



# TUITION WAIVERS

## ISSUE BRIEF

HIGHER EDUCATION  
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### SUMMARY

Over the years, the Legislature has authorized a number of various tuition waivers through legislation. In FY 2017-18, the amount of tuition that was waived totaled \$138.5 million, from a gross tuition amount of \$963.4 million. (It should be noted that, beginning in 2017-2018, the Board of Regents ended the practice of counting WICHE/WUE waivers as tuition waivers. In 2016-17, the report totaled \$138.1 million, including WICHE/WUE waivers of \$15.8 million. The 2017-18 report is slightly higher in total than the previous year’s report but does not include the \$15.8 million in WICHE/WUE waivers.)

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	\$12,386,498
Utah State University	9,198,403
Weber State University	6,110,774
Southern Utah University	3,186,005
Utah Valley University	9,305,275
Snow College	520,413
Dixie State University	2,440,554
Salt Lake Community College	1,903,806
Total	45,051,728

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### Impecunious

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

Tuition Waived:

Weber State University	\$817,057
Southern Utah University	355,080
Snow College	487,181
Dixie State University	20,025
Salt Lake Community College	176,845
Total	1,856,188

### 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	\$272,228
Utah State University	250,324
Weber State University	142,919
Southern Utah University	94,688
Utah Valley University	239,320
Snow College	14,762
Dixie State University	54,681
Salt Lake Community College	34,850
Total	1,103,772

### 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	\$2,317,565
Utah State University	57,380
Weber State University	182,645
Utah Valley University	130,508
Dixie State University	72,381
Salt Lake Community College	72,160
Total	2,832,639

**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	\$28,870
Total	28,870

**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	\$11,039
Utah State University	20,803
Utah Valley University	4,024
Salt Lake Community College	3,041
Total	38,907

**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:

University of Utah	\$7,787
Utah Valley university	8,624
Snow College	1,638
Total	18,049

**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	\$44,693
Utah State University	28,139
Weber State University	13,829
Southern Utah University	27,832
Utah Valley University	33,612
Snow College	4,914
Dixie State University	11,488
Salt Lake Community College	1,459
Total	165,966

**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                      \$51,096,119**

**Waivers for Non-Resident Students:**

**Athletic Waivers**

**53B-8-102(7)**

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Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$716,154
Utah State University	1,921,337
Weber State University	1,400,751
Southern Utah University	2,181,928
Utah Valley University	1,025,211
Snow College	442,263
Dixie State University	1,031,942
Salt Lake Community College	277,677
Total	8,997,263

**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	\$11,074,618
Utah State University	6,753,592
Weber State University	2,921,951
Southern Utah University	7,492,813
Utah Valley University	5,501,477
Snow College	645,213
Dixie State University	3,570,372
Salt Lake Community College	273,303
Total	38,233,339

**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	\$4,298,096
Weber State University	498,376
Southern Utah University	126,054
Utah Valley University	330,304
Total	5,252,830

**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	\$90,591
Dixie State University	35505
Salt Lake Community College	2,060
Total	128,156

**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:

Southern Utah University	4,296,601
Dixie State University	\$84,029
Total	4,380,630

**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	\$1,084,250
Utah State University	338,582
Weber State University	644,743
Southern Utah University	207,781
Utah Valley University	1,843,129
Salt Lake Community College	2,486,393
Total	6,604,878

**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	\$723,403
Utah State University	196,200
Weber State University	52,514
Utah Valley University	277,048
Salt Lake Community College	96,461
Total	1,345,626



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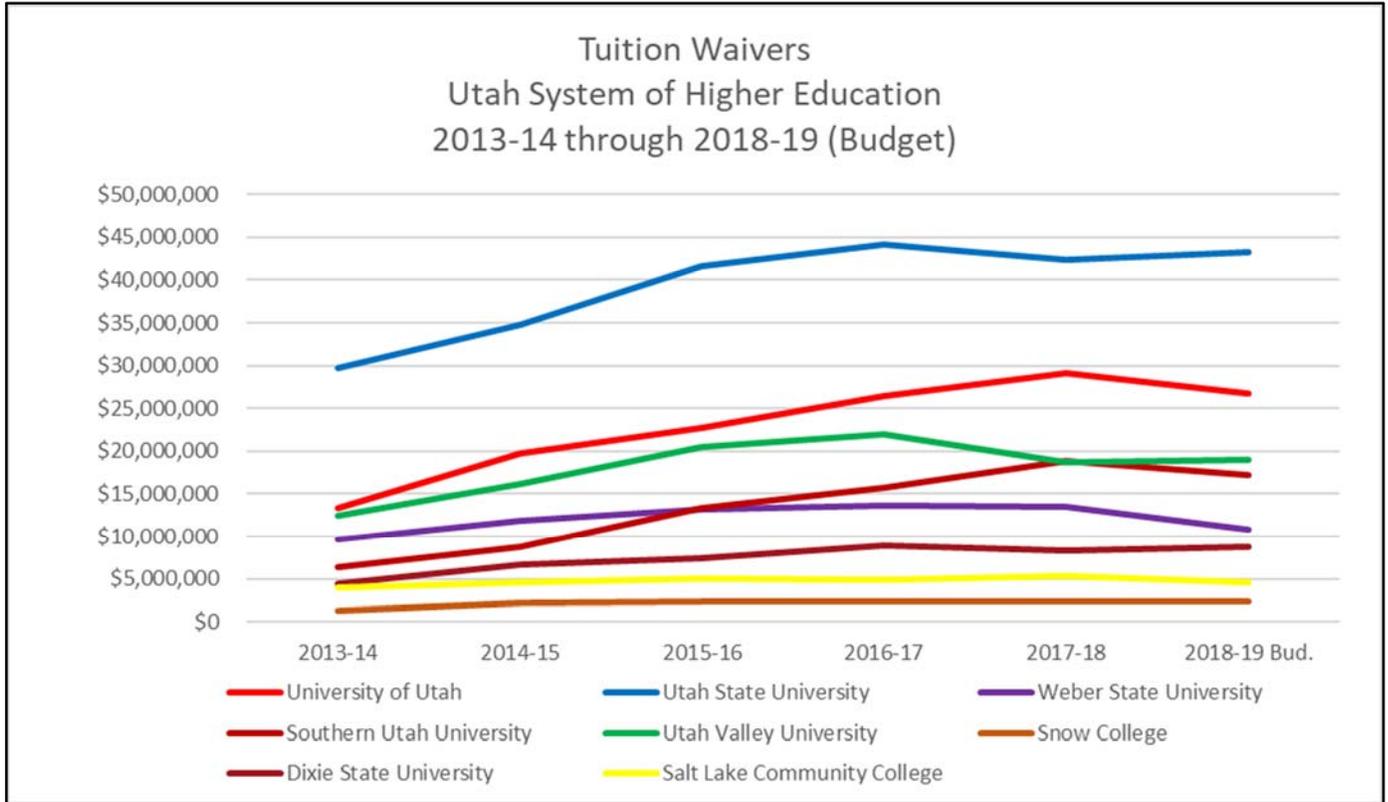
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In FY 2017-18, USHE institutions waived \$138.5 million of tuition, which represents approximately 15 percent of the adjusted gross tuition. The amounts, by institution, are shown below. The percentage to the right of the amount of tuition waived represents the portion of that institution's adjusted gross tuition that was waived.

### Total Tuition Waived:

University of Utah	\$29,059,633	( 8.3%)
Utah State University	42,324,932	(21.9%)
Weber State University	13,469,541	(15.3%)
Southern Utah University	18,925,488	(29.6%)
Utah Valley University	18,724,567	(12.4%)
Snow College	2,333,634	(16.8%)
Dixie State University	8,309,705	(20.8%)
Salt Lake Community College	5,328,055	( 8.6%)
Total	138,475,555	(14.4%)

The following chart shows the growth of tuition waivers, by institution, from 2013-14 through 2017-18, and the budgeted waivers for 2018-19, following new policies adopted by the Board of Regents.



	Tuition Waivers					
	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19 Bud.</u>
University of Utah	\$13,360,200	\$19,791,883	\$22,710,508	\$26,496,014	\$29,059,633	\$26,709,000
Utah State University	29,671,500	34,744,656	41,575,334	44,135,357	42,324,932	43,237,800
Weber State University	9,556,600	11,855,110	13,164,218	13,618,536	13,469,541	10,794,000
Southern Utah University	6,329,000	8,779,426	13,274,411	15,785,668	18,925,488	17,246,000
Utah Valley University	12,448,799	16,209,171	20,437,757	21,999,264	18,724,567	18,998,516
Snow College	1,303,122	2,136,493	2,278,656	2,327,447	2,333,634	2,396,197
Dixie State University	4,363,753	6,673,680	7,342,227	8,912,768	8,309,705	8,690,000
Salt Lake Community College	3,925,000	4,623,246	5,044,311	4,825,609	5,328,055	4,620,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,957,974</b>	<b>\$104,813,665</b>	<b>\$125,827,422</b>	<b>\$138,100,663</b>	<b>\$138,475,555</b>	<b>\$132,692,263</b>

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Using the published resident and non-resident tuition rates, the following calculated number of FTE students' tuition was waived:

	<u>Resident FTE</u>	<u>Non-resident FTE</u>
University of Utah	3,633.82	1,038.21
Utah State University	6,672.70	2,072.42
Weber State University	2,753.38	917.61
Southern Utah University	3,151.10	954.77
Utah Valley University	3,718.14	1,199.83
Snow College	701.63	192.13
Dixie State University	1,864.00	582.89
Salt Lake Community College	1,581.49	454.15
Total	24,076.26	7,412.01

