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MSEP Council Action on Illinois' Inactive Status in the Program

Illinois no longer has any participating institutions in the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP). The absence of any participating institutions in MSEP moves the state into an inactive status for purposes of this program. The net result of this inactive status is that Illinois resident students will no longer be able to receive the MSEP discounted tuition rate at those non-Illinois institutions participating in the program. We understand the confusion and difficulty this change in Illinois' status may have on students currently going through the recruitment process, as well as already enrolled MSEP students.

The MSEP Council met on Wednesday, June 23, and the following action was approved, that:

"The Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) Council approved to make the 2021-2022 academic year a transition period to allow students and institutions to plan accordingly for Illinois' MSEP inactive status. New students can still receive the MSEP discount for the fall 2021 semester and spring 2022 semester. Starting in fall 2022 new students from Illinois will no longer qualify for the MSEP discount."

Accordingly, new students from Illinois will be eligible to receive the MSEP discount for the fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters. Starting in fall 2022, new students from Illinois will no longer qualify for the MSEP discount. Students who are Illinois residents attending out of state MSEP institutions are, of course, grandfathered into their participation in the program as long as their enrollment is uninterrupted and continues to meet the MSEP participation requirements of the institutions they attend.