

# MINNESOTA TUITION RECIPROCITY

## UW-MADISON SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 717 & ASSEMBLY BILL 714

The Minnesota-Wisconsin tuition reciprocity agreement waives nonresident tuition for residents of either state who are enrolled in public institutions of higher education located in the other state, in favor of a reciprocal fee structure.

Under the agreement, Minnesota residents can attend UW institutions without paying nonresident tuition. (Similarly, Wisconsin residents can attend Minnesota public universities without paying nonresident tuition.) Instead, the student pays the higher of the resident tuition charged at the institution they are attending or the tuition the student would pay at a comparable institution in their home state.

### Current Policy

Minnesota families pay Minnesota's higher tuition level, but UW institutions do not receive the full Minnesota tuition amount. Instead, they receive tuition equal to the WI in-state tuition rate. For example, a Minnesota student will pay \$14,979 in tuition/fees at UW-Madison in 2021-22, but the campus will only receive \$10,720. The remainder (\$4,259) is retained in the State of Wisconsin general fund.

A share of this is returned to Minnesota based on a formula agreed to in the Minnesota-Wisconsin Higher Education Reciprocity Agreement. For many years, Wisconsin has paid Minnesota, because Minnesota's tuition is higher. What is left stays in the Wisconsin general fund for general purpose use.

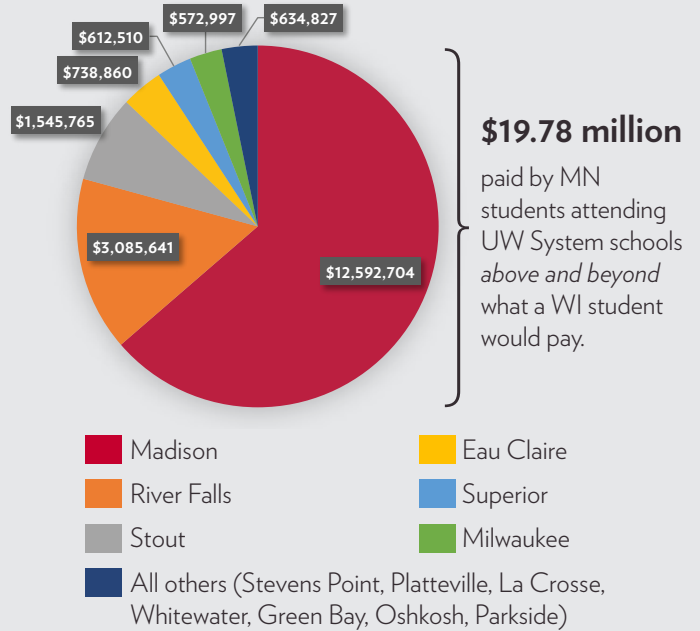
Under current law, the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) and the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (MOHE) jointly administer and have authority to renegotiate the agreement. In Wisconsin, changes to the agreement must be approved by the Joint Committee on Finance. In Minnesota, changes are approved by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees and the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

### Requested Changes

1. Require the UW System to enter into, administer, and renegotiate with Minnesota a tuition reciprocity agreement that provides for the waiver of nonresident tuition and for a reciprocal fee structure for residents of either state who are enrolled in public institutions of higher education located in the other state.
2. Require that all the tuition paid by Minnesota students attending UW institutions under the agreement, including tuition commonly referred to as differential reciprocity tuition, be credited to a UW System appropriation account from which UW System expenditures are authorized.

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### UW System Tuition Differential Earned, 2020-21



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### UW-Madison Tuition per MN Student, 2021-22

**\$14,979**

MN tuition and fees at UW-Madison



**\$10,720**

retained by UW-Madison

**\$4,259**

retained in WI general fund, a portion of which is paid to MN



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