### **New England Board of Higher Education**

# BREAK FAOS

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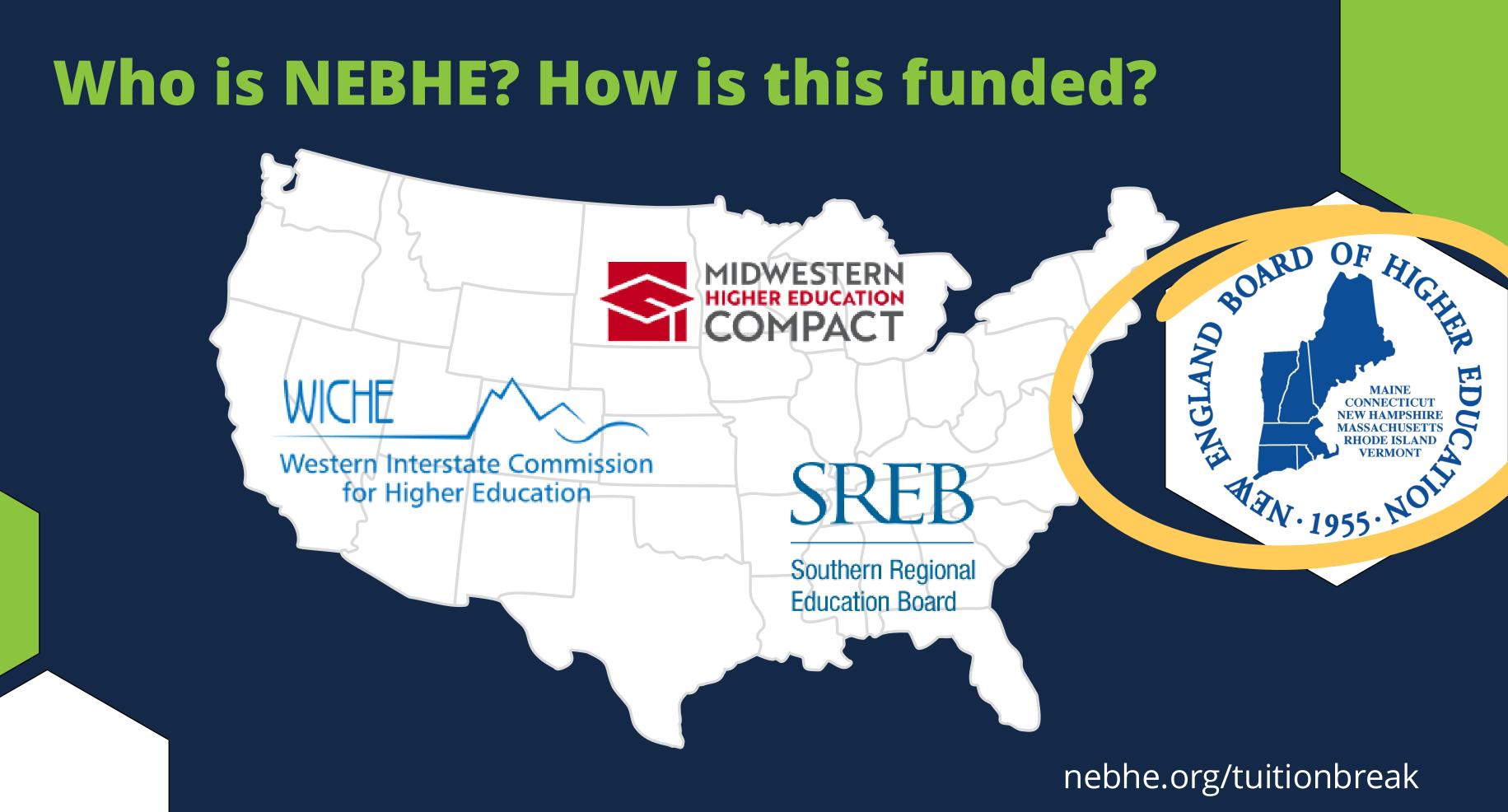
### What is Tuition Break?

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**.

What about private colleges or universities?





### 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?

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

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

**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.

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



### Is Tuition Break Available for Advanced Degrees and Certificates?

### In short, YES!



### **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.



## SCENARIOS WHAT IF...

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### I live in \_\_\_\_\_ state and want to go to \_\_\_\_\_ College or University.

### How do I know if I qualify for Tuition Break?

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

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

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

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 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?**

\$8,600 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**

### \$8,600 Average Annual Savings

68 Participating Institutions

**2,700+** Majors Available at Reduced Tuition

### 9,000 Students Paid Reduced Tuition in 2022-23

### We're Here to Help!

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