Cougar Pride Scholarship

Terms and Conditions, 2026-2027

Award Details

The Cougar Pride Scholarship is awarded for the fall and spring semesters and is renewable for up to eight semesters of undergraduate enrollment (four academic years), contingent upon continued eligibility. The scholarship is applied each semester to the student's university account as a last-dollar tuition waiver.

The award may be applied to tuition charges in an SIUE professional program. Acceptance of the Cougar Pride Scholarship constitutes agreement with all terms and conditions outlined herein.

Financial aid offers are accessible through CougarNet. To secure the award, new students must submit the enrollment fee by June 1 and register for New Student Orientation. Continuing students must continue to meet all eligibility and renewal requirements.

If a student participates in an SIUE-approved study abroad program that is directly billed through SIUE, up to one semester of the scholarship may be applied toward eligible tuition charges, not to exceed the value of the scholarship for one academic term. This scholarship may only be used for study abroad programs that result in direct-billed tuition charges at SIUE and cannot be applied to programs that are billed through an external institution or third-party provider.

Coordination with Other Financial Aid

The Cougar Pride Scholarship is applied as a tuition waiver. When applicable, the Cougar Pride Scholarship will be applied with other tuition targeted aid in the following order:

1. State aid required to be applied to tuition
2. Tuition-restricted private scholarships
3. Cougar Pride Scholarship

The Cougar Pride Scholarship is considered an award to meet financial need for packaging purposes. The application of this scholarship will not generate a refund to the student.

Academic and Conduct Requirements

To retain eligibility, recipients must:

- Maintain **full-time enrollment** (minimum of 12 credit hours) each fall and spring semester; and
- Maintain a **minimum cumulative GPA of 2.90**.

Recipients must comply with all University policies, including the SIUE academic catalog, Student Handbook, Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy, and Student Conduct Code. Failure to meet academic, enrollment, or conduct requirements may result in loss of the scholarship.

Students are responsible for maintaining accurate contact information with the University and for regularly monitoring their SIUE email account for official communications.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility is for first-year students who are:

- Are admitted as first-year undergraduate students;
- Have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and
- Are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens.

Award Amounts:

GPA Range	1-Year Value	4-Year Value
3.00-3.24	$2,000	$8,000
3.25-3.49	$2,500	$10,000
3.50-3.74	$3,000	$12,000
3.75-3.99	$3,500	$14,000
4.00	$4,000	$16,000