

New England Regional Student Program

The New England Board of Higher Education's Regional Student Program (RSP) provides New England residents with a tuition break when they study certain majors - *not available at public colleges in their home state* - at public colleges and universities in other New England states. All 78 public colleges and universities in New England participate in the RSP. Together, these two-year and four-year higher education institutions offer more than 700 academic programs at reduced tuition to out-of-state New England residents. Programs are available through the RSP at all academic levels: associate, bachelor's master's, certificate of advanced graduate study, master's doctoral and first-professional. The majors are approved each year by the participating institutions and are listed in the annual RSP catalog, which is available in the Guidance Office.

The RSP tuition break

*Students pay **in-state** tuition when they attend a public college or university in their home state.

*Students pay **out-of-state** tuition when they attend a public college in another state.

*Students pay **RSP tuition** when studying a major that is not offered by a public college in their home state, but is offered by a public college in another New England state through the RSP. When a degree program is offered through the RSP at both an in-state and out-of-state two-year public college, and the out-of-state college is closer to the student's legal residence, the student may apply for RSP status at that college. The RSP tuition rate is usually 150% of the college's in-state tuition rate.

Applying for RSP status

A participating college's application form usually includes a question regarding the RSP. If not, you should write clearly on the application that you are applying through the New England Regional Student Program and declare an RSP program as your intended major. Applicants who are accepted into eligible programs will be notified by the institution where they applied for admission whether they have been granted RSP status.