Portland State University (PSU) proudly participates in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) for academically qualified incoming Freshmen and Transfer students who meet specific criteria. WUE students receive reduced tuition equal to 150% of resident tuition. See the website for more details: pdx.edu/undergraduate-admissions/wue

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**OFFICIAL POLICIES FOR APPLICANTS**

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

1. **Applicants must apply for undergraduate admission to fall term by the priority application deadlines for their student type. All students must be admitted by July 1 and demonstrate WUE eligibility by August 1.**
   - There is no separate WUE application. WUE is awarded based on information from the undergraduate admission application.
   - WUE is only awarded to students who matriculate in the fall term. Applicants seeking WUE should apply for fall term. If an applicant applies for a term other than fall they can receive WUE if they update their admission term to fall by the priority deadlines listed above and meet all other WUE criteria.
   - Individuals must submit an application by the priority deadlines based on their student type to be eligible for WUE, but the applicant is not required to have a complete application or be admitted by that date. An applicant must be officially admitted no later than July 1 to be eligible for the WUE award.
   - There are no exceptions to the December 1, February 1 (application), July 1 (admission), and August 1 (final academic records) deadlines.
   - There are no exceptions to the fall matriculation requirement.
   - WUE is only awarded to incoming students and is not awarded to current/continuing PSU students under any circumstance.
   - WUE is only open to undergraduate students. Postbaccalaureate and graduate students are not eligible to receive WUE.
   - WUE is not available to co-admitted students. Students must enroll full time (12 credit hours at PSU) to receive WUE each term.
   - If an applicant receives WUE but does not matriculate in the fall, their eligibility will be rescinded. The applicant may change their admission term to a term other than fall within the three term update window, however the applicant will not receive WUE. In place of WUE, an applicant in this case may be awarded the Out of State Opportunity Scholarship (OOS) for which they qualify, prorated based on when they matriculate.

2. **Applicants must be a legal resident of a WICHE state or eligible territory.**
• If an applicant resides outside of their state of legal residence they must provide documentation of their legal residence to receive WUE.
• If an applicant who 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 who 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. A student cannot establish Oregon residency while receiving WUE. An applicant can decline 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 WUE.
• Effective 2015 Fall Term, current PSU WUE recipients who change majors are allowed to keep their WUE regardless of their catalog year so long as they meet the credit and GPA requirements. The duration of a student’s WUE is not extended if they change majors.

Applicants must meet the academic requirements based on their student type no later than August 1 to receive WUE.

Freshman
(Officially meet one of the following criteria no later than August 1)
• 3.5 final cumulative unweighted high school GPA
• 1270 or higher SAT from a single testing date
• 27 or higher ACT composite from a single testing date

Transfer
(Officially meet all of the following criteria no later than August 1)
• 3.0 final cumulative college GPA
• All final college transcripts transferred to PSU

An applicant must demonstrate they meet WUE academic criteria by August 1 (GPA, test scores, and/or credits transferred into the university). It is the applicant’s responsibility to prove they meet all criteria by August 1 by submitting their official academic records to the university. 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 schooled and GED students are WUE eligible if they meet all eligibility criteria and qualify academically through test scores.
• An applicant who has taken a gap year (or multiple years) may receive WUE as long as they meet all WUE eligibility criteria.
• Applicants who received college credit as part of their high school graduation requirements are considered freshmen for admissions purposes.
• An applicant may be awarded WUE or an Out of State Opportunity Scholarship (OOS), but not both. The PSU Office of Admissions and Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships reserve the right to rescind awards at their discretion.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE RECEPIENTS:

The Value of WUE: WUE adjusts a student’s PSU tuition to 150 percent of resident undergraduate tuition for up to four academic years for freshman students, three academic years for sophomore transfer students, and two academic years for both junior and senior transfer students.

Accepting WUE: To accept WUE students must submit their tuition deposit or enrollment confirmation form no later than August 1. Failure to submit it by that date may result in forfeiture of WUE (but will not affect admission). Confirm your enrollment at PSU: pdx.edu/undergraduate-admissions/admitted-students/confirm

Maintaining WUE: Freshmen will receive WUE for up to four academic years, transfer students who are sophomores will receive WUE for up to three academic years, transfer students who are juniors or seniors will receive WUE for up to two academic years so long as the following requirements are met:

- Maintain status as a PSU non-resident undergraduate student
- Enroll in 12 or more PSU undergraduate credits (courses numbered 100-499) each academic term and maintain satisfactory academic progress (courses taken at another institution do not count towards maintaining the WUE award)
- Keep address current and updated in Banweb
- Communicate directly with the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships 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 WUE. WUE cannot be reinstated once it is lost.

Leaving School: WUE is not transferable to other institutions. 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), students must contact askfa@pdx.edu to discuss options.

Disbursement: WUE awards are disbursed each term by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships and applied towards the tuition bill. The WUE award 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 and is eligible under the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.

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

Financial Aid: WUE may affect the recipient’s financial aid package. Any questions about this should be addressed to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. Please email askfa@pdx.edu, call 1-800-547-8887 ext. 3461, or visit the window in the Neuberger Hall lobby.