SIUE Opportunity Award Terms and Conditions, 2023-2024

Award Details

The SIUE Opportunity Award is valued at \$2,500 and valid fall and spring semesters and is awarded to undergraduate students who have an EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) of \$11,999 or less. The award will be continued, if renewal conditions are met, for eight semesters of undergraduate study across four academic years. The grant will be credited to the student's university account each semester if criteria is met. The grant may be applied toward charges in an SIUE professional program. By accepting this grant as part of your financial aid award you agree to the terms and conditions of the grant detailed herein. Financial aid awards will be available beginning in early 2023 and can be accessed through your CougarNet account. To receive the award, students are required to enroll in 12 credit hours. New Freshmen must register and pay the registration and enrollment fee for New Student Orientation by May 1 to receive the award.

SIUE Opportunity Award in combination with other awards and financial aid

The SIUE Opportunity Award will be applied to university charges on the student's account such as tuition, fees, housing, and meal plan. SIUE Opportunity Awards will be considered awards to meet financial need in the packaging of financial aid and shall not exceed the student's budget. Should the crediting of the grant in combination with other financial aid result in excess funds on the student's account, the excess may be refunded to the student for personal expenses and books.

Academic performance and student conduct

Continuance or renewal of the grant requires completion of the FAFSA (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid) each academic year as soon as possible beginning October 1. In addition to the renewal requirements for the award, awardees must also abide by the <u>University academic policy</u> as stated in the catalog and student handbook, the <u>Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy</u> for financial aid and scholarship recipients, and the <u>Student Conduct Code</u>. SIUE Opportunity Award recipients must keep address changes up to date with the University and must check SIUE e-mail often for important announcements.