

## **Other Items to Budget for while at SIUE**

**Please note** - Additional information about car rental, public transportation in this area, and entertainment costs can be found on the links entitled “Transportation in the Edwardsville Area,” and “Shopping and Recreational Activities in the Area.”

### **Transportation –**

- Public transportation is not highly developed in our area, so exchange students frequently team up with a group of friends and buy or rent cars.
- If you buy a car, please remember that you will incur costs beyond the purchase price of the vehicle, such as insurance, vehicle registration taxes, license plates, gasoline, parking, and perhaps maintenance. Without knowing what kind of car you will buy, it is difficult to estimate these costs; however, a general estimate of past exchange students’ expenditures on these types of expenses would be about \$150 per vehicle per month.
  - If you plan to drive long distances, of course, you will spend more on fuel.

### **Food –**

- Please plan for about \$10-\$15/day while you are here.

### **Linens and Household Items –**

- We will give you a blanket and towel for use while you are here. You may want to bring or buy extra towels.
- You will need to buy a pillow, sheets, and a mattress cover upon arrival. Basic versions of these items can be purchased for about \$35 total in Edwardsville.
- If you want an additional blanket or a duvet, you can probably find something basic for between \$10 and \$35.
- Students sometimes need to buy cleaning supplies for their apts., especially if they live in an apt. where their roommate does not already have those things.
  - Students who have roommates from this area usually find that their roommates have already brought some cleaning supplies for the apt.
  - If a group of 3 or 4 exchange students decide to live together in the same apt., they will probably need to provide all of their own household supplies.