Official Policies for Applicants

To qualify for the WUE, PSU applicants must meet the following four criteria:

(1) Applicants must apply for undergraduate admission to the fall term by December 1 and receive an admissions decision by July 1.

- There is no separate WUE application. The WUE is awarded based on information from the undergraduate admission application.
- The WUE is only awarded to students who matriculate in the fall. Applicants seeking the WUE should apply for fall term. If an applicant applies for a term other than fall they can receive the WUE if they (A) update their admission term to fall by the December 1 priority deadline and (B) meet all other WUE criteria.
- An applicant must submit an application by December 1 to be WUE eligible, but the applicant is not required to have a complete application or be admitted by that date. An applicant must be admitted no later than July 1 to be WUE eligible.
- There are no exceptions to the December 1 and July 1 deadlines.
- There are no exceptions to the fall matriculation requirement.
- The WUE is only awarded to incoming students and is not awarded to current/continuing PSU students under any circumstance.
- The WUE is only open to undergraduate students. Postbaccalaureate and graduate students are not eligible to receive the WUE.
- If an applicant receives the WUE but does not matriculate in the fall, their WUE will be rescinded. The applicant may change their admission term to a term other than fall within the three term update window, but the applicant will not receive the WUE. In place of the WUE, an applicant in this case may be awarded the highest Out of State Opportunity Scholarship (OOS) for which they qualify, prorated based on when they matriculate.
- Co-admitted students are subject to the same application and matriculation requirements and must matriculate at PSU in the fall term for which they were admitted to PSU.
Applicants must be a legal resident of a WICHE state or eligible territory.

- The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is the only eligible territory.
- If an applicant resides outside of their state of legal residence they must provide documentation of their legal residence to receive the WUE.
- If an applicant that is a legal resident of a WUE state or territory (A) moves to Oregon with their legal guardians, (B) is claimed on taxes as a dependent by their legal guardians, and (C) has not established Oregon residency through their legal guardians, that applicant is WUE eligible if they meet all other criteria until Oregon residency is established through their legal guardians.
- If an applicant that is a legal resident of a WUE state or territory (A) moves to Oregon, (B) is not claimed as a dependent for tax purposes, and (C) has not established Oregon residency, that applicant is WUE eligible if they meet all other criteria. Note that in this situation, the student will not be able to establish Oregon residency while receiving the WUE; WUE recipients must enroll as a full time student (12 or more credits/term), which prevents Oregon residency from being established. An applicant can decline the WUE with a written request.

All WUE eligible applicants are considered for WUE regardless of major.

- Effective 2015 Fall Term, all PSU majors are eligible to receive the WUE.
- Effective 2015 Fall Term, current PSU WUE recipients that change majors are allowed to keep their WUE regardless of their catalog year so long as they meet the credit and GPA requirements. Note that the duration of a student’s WUE is not extended if they change majors.
- Current (as of 3/1/16) PSU students who are not WUE recipients are not eligible to receive the WUE retroactively due to this policy change.
Applicants must meet the academic requirements based on their student type no later than August 1 to receive the WUE:

Freshman (Meet one of the following criteria no later than August 1)
- 3.5 final cumulative unweighted high school GPA
- or- 1200 SAT (math + critical reading) from a single testing date
- or- 27 ACT composite from a single testing date

Transfer (Meet all of the following criteria no later than August 1)
- 3.0 final cumulative college GPA
- 90 or more transferable quarter credits (60 semester credits)

- An applicant must demonstrate they meet WUE academic criteria by August 1 (GPA, test scores, and/or credits). It is the applicant’s responsibility to prove they meet all criteria by August 1. This is a hard deadline; there are no exceptions.
- PSU does not superscore SAT or ACT test scores (a superscore is the sum of test results from different test dates); WUE qualifying test scores must be from the same test date.
- Home school and GED students are WUE eligible if they meet all eligibility criteria and qualify academically through test scores.
- An applicant that has taken a gap year (or multiple years) may receive WUE but only if they meet all WUE eligibility criteria.
- All applicable credits are included in the 90 credit requirement for transfer students, including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and College Level Exam Preparation (CLEP) credits.
- Applicants that received college credit as part of their high school graduation requirements are considered freshmen for admissions purposes and receive 12 terms of WUE eligibility.
- Freshman applicants receive the WUE for 12 academic terms. Incoming transfer students receive the WUE for 6 academic terms. Academic terms are fall, winter, and spring. Students receive the WUE rate for the summer term but there is no minimum credit limit for summer term and summer term does not count against their maximum term limit.
- An applicant may be awarded a WUE or Out of State Opportunity Scholarship (OOS), but not both. If an applicant is awarded the WUE after an OOS, having demonstrated they meet all WUE criteria by August 1, the OOS will be cancelled and the WUE awarded.
- The PSU Office of Admissions and Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships reserve the right to rescind awards at their discretion.
Terms and Conditions for WUE Recipients

The Value of WUE: The WUE adjusts your PSU tuition to 150 percent of the in-state undergraduate tuition rate for up to 12 academic terms (fall, winter, and spring terms) for freshman students and six academic terms for transfer students.

Accepting WUE: To accept your WUE, you must submit your PSU Intent to Enroll by the date specified in your letter of offer. Failure to submit your Intent to Enroll by that date may result in forfeiture of your WUE (but will not affect your admission). Submit your Intent to Enroll on your Banweb account under the “Student Services” tab.

Maintaining WUE: You will receive your WUE for up to 12 (freshman) or six (transfer) academic terms so long as you meet the following requirements.

- Maintain status as a PSU undergraduate student.
- Enroll in 12 or more PSU undergraduate credits (courses numbered 100-499) each academic term (fall, winter, and spring terms) and maintain satisfactory academic progress (minimum 2.0 GPA or higher and pass ⅔ of enrolled classes). Courses taken at another institution do not count towards maintaining your WUE.
- Keep address current and updated in the Student Information System.
- Communicate directly with the WUE Coordinator in advance of any absences from PSU or changes in academic course load

Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in the forfeiture of your WUE; the WUE cannot be reinstated once it is lost.

Summer Term: Enrollment in the summer term is optional and you are not required to register for 12 credits during the summer term for the WUE. So long as you are receiving the WUE, any PSU credits taken during the summer term will be charged at the WUE rate and will be applied towards the 36 credit requirement the following academic year. The summer term does not count against your 12 term limit.

Leaving School: The WUE is not transferrable to other institutions. The WUE will be discontinued if the recipient does not meet the criteria outlined above. If circumstances require a student to be away from PSU for a term or more (e.g. internship, study abroad, illness), please contact the WUE Coordinator to discuss your options.
**Disbursement:** The WUE is disbursed each term by the PSU Cashier’s Office. The WUE and any other additional financial aid or scholarships is automatically applied to the recipient’s account prior to the beginning of each term provided the recipient is registered for 12 or more credit hours.

**Limitations:** The WUE cannot be combined with the Out of State Opportunity Scholarship. For students that are not financially dependent on others for tax purposes, time accumulated in Oregon while receiving the WUE cannot be applied to time spent in establishment of Oregon residency for tuition purposes.

**Financial Aid:** The WUE may affect the recipient’s financial aid package. Any questions about this should be addressed to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Please email askfa@pdx.edu, call 1-800-547-8887x3461, or visit the window in the Neuberger Hall lobby.