



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 2015-16, the amount of tuition that was waived totaled nearly \$126 million, from a gross tuition amount of \$864.9 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.

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	\$9,322,153
Utah State University	7,532,780
Weber State University	6,665,314
Southern Utah University	3,158,621
Utah Valley University	7,740,608
Snow College	1,137,933
Dixie State University	2,121,025
Salt Lake Community College	2,427,318
Total	40,105,752

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	\$175,717
Utah State University	245,255
Weber State University	138,078
Southern Utah University	73,303
Utah Valley University	139,800
Snow College	10,808
Dixie State University	37,126
Salt Lake Community College	37,030
Total	857,117

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	\$1,775,364
Utah State University	3,461
Weber State University	143,625
Utah Valley University	125,304
Dixie State University	81,992
Salt Lake Community College	59,193
Total	2,188,939

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	\$23,640
Total	23,640

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:

Weber State University	\$11,217
Utah Valley University	7,736
Salt Lake Community College	779
Total	19,732

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:

Dixie State University	\$1,954
Total	1,954

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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Purple Heart Recipients

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

A state institution of higher education shall waive undergraduate tuition for each Purple Heart recipient who [meets certain requirements] and a state institution of higher education shall waive graduate tuition as provided in this Subsection (2) for each Purple Heart recipient who [meets certain requirements].

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$24,802
Utah State University	20,755
Weber State University	26,293
Southern Utah University	7,381
Utah Valley University	27,004
Dixie State University	9,933
Salt Lake Community College	9,126
Total	125,294

Athletic Waivers

53B-8-102(7)

In addition to the waivers of nonresidents tuition under Subsection (6), each institution may, as athletic scholarships, grant full waiver of fees and nonresident tuition, up to the maximum number allowed by the appropriate athletic conference as recommended by the president of each institution.

Tuition Waived:

Total	0
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Total Waivers for Resident Students \$43,322,428

Waivers for Non-Resident Students:

Athletic Waivers

53B-8-102(7)

In addition to the waivers of nonresidents tuition under Subsection (6), each institution may, as athletic scholarships, grant full waiver of fees and nonresident tuition, up to the maximum number allowed by the appropriate athletic conference as recommended by the president of each institution.

Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$665,019
Utah State University	1,753,427
Weber State University	1,323,522
Southern Utah University	844,000
Utah Valley University	1,482,284
Snow College	323,973
Dixie State University	243,842
Salt Lake Community College	161,250
Total	6,797,317

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	\$6,454,437
Utah State University	9,248,083
Weber State University	2,561,714
Southern Utah University	5,014,564
Utah Valley University	5,621,363
Snow College	671,652
Dixie State University	270,695
Salt Lake Community College	30,701
Total	29,873,209

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	\$3,898,004
Weber State University	594,213
Southern Utah University	75,486
Total	4,567,703

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:

Utah State University	\$6,858
Weber State University	6,320
Southern Utah University	2,789
Utah Valley University	9,816
Dixie State University	77,491
Total	103,274

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	\$210,357
Total	210,357

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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	\$2,267,986
Utah State University	1,339,460
Weber State University	663,562
Southern Utah University	2,747,631
Utah Valley University	3,611,254
Snow College	134,290
Dixie State University	977,275
Salt Lake Community College	178,598
Total	11,920,056

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	\$1,055,793
Utah State University	278,426
Weber State University	525,223
Southern Utah University	126,505
Utah Valley University	1,488,840
Salt Lake Community College	2,068,144
Total	5,542,931

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	\$570,878
Utah State University	100,055
Weber State University	118,503
Utah Valley University	183,748
Salt Lake Community College	72,172
Total	1,045,356

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	\$196,219
Southern Utah University	944,981
Dixie State University	3,078,379
Total	4,219,579

Alumni Legacy Scholarships**53B-8-103.5**

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	\$178,500
Utah State University	17,148,770
Weber State University	386,634
Southern Utah University	279,150
Dixie State University	232,158
Total	18,225,212

Total Waivers for Non-Resident Students **\$82,504,994**

Total Waivers **\$125,827,422**

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In FY 2015-16, USHE institutions waived nearly \$133 million of tuition, which represents approximately 14.5 percent 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	\$22,710,508	(7.3%)
Utah State University	41,575,334	(23.4%)
Weber State University	13,164,218	(16.0%)
Southern Utah University	13,274,411	(26.0%)
Utah Valley University	20,437,757	(15.3%)
Snow College	2,278,656	(18.2%)
Dixie State University	7,342,227	(21.9%)
Salt Lake Community College	5,044,311	(8.2%)
Total	125,827,422	(14.4%)