



TUITION WAIVERS

HIGHER EDUCATION
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

Over the years, the Legislature has authorized a number of various tuition waivers through legislation. In FY 2013-14, the amount of tuition that was waived totaled nearly \$90 million, from a gross tuition amount of \$793.5 million. Institutions use scholarships and tuition waivers as incentives to attract students. In many cases, these waivers have bolstered FTE enrollments. Many of the recipients of the nonresident waivers are still paying the resident tuition portion, but would likely not attend a USHE institution or any higher education institution if those waivers were not in place.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Waivers for Resident Students:

Resident Waiver

53B-8-101(1)(a)

The president of each institution may waive all or part of the tuition in behalf of meritorious or impecunious resident students to an amount not exceeding 10% of the total amount of tuition which, in the absence of the waivers, would have been collected from all Utah residents at the institution.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$9,533,772
Utah State University	6,803,868
Weber State University	5,567,997
Southern Utah University	2,837,425
Utah Valley University	6,111,436
Snow College	899,840
Dixie State University	2,015,629
Salt Lake Community College	2,007,869
Total	35,777,836

National Guard

53B-8-101(1)(b)

Two and a half percent of the waivers designated in Subsection (1)(a) shall be set aside for members of the Utah National Guard. Waivers shall be preserved by the student at least 60 days before the beginning of an academic term.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$153,081
Utah State University	109,574
Weber State University	66,548
Southern Utah University	54,684
Utah Valley University	86,016
Snow College	6,580
Dixie State University	9,620
Salt Lake Community College	19,006
Total	505,109

Senior Citizens

53B-9-101(2)

It is intended that an institution of higher education allow Utah residents who have reached 62 years of age to enroll at the institution, in classes for which they may be qualified, on the basis of surplus space in regularly scheduled classes and in accordance with this chapter and implementing rules. These persons are exempt from tuition and other charges, except for a quarterly registration fee established by the board.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$1,135,246
Utah State University	6,326
Weber State University	167,859
Utah Valley University	110,737
Dixie State University	59,315
Salt Lake Community College	124,614
Total	1,604,097

Public School Teachers

53A-6-104(2)(b)(ii)

An educator who is enrolling in a course of study at an institution within the state system of higher education to satisfy the professional development requirements of Subsection (2)(b)(i) is exempt from tuition, except for a semester registration fee established by the State Board of Regents.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$133,673
Total	133,673

Mandarin Chinese**53A-15-101.5(5)**

Students who successfully complete the concurrent enrollment course offered under this section shall receive tuition reimbursement for a sequential Mandarin Chinese course they successfully complete at an institution within the state system of higher education under rules made by the State Board of Regents in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Tuition Waived:

Total	0
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Military Member Surviving Dependents (Scott B. Lundell)**53B-8-107**

A state institution of higher education shall waive undergraduate tuition for a dependent of a qualifying deceased military member under [certain] conditions

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$3,256
Utah State University	4,548
Weber State University	1,943
Utah Valley University	5,970
Total	15,717

Surviving Spouses and Children of Police Officer and Firefighters**53B-8c-103(1)**

A state institution of higher education shall waive tuition for each child and surviving spouse of a Utah peace officer or Utah firefighter who has been killed or is killed in the line of duty.

Tuition Waived:

Utah State University	\$1,376
Utah Valley University	1,176
Dixie State University	948
Salt Lake Community College	1,463
Total	4,963

Wards of the State**53A-15-101.5(5)**

A state institution of higher education shall waive tuition for each ward of the state who meets [certain] requirements:

Tuition Waived:

Total	0
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Merit Non-Resident Undergraduate**53B-8-101(1)(a)**

A president of an institution of higher education listed in Subsections 53B-2-101(1)(a) through (h) may waive all or part of the nonresident portion of tuition for a meritorious nonresident undergraduate student.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$690,984
Utah State University	7,513,221
Weber State University	2,055,238
Southern Utah University	1,306,893
Utah Valley University	2,477,996
Snow College	213,559
Dixie State University	312,592
Salt Lake Community College	38,552
Total	14,609,035

Merit Non-Resident Graduate**53B-8-101(4)**

A president may waive all or part of the difference between resident and nonresident tuition in the case of meritorious graduate students.

Tuition Waived:

Utah State University	\$2,761,094
Weber State University	476,068
Total	3,237,162

Dixie Good Neighbor Waiver**53B-8-104**

Dixie State University may offer a good neighbor full waiver of nonresident differential in tuition rates charges to undergraduate students [under certain conditions].

Tuition Waived:

Dixie State University	0
Total	0

Border Waiver**53B-8-104**

The board may grant a scholarship for partial waiver of the nonresident portion of total tuition charged by public institutions of higher education to nonresident undergraduate students.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$45,222
Utah State University	19,383
Weber State University	16,642
Southern Utah University	32,173
Dixie State University	124,632
Total	238,052

Reciprocal Agreements

53B-8-103(1)

The board may determine when to grant a full or partial waiver of the nonresident differential in tuition rates charged to undergraduate students pursuant to reciprocal agreements with other states.

Tuition Waived:

Dixie State University	292,584
Total	292,584

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53B-8-103(1)

The board may enter into agreements with other states to provide for a full or partial reciprocal waiver of the nonresident tuition differential charged to undergraduate students.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$2,829,641
Utah State University	960,990
Weber State University	634,256
Southern Utah University	1,184,315
Utah Valley University	1,564,110
Snow College	91,290
Dixie State University	426,056
Salt Lake Community College	178,303
Total	7,868,961

Undocumented Utah High School Graduates

53B-8-106

A student without lawful immigration status who has graduated from high school after attending a Utah high school for three or more years shall be exempt from paying the nonresident portion of total tuition.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$824,475
Utah State University	183,972
Weber State University	427,325
Southern Utah University	70,736
Utah Valley University	1,226,824
Salt Lake Community College	1,640,874
Total	4,374,206

Foreign National Utah High School Graduates**53B-8-102(18)**

A foreign national student who is legally admitted to the United States who has graduated from high school after attending a Utah high school for three or more years shall be exempt from paying the nonresident portion of total tuition.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$440,535
Utah State University	78,734
Weber State University	33,454
Utah Valley University	124,292
Salt Lake Community College	68,896
Total	745,911

Nonresident Tuition Scholarships**53B-8-104.5**

The board may grant scholarships for a waiver of the nonresident portion of total tuition charged by public institutions of higher education to nonresident undergraduate students to assist in maintaining service levels, promote high academic aptitudes, and provide an effective transition to resident status.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$457,841
Utah State University	391,527
Southern Utah University	518,500
Dixie State University	1,983,859
Total	3,351,727

Alumni Legacy Scholarships 53B-8-104.5

The president of an institution may waive an amount up to the full nonresident portion of tuition for alumni legacy nonresident scholarships. Students qualify if they enroll at a USHE institution for the first time and they have at least one parent or grandparent who graduated with an associate's degree or higher from the same institution.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$52,500
Utah State University	9,902,082
Weber State University	414,679
Southern Utah University	207,792
Dixie State University	228,288
Total	10,805,341

Total Waivers for Non-Resident Students **\$49,855,168**

Total Waivers **\$89,994,311**

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In FY 2013-14, USHE institutions waived nearly \$90 million of tuition, which represents approximately 12% of the adjusted gross tuition. The amounts, by institution, are shown below. The percentage to the right of the amount of tuition waived represents the portion of that institution's adjusted gross tuition that was waived.

Total Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$17,004,248	(6.2%)
Utah State University	30,209,089	(20.3%)
Weber State University	11,115,490	(14.4%)
Southern Utah University	7,000,383	(16.7%)
Utah Valley University	12,854,343	(12.1%)
Snow College	1,643,033	(15.6%)
Dixie State University	5,660,931	(19.9%)
Salt Lake Community College	4,506,797	(7.2%)
Total	89,994,311	(12.0%)