

Midwestern Higher Education Compact

What is the MSEP?

MHEC helps improve access to postsecondary education through the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP). Since 1994, the MSEP has provided more affordable opportunities for students to attend out-of-state institutions. The MSEP serves as the Midwest's largest multi-state tuition reciprocity program. MSEP is not a scholarship.

Over 140 colleges and universities in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wisconsin have opened their doors to each others' citizens at more affordable rates. **Although the Midwestern Higher Education Compact is composed of twelve Midwestern states, the MSEP is a voluntary program (as are all MHEC programs) and only nine of the twelve states participate.** Iowa, South Dakota, and Ohio do not participate in MSEP at this time. Click here for more information.

Please Note: The Illinois Board of Higher Education formally endorsed MSEP in December 2006, but the program did not go into effect until individual Illinois institutions elected to participate. Current MSEP institutions will began offering MSEP rates to all Illinois students admitted under MSEP after August 15, 2011. Campuses in all participating states are not required to "grandfather" in students admitted prior to this date.

How it works

Through the MSEP, public institutions agree to charge students no more than 150% of the in-state resident tuition rate for specific programs; private institutions offer a 10% reduction on their tuition rates. You must be enrolling as a non-resident student at a participating MSEP campus to receive the discount.

Actual savings through the program will vary from institution to institution depending upon the tuition rates. Participating students will typically realize savings between \$500 and \$3,000 annually.

Here are two examples of how the program works:

At a public college or university		At a private college or university	
In-state tuition	\$4,000	Tuition	\$12,000
Out-of-state tuition	\$8,000	MSEP Discount (10% Reduction)	\$1,200
MSEP Tuition (150% of In-state tuition)	\$6,000	MSEP Tuition	\$10,800
Your Savings	\$2,000	Your Savings	\$1,200

For more information go to: <http://msep.mhec.org>

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MSEP FAQ

- **Is the MSEP a scholarship program?**

The MSEP is not a scholarship, but a tuition reduction program.

- **What is the Midwest Student Exchange Program?**

The Midwest Student Exchange Program, or MSEP, is a multi-state tuition reciprocity program. Through the MSEP, public institutions agree to charge students no more than 150% of the in-state resident tuition rate for specific programs; private institutions offer a 10% reduction on their tuition rates.

- **Which states participate?**

Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, or Wisconsin.

- **Why is my state listed on your map on the home page but not on the MSEP site?**

MSEP is a voluntary program and only nine of the twelve states in the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) participate. Iowa, South Dakota, and Ohio do not participate in MSEP at this time. If your state is not currently participating, please contact your state MHEC Commissioners to encourage participation. A listing of the MHEC Commissioners can be found online here.

- **Who is eligible to participate?**

You must be a legal resident of Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, or Wisconsin. You must be enrolling as a non-resident student at a participating MSEP campus to receive the discount.

- **How much can I save?**

Actual savings through the program will vary from institution to institution depending upon the tuition rates. Participating students will typically realize savings between \$500 and \$3,000.

- **How do I enroll?**

Contact the Campus Administrator at the participating MSEP institution directly. Mark prominently on the institution's application form that you seek admission as a MSEP student.

- **Where can I find an application?**

To apply for admission as a MSEP student, you should contact the Campus Administrator at the participating MSEP institution directly. Each participating institution has a Campus Administrator who facilitates the program. To find campus details click here ([link to search](#)).

- **What are the application requirements?**

The application requirements vary by institution. Contact the Campus Administrator at the participating MSEP institution directly for more details.

- **What is the application deadline?**

The application deadline varies by institution. Contact the Campus Administrator at the participating MSEP institution directly for more details.

- **Do I need to reapply each year?**

You may need to reapply. Contact the Campus Administrator at the participating MSEP institution directly for more details.