FAQS



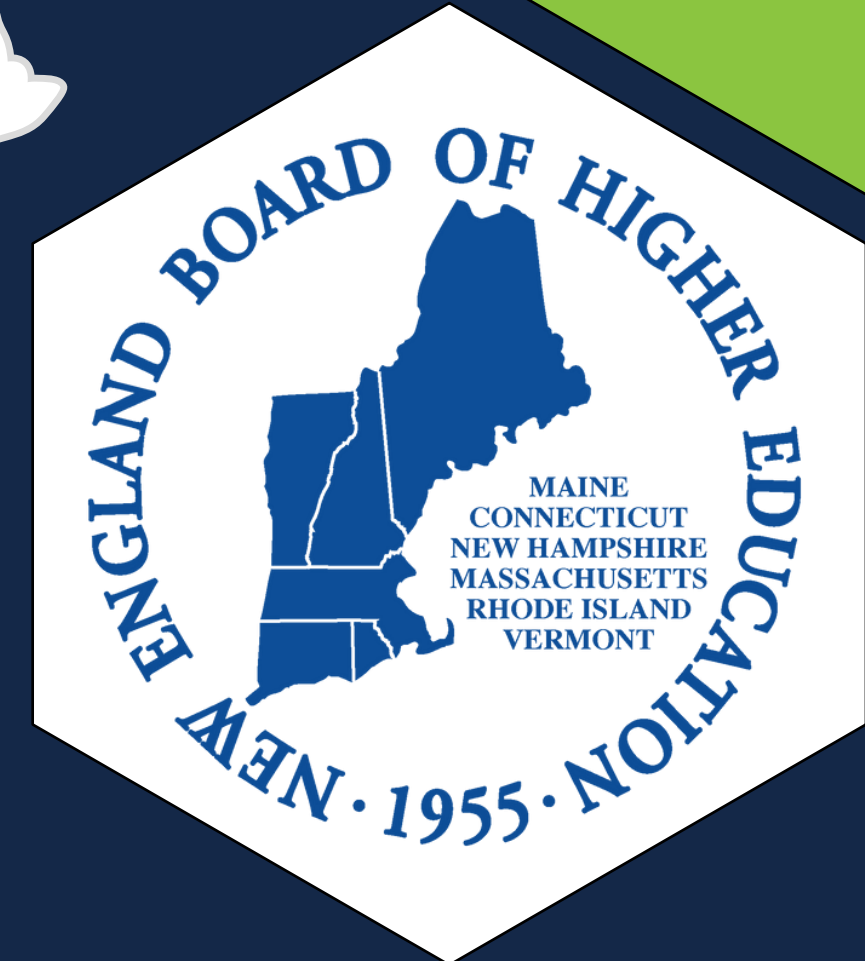
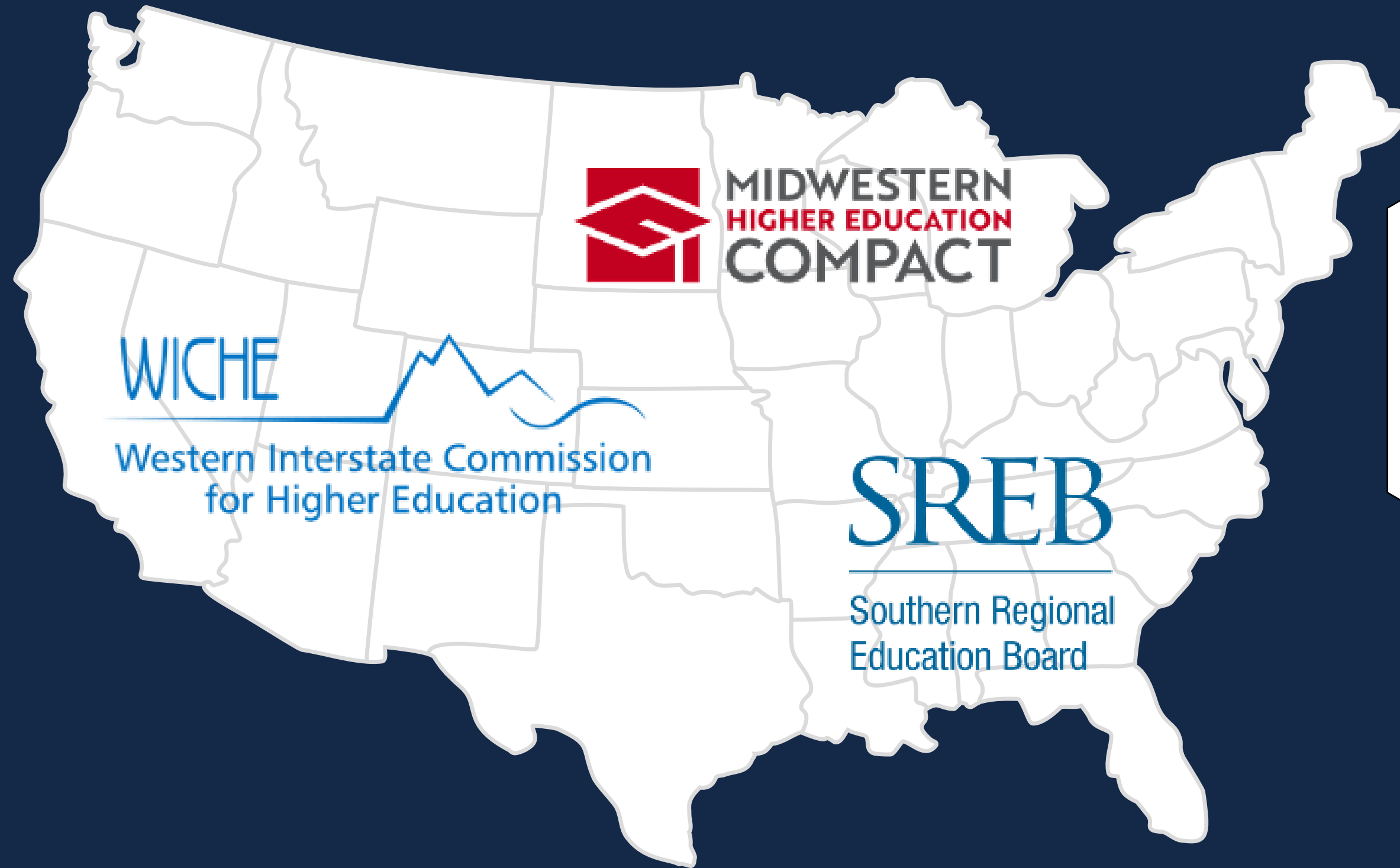
What is Tuition Break?

We help **New England residents** save on tuition at **out-of-state public** colleges and universities **within New England**.

Students pay **discounted tuition** when enrolled in an **eligible major** at a college or university **outside of their home state**.



Who is NEBHE?



nebhe.org/tuitionbreak

How are programs approved for reduced cost through Tuition Break?

One of two ways, via an Annual Review:

Specialized Programs

Discounted tuition is available to students who reside in New England states where a specific academic program is **not available at a public university**.

Flexible Programs

Discounted tuition is available to **all out-of-state residents of New England**, regardless of whether the program is available in their home state.



How Do I Apply for Tuition Break?

1

Your state of residence is Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont.

2

Research Tuition Break-eligible academic programs at your colleges of interest (Check out: nebhe.org/tuitionbreak).

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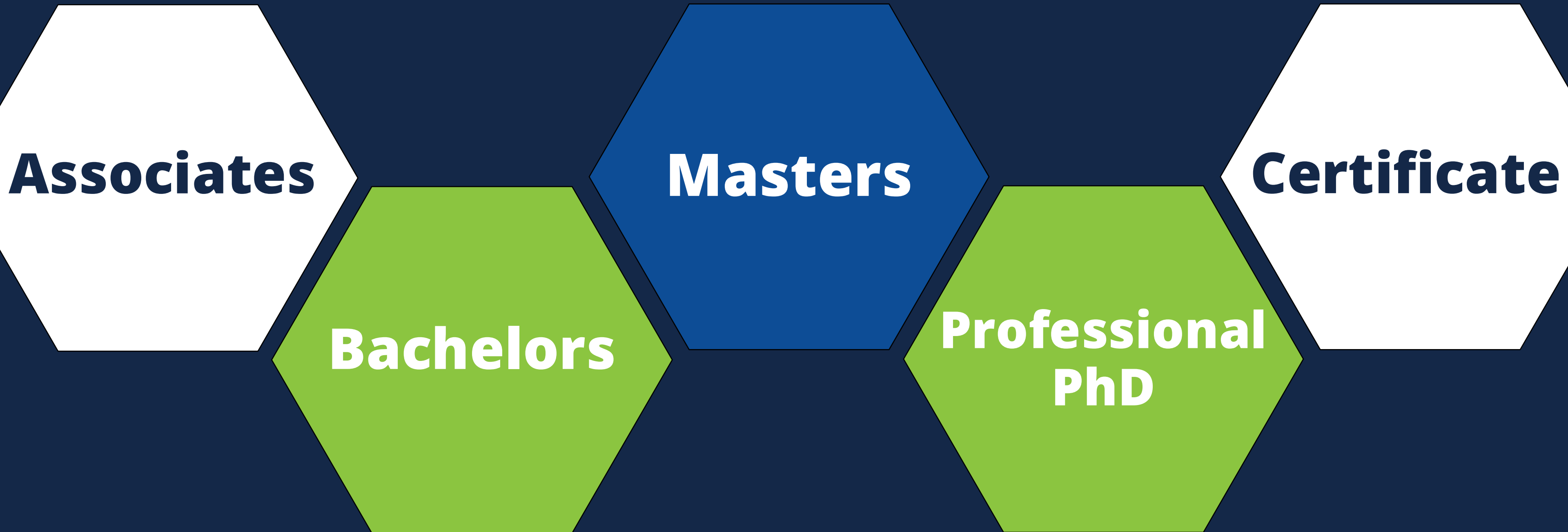
Submit your admission application to the college(s) and list the eligible program on your application. Be sure to **research any additional eligibility requirements** at each.

4

Ask questions and engage! Request more information from the admissions office about tuition savings.



What Type of Degree Qualifies?



Can I combine Tuition Break with other financial aid and cost-savings opportunities?

Yes! A few important points:

- **Complete the FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- Tuition Break is a **discount**, not a scholarship or grant.
- Financial aid is awarded based on need and/or merit at the **discretion of the college or university**.
- Make sure to read the fine print at each institution you apply at



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WHAT IF...



I live in ____ state and want to go to ____ College or University.

How do I know if I qualify for Tuition Break?

1

Your state of residence is Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont.

2

Check out our list of participating schools and eligible academic programs at (nebhe.org/tuitionbreak).

3

Confirm the program offering with the college or university that you're interested in.



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My chosen major isn't offered in my state and isn't listed as a Tuition Break program at the school I'm interested in.

Can I still access the Tuition Break discount?

No. Sometimes, a college or university decides not to offer certain majors, through Tuition Break.

Some programs are not offered by any New England public college (For example, Professional Golf Management).



What happens if I change from a Tuition Break-eligible major to a non-Tuition Break major?

You will be charged the standard out-of-state tuition rate from that point forward.

But what if I'm already in a non-Tuition Break major, can I change to a Tuition Break major at that college?

Usually. You need to contact the registrar and/or the college's Tuition Break campus representative (Listed on our website!)



How much of a discount is provided by Tuition Break?

\$8,500 is the average annual tuition savings per student.

This works by allowing an eligible student to pay a tuition rate that is significantly lower than out-of-state tuition.

The rate is based on a percentage (up to a maximum of 175%) of a college's in-state rate.

In-state tuition:	\$6,000
Out-of-state tuition:	\$18,000
Tuition Break tuition:	\$10,500
Amount Saved:	7,500

Tuition Break Fast Facts

\$8,500
Average Annual
Savings

3,000+
Majors Available
at Reduced
Tuition

68
Participating
Institutions

9,000+
Students Paid
Reduced Tuition
in 2024-25

We're Here to Help!

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