

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education

Tuition Equity Form and Affidavit for High School Completers

The **Tuition Equity Law**, effective July 1, 2023, extends eligibility for in-state tuition rates and fees and state-funded financial assistance to High School Completers (see Section A below). See [G.L. c. 15A, § 9](#), as amended through [St. 2024, c. 140, § 22](#). This form should be completed by students seeking in-state tuition and fee rates or state financial aid under the Tuition Equity Law.

Section A - Eligibility

Instructions: For all applicants, in the fields below please insert your name, check off each box that is true, and provide the high school attendance and diploma/GED/HiSET information requested below.

I, (insert name) _____ have applied or been admitted to a public or state-approved private, independent nonprofit institution of higher education in Massachusetts, and my birth date is _____.

Note: Both **in-state tuition rates and fees** and **state financial aid** are available at **public** institutions of higher education established in [G.L. c. 15A, § 5](#). Only **state financial aid** is available at [state-approved private, independent nonprofit institutions](#).

I currently **am not** in a non-immigrant status within the meaning of [8 U.S.C. § 1101\(a\)\(15\)\(A\) to \(S\)](#) inclusive.

Note: [Non-immigrant visas](#) allow recipients to stay temporarily in the United States for tourism, medical treatment, business, temporary work, study, or similar reasons.

By the time I enroll at an eligible institution, I will have attended high school (or district-approved home school) in Massachusetts over the course of 3 academic years.

Note: The 3 years of high school attendance can be partial academic years. Approved private or homeschooling plans can be found at <https://www.doe.mass.edu/homeschool/>.

Please list the name and dates attended of the high school(s) in the table below:

High School Name or School District that approved the homeschooling plan	City/Town, State	From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)

By the time I enroll at an eligible institution, I will have graduated from a high school in Massachusetts or will have attained the equivalent of a high school diploma (for example, a GED/HiSET) in Massachusetts.

Please list the name of the school you have graduated from or will graduate from: _____

Please list the month and year you received or will receive a high school diploma or equivalent: _____

Section B - Documentation

Instructions: For all applicants, please select **one of the** following documents that you have provided or will provide to qualify for the in-state tuition rate and/or state financial aid under the Tuition Equity Law, if eligible.

- (1) A valid Social Security number, **or**
- (2) Documentation reflecting issuance of an individual taxpayer identification number, **or**
- (3) Documentation of registration with the Selective Service, if applicable, **or**
- (4) Signed affidavit in Section C of this form

If you selected (1), (2), or (3) please remember to submit a copy of the documentation along with this form and move on to Section D. **If you selected (4), please complete Section C below before moving on to Section D.**

Section C - Affidavit

Instructions: For applicants that selected (4) above, please provide your name, signature, and date on the affidavit below.

I swear, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that I have filed or will file an application to become a citizen or legal permanent resident within 120 days of becoming eligible to do so.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Section D - Certification

Instructions: For all applicants, please provide your name, signature, and date on the certification below.

I certify that all information provided is complete and correct. I understand that the public or state-approved private, independent nonprofit institution of higher education to which I am applying or have enrolled at, and/or the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, reserves the right to request additional information if necessary. I further understand that if any of the information provided in this form or in the attachments I have affixed to this form are untrue I will be liable for payment of any tuition or fee charges from which I was exempted or state-funded financial assistance that I received in reliance on the information provided above, and I may be subject to further action, including disciplinary action.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Both of the following:

- Massachusetts high school transcript received; **and**
- Proof of graduation from MA high school or certificate demonstrating the equivalent obtained in MA (GED/HiSet)

High School Completer Eligibility Status

- Eligible
- Ineligible

One of the following:

- Social security number; **or**
- Documentation of taxpayer ID number; **or**
- Proof of registration with Selective Service; **or**
- Signed affidavit (Section C) attesting that student has or will apply for citizenship or legal permanent residence

Tuition Rate (public IHEs only):

- In-state
- Out-of-State
- New England Regional
- International

Signature

Student ID #