Per Notes from spring 2016, a total of $89,590 in Tuition Waivers were allocated for the 2016-17 academic year. This includes an additional $12,000 allocated to non-resident waivers in March, 2016.

MES Staff chose to allocate funds in these ways:

* New Resident students eligible for up to 19% tuition - $1800 to match ENG
* Continuing Resident students given 15% of tuition - $1425
* New Non-Residents given 25% of tuition - $5520 (rationale – NR students paying no more than twice what R students pay)
* Continuing Non-Residents given 20% tuition - $4425
* No tuition waivers for 3rd-year students

MES started surveying students who were admitted to MES but did not choose to attend in spring of 2013. Here is a summary of cost-related results from the 2013 - 2016 admissions cycles:

70% of survey respondents were not Washington residents

Of respondents who did not choose MES:

* 27% said cost was a factor in their decision not to attend
* 58% chose another graduate school
* 11% said cost was the primary reason for refusal

Of respondents who chose to attend a different graduate program:

* 36% said cost was an important part of their decision making and
* 31% said they chose a different program because of the financial aid offers at that institution.