

Do I have an award?

Have I been offered any financial aid? What do I have to do to get the money in my Bursar account?

It is easy; just go to CougarNet.

1. Log onto CougarNet at www.siu.edu/COUGARNET;
2. Click on "Admitted Student;"
3. Click on "07-08" under "View my Financial aid;"
4. Log in using your university ID number (it begins with 8) and your CougarNet PIN;
5. Click on "Student and Financial Aid Information;"
6. Click on "Financial Aid;"
7. Click on "Award;"
8. Click on "Accept Award Offer;"
9. In the drop-down box, highlight Fall/Spring 07-08 and click on "Submit."
10. You now see your award letter.
11. If you are being offered any grants, the name of the grant and the award amount will appear as already accepted; you do not have to manually accept grants.
12. If you are being offered loans or federal work study, there will be a drop-down box along side of each offer. The drop-down box will offer the options of "Decide Later," "Accept," or "Decline."
13. Select one option for each offer.
14. If you wish to request a lesser amount than what is offered, write that dollar amount in the next box to the right, "Accept Partial Amount."
15. When you have finished with your selection, click on either "Accept Full Amount All Awards" or "Submit Decision."
16. If you are accepting any loans, you must now find a lender and apply for the loan.
17. Click on the link to the financial aid office webpage that appears at the end of the paragraph that begins, **"*Big Changes...."** to take you to the webpage to begin the loan application process.
18. Note that all the awards that appear on your award letter are for the academic year, fall and spring. You will see $\frac{1}{2}$ of this amount applied to your bill for each semester.