

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

**\$683,722**

**TOTAL SAVED**  
by American Samoa students  
through WICHE Student  
Access Programs

**\$683,722**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



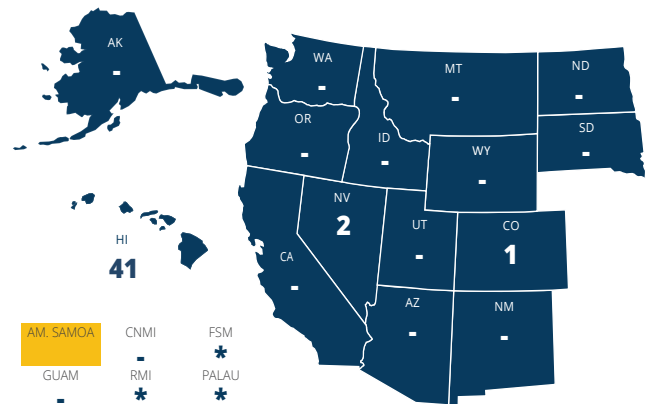
Saves **UNDERGRADUATE** students on out-of-state tuition. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

*Note: Students from American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and some Guam students are eligible for the University of Hawaii Pacific Islander rate, which is the equivalent of the WUE rate. These students are also reported here as WUE students.*

Top out-of-state WUE schools for American Samoa undergraduate students:

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (39)**
- ▶ **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2)**
- ▶ **Colorado State University Pueblo (1)**

WUE STUDENTS FROM AM. SAMOA: **44**



\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**2,501% ROI** Gained on American Samoa's WICHE annual dues (\$27,333/FY 2024)

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is a member of the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States membership. This membership allows more students access to tuition savings, workforce development, and behavioral health programs.

Other active members include Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and American Samoa. Generous grants from the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs have covered the annual dues for the Pacific Island members of WICHE for the past few years.

## Regional collaboration

**OUR GROWING PARTNERSHIP** in the region is thanks in part to substantial collaboration and leadership, as well as a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, which was renewed for a second consecutive year in 2022 to cover WICHE's annual dues. Participation in WICHE is open to all the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States, once they pass the necessary legislation; currently this includes American Samoa, CNMI, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** WICHE brings together senior academic leaders to foster dialogue about issues facing individual institutions through its leadership and professional development networks.

- ▶ **Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders** – 2-year institutions
- ▶ **Western Academic Leadership Forum** – 4-year institutions
- ▶ **Western Academic Leadership Academy** is a yearlong professional development program for academic leaders aspiring to become chief academic officers in the WICHE region.

**NO HOLDING BACK** In 2022-23, 12 WICHE institutions analyzed data, policies, and practices to make improvements to how it used holds on registration or transcripts, and contributed to the development of tools for other institutions to undertake this work.

## Sound public policy

**KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR** is the leading U.S. resource for projections of college-ready students. *Knocking*, which includes a quadrennial publication with additional

analysis, is essential for postsecondary policymakers, planning and workforce efforts, and economic development. Visit [knocking.wiche.edu](https://knocking.wiche.edu) to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.

**DATA RESOURCES** WICHE offers curated data and policy resources to support better-informed decision-making. WICHE's research projects and collaborations cover postsecondary completion, health workforce development, behavioral health in postsecondary education, open educational resources (OER), state finance, prior learning assessment, and more.

- ▶ **Tuition and Fees in the West** includes tuition, fees, and enrollment data about 350+ public institutions in the West.
- ▶ **Benchmarks: WICHE Region** presents information on the West's progress in improving access to, success in, and financing of higher education.
- ▶ Data on over 35 indicators in WICHE's **Regional Fact Book for Higher Education in the West**.

**DATA EXPERTS** WICHE staff provide analysis on finance, financial aid, articulation and transfer, strategic planning, student demographics, and more, as well as host peer-to-peer calls of state, system, and institutional chief academic officers to identify areas of potential collaboration and resource sharing across the West.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS** WICHE continues to advocate for considering the unique challenges faced by the Pacific Islands and the need for incorporating their data in federal collections and analysis.

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