

Name of Institution: **Youngstown State University**

Legislative Requirements

House Bill 64 Section 369.600 requires the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education to develop and implement a plan to provide all in-state, undergraduate students the opportunity to reduce the student cost of earning a degree by five per cent.

Plans are due to the Chancellor by **October 15, 2015**.

This template is intended to provide guidance for institutions' reports to the chancellor, based on the legislation – please modify and add additional detail as necessary.

Total Cost of Attendance at Institution

Please provide a breakdown of average tuition, fees, room, board, textbooks, etc, for a full-time student, living on campus. (Add explanation as necessary)

| Type of Cost | Average Cost (Dollar Amount) |
|---|------------------------------|
| Full-time undergraduate tuition | \$8,087 |
| Books and supplies | \$1,100 |
| Room and board | \$8,990 |
| Transportation | \$1,380 |
| Personal expenses | \$1,875 |
| Other misc. expenses | \$520 |
| Loan fees | \$77 |
| NOTE: All amounts are for undergraduate students and include estimates for fall 2015 + spring 2016 semesters. | |
| Total: | \$22,029 |

Outline Options for reducing student costs:

(1) Reducing the credit hours required to complete an associate or baccalaureate degree offered by the institution

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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| Reduction in hours required for bachelor's degree, from 124 to 120, effective fall 2015. | \$1,347.88 | 1.5% of 4-year cost of attendance. |
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(2) Offering a tuition discount or rebate to any student that completes a full load of coursework, as determined by the board of trustees. ("Tuition" means the instructional and general fees charged by a state institution of higher education.)

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(3) Offering a tuition discount or rebate or reduced tuition option to students enrolling in a summer semester or quarter ("Tuition" means the instructional and general fees charged by a state institution of higher education.)

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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| Penguin Jump Start program, allowing entering students to take up to 6 credit hours for \$500 per course, effective summer 2015. | \$1,021.82 | 1.2% of 4-year cost of attendance. |
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(4) Offering online courses or degrees

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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(5) Reducing the cost of textbooks using cost-saving measures identified and implemented by the board of trustees

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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(6) Incorporation of remediation in the coursework and curriculum of credit-bearing courses

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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(7) Offering a fixed rate of instructional and general fees for any additional credits taken by students above a full course load, as determined by the board of trustees

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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| Raising tuition bulk rate by two (2) credit hours, from 12-16 credit hours to 12-18, effective fall 2016. | \$4,043.64 | 4.6% of 4-year cost of attendance. |
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(8) Offering fast-track degree completion programs

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(9) Eliminating, reducing or freezing auxiliary fees ("Auxiliary fees" mean charges assessed by a state institution of higher education to a student for various educational expenses including, but not limited to, course-related fees, laboratory fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, enrollment application fees, and other miscellaneous charges. "Auxiliary fees" do not include instructional or general fees uniformly assessed to all students.)

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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| With just a few exceptions, YSU froze all auxiliary fees, including course fees, college fees, parking fees and service fees. | N/A – savings will vary widely depending on curriculum of selected major. This item is being reported for informational purposes only; savings are not included in the total savings figure reported below. | |

(10) Increased participation in the college credit plus program

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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| This fall semester, YSU doubled the number of College Credit Plus course offerings, resulting in a 122% increase in participation: 250 students last fall compared to 556 students currently enrolled. | \$1,741.82 (YSU average based on 6 CCP hours) | 2.0% of 4-year cost of attendance. |

(11) Offering programs to reduce or eliminate the need for remediation coursework

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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(12) Other options offered by the institution (any other option that does not fall into the categories above can be captured here or on additional pages)

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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Options offered in previous academic years:

Please be sure to quantify savings as they roll forward into the current academic year. (For instance, a tuition freeze last year would result in \$X and Y% cost avoidance to students in this academic year). Add additional fields and details as necessary.

(13) Academic Year 2013-2014

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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(14) Academic Year 2014-2015

| Option offered by the institution | Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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Total Possible Cost Savings for Students – Please add the previous columns and capture total possible student cost savings here.

| Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount) | Percentage of total cost of attendance |
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| \$8,155.16 | 9.3% of 4-year cost of attendance. |