

Western Undergraduate Exchange Program

Eligible students must confirm admission to CWU by June 1, 2020 to receive a WUE tuition waiver. This can be done in any one of three ways:

1. Confirm admission for 2020-2021 in MyCWU; OR
2. Pay the 2020-2021 CWU Housing deposit; OR
3. Complete Central 101 online and sign up for 2020-2021 Discover Orientation.

The Western Undergraduate Exchange

Program (WUE) is offered to students from participating western states. Students are not required to submit a separate application for the program; non-resident students whose CWU records indicate they are from an eligible state and meet the other [requirements](#) will receive the tuition waiver.

Residency is established through Registrar Services. Please refer to the [Residency link on the Registrar's web page](#) for more information.

CWU will consider **all earned credits** (transfer, Running Start, etc.) when determining a student's initial eligibility for the WUE.

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE) PROGRAM

The WUE Program waiver allows students throughout the Western United States and the Pacific Island US Territories & Freely Associated States to enroll full-time at a reduced tuition rate while seeking their first undergraduate degree. Participating states include:

Alaska	Arizona	California	Colorado	Hawaii
Idaho	Montana	Nevada	New Mexico	North Dakota
Oregon	South Dakota	Utah	Washington	Wyoming

Also eligible: residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Funding for the WUE program is determined by the state legislature. The number of WUE awards granted each year is dependent on state funding.

Can I become a resident of Washington State while receiving the WUE?

No. Time accrued while receiving a WUE waiver will not count toward the length of time required to establish Washington State residency status.

If you are or will be seeking Washington State residency, you must notify CWU Scholarships immediately: Scholarships@CWU.Edu.

IMPORTANT: Students cannot establish Washington State residency while receiving this award. You must pay full, non-resident tuition for your attendance at CWU to be counted toward the residency requirement.

How is the WUE amount calculated each year?

The WUE program waives a portion of the out-of-state tuition; your final tuition amount is **150% of in-state tuition**. The estimated WUE award for the 2020-2021 academic year is listed in the table below:

Out-of state (non-resident) tuition:	\$23,259	2020-2021
In-state (resident) tuition:	\$7,186	2020-2021
Tuition amount:	\$10,779	150% of in-state tuition
WUE award:	\$12,480	2020-2021 savings

This waiver does not cover any mandatory fees or tuition overload charges.

Are WUE waivers renewable?

Yes. They are renewable for up to 12 academic quarters (four years) or 225 attempted credits, whichever comes first. This includes transfer credits, depending upon incoming class standing:

- Freshman (0-44.9 credits) 12 quarters (4 years) or 225 attempted credits maximum, whichever comes first;
- Transfer with sophomore standing (45-89.9 credits) 9 quarters (3 years), or 225 attempted credits maximum, whichever comes first;
- Transfer with junior standing (90-134.9 credits) 6 quarters (2 years), or 225 attempted credits maximum, whichever comes first.

For the WUE to be renewable, **students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress**. For more information on Satisfactory Academic Progress, visit the [Financial Aid Office website](#).

WUE Program Requirements

Eligible students must:

- Maintain residency in an eligible state
- Meet all CWU deadlines for admission, enrollment, and financial aid, including document requests
- Maintain full-time enrollment in at least 12 credits each quarter
- 0-89.9 attempted credits: no GPA requirement
- 90+ attempted credits: minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5

There is no separate application process to be considered for the WUE—your admissions file with state residency data will determine your eligibility. Apply to CWU **no later than February 1st** for priority awarding. Applications received after this date will receive the waiver if funds are available.

The WUE program **does not apply to Summer Term, Study Abroad programs, Remedial Courses, or Continuing Education tuition charges.**

Non-matriculated, post-baccalaureate students, and graduate students are not eligible to receive the WUE.

Students do not need to maintain continuous enrollment to qualify for WUE renewal.

The WUE cannot be combined with other CWU merit tuition waivers.

Any combination of tuition waivers cannot exceed 50% of tuition charges.