



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for the NC Promise Tuition Plan?

All undergraduate students attending Elizabeth City State University, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and Western Carolina University will pay the reduced student tuition costs beginning in fall 2018. This includes both new and returning students, transfer students, students in online programs and international students. There are no eligibility requirements to take advantage of NC Promise. When a student is accepted to one of these three schools, they are automatically enrolled in the program.

Please note these changes do not apply to graduate programs.

How does this apply to part-time students?

Tuition will be prorated for part-time undergraduate students. Specific per-hour tuition costs still are being developed.

Will this cost increase over time as tuition typically does?

Because the specific amounts are included in legislation, increases to the \$500 student tuition cost will have to be set by the state Legislature as needed in response to inflation or other factors. At this time, we do not know whether increases over time are intended or will be considered.

How will these schools continue to offer high-quality education while dropping costs?

The state of North Carolina will match dollar for dollar the difference between current tuition costs and the NC Promise Tuition Plan cost. The end result is affordability for students without sacrificing quality.

Why did our state decide to create this plan?

This significant investment in access to higher education honors the state's constitutional commitment to make higher education "as far as practicable, be extended to the people of the State free of expense." It also supports economic development in the state by helping North Carolina meet demands for a well-educated workforce, increasing recruitment of high-performing out-of-state students, and decreasing college indebtedness.

How will this affect competition for admission?

The three universities expect a higher than normal number of applications beginning fall 2018. A larger applicant pool likely will increase competition for available space in each incoming class.

TUITION COMPARISONS

The NC Promise Tuition Plan will reduce in-state tuition cost to \$500 per semester and out-of-state tuition to \$2,500 per semester beginning in Fall 2018. This applies to all students, including those who began their college career before fall 2018. Student fees along with room and board cost will not be impacted.

Comparison costs for in-state residential students:

UNIVERSITY	CURRENT ANNUAL TUITION	ANNUAL TUITION WITH NC PROMISE	CURRENT ANNUAL TOTAL COST*	ANNUAL TOTAL COST WITH NC PROMISE*
ECSU	\$2,856.00	\$1,000.00	\$14,536.03	\$12,680.03
UNCP	\$3,602.00	\$1,000.00	\$17,277.46	\$14,675.46
WCU	\$3,971.00	\$1,000.00	\$18,635.94	\$15,664.94

**Total annual cost includes tuition, required fees for residential students, standard meal plan and standard residence hall double room.*

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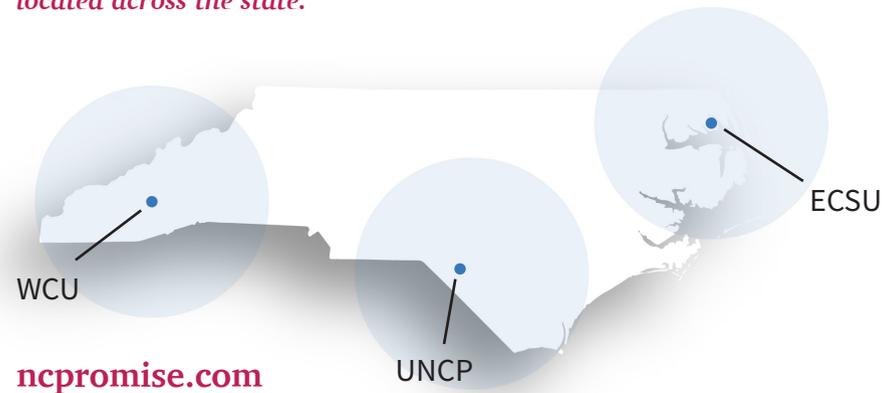
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THE NC PROMISE TUITION PLAN

Beginning in Fall 2018, North Carolina will debut an innovative plan to make the university experience affordable and accessible for all. NC Promise, which reduces the cost of tuition at three UNC system institutions, will open the door to college for talented students and dramatically reduce the debt burden as they enter the workforce.

NC Promise delivers an exceptionally affordable, high-quality UNC education in every region of our state at three diverse institutions: **Elizabeth City State University**, the **University of North Carolina at Pembroke**, and **Western Carolina University**.

The three NC Promise campuses are geographically diverse and located across the state.



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PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Elizabeth City State University

Situated in the northeastern coastal town of Elizabeth City, ECSU offers undergraduate and graduate programs of study in aviation, behavioral sciences, business and economics, mathematics and computer science, natural sciences, and teaching and administration. We prepare our graduates for leadership, a lifetime of learning, and a legacy of success. Learn more at [ecsu.edu](https://www.ecsu.edu).

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Located in southeastern North Carolina, UNCP offers 41 undergraduate and 17 graduate programs as well as a variety of “pathways to success” at one of the most diverse campuses in the South. UNCP’s personalized approach to education means each student is an individual and thrives in a warm and welcoming community. Wherever you want to go, whatever you choose to do, UNC Pembroke will help you get there. Learn more at [uncp.edu](https://www.uncp.edu).

Western Carolina University

WCU is the westernmost institution in the UNC system with its main campus located 50 miles west of Asheville in Cullowhee. Named the Southeast and mid-Atlantic’s No. 1 Adventure College for three years running, WCU offers rigorous academic programming that is deeply connected with the mountain region through service learning, research in partnership with industry, and outdoor classroom experiences. Learn more at [wcu.edu](https://www.wcu.edu).

ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

Reducing Student Debt

By lowering the overall cost of college, the NC Promise Tuition Plan will reduce the amount students need to borrow, resulting in less debt after graduation.

Meeting Needs of a Growing State

NC Promise also will open the door for more high-performing students, both in-state and out-of-state, to earn degrees in fields such as engineering, education, computer science, health care, business and finance, aviation, and technology to meet the needs of businesses throughout the state.

