Midwest Student Exchange Program

Since 1994, the Midwestern Higher Education Compact has been expanding access and providing more affordable educational opportunities for students to attend out-of-state institutions at reduced costs. The Midwest Student Exchange Program offers reduced tuition rates to students in participating states and serves as the Midwest’s largest multi-state tuition reciprocity program.

How to Join

First, your State Higher Education Executive Office must endorse the program by signing the Midwest Student Exchange Program State Participation Agreement.

Second, your institution’s chief executive officer or designee must complete and sign the Midwest Student Exchange Program Participation Declaration.

Nearly 70 INSTITUTIONS benefit from participation in the Midwest Student Exchange Program currently.

INCREASE STUDENT ENROLLMENT

INCREASE PROGRAM AWARENESS

TARGET DEGREE PROGRAMS WITH CAPACITY

Institutions should indicate when to begin enrolling students under Midwest Student Exchange when they sign the Institutional Participation Declaration. Residents of states participating may enroll in programs in other participating states only at the degree level at which their home state admits students.

Status is retained as long as students are enrolled in the program to which they were originally admitted and they are making satisfactory progress toward a degree. Extension of the tuition privilege to students already enrolled is at the discretion of the institution.

Eligibility

The Midwest Student Exchange Program serves both public and private not-for-profit institutions in 8 states.*

Public

Participation is limited to public institutions that agree to charge no more than 150% of in-state tuition.

Private, not-for-profit

Participation is limited to private, not-for-profit institutions that offer at least a 10% tuition reduction.

Options to Customize

Pick and choose which criteria best fit your institution’s needs, including:

STUDENTS

☐ Full- & /or Part-Time

☐ New & /or Existing

☐ Total Number Accepted

ADMINISTRATIVE

☐ Set your own deadline for student applications

☐ Classify as financial aid or a form of reduced tuition

☐ Choose specific degree programs or levels

☐ Limit degree program enrollment

Questions? Contact us via MSEP@MHEC.ORG.

*Illinois and Michigan currently have inactive statuses. Iowa and South Dakota do not participate at this time, however the Midwestern Higher Education Compact would welcome their participation at any time. Eligibility requirements cannot vary based upon the student’s home state of residence. Participating campuses must offer participation to all participating states. MSEP does not interfere with existing reciprocity agreements.