

SIUE Commitment

Terms and Conditions, 2026–2027

Award Details

The SIUE Commitment is a tuition and mandatory fee waiver valid only for the fall and spring semesters. The award may be renewed for up to eight semesters (four academic years), as funds are available, provided all renewal criteria are met.

The SIUE Commitment covers any remaining tuition and mandatory fee charges after all federal, state, and institutional assistance has been applied, excluding federal and private student loans. Mandatory fees are defined by the University as those assessed to all students regardless of program. Course-specific, program-specific, housing, and meal plan fees are not covered.

The award will be applied to the student's university account each semester. The SIUE Commitment is available for undergraduate study, including approved SIUE professional programs billed at the undergraduate tuition rate.

The award is limited to a maximum of 135 attempted credit hours, including transfer credit hours accepted by SIUE. Eligibility for the award ends once a student reaches 135 attempted hours, regardless of remaining semesters of eligibility.

By utilizing this award as part of the financial aid offer, the student agrees to the terms and conditions outlined herein. Financial aid offers are accessible through the student's CougarNet account.

The SIUE Commitment is not refundable to the student and may not result in a credit balance.

SIUE Commitment in Combination with Other Financial Aid

The SIUE Commitment will be applied to tuition and mandatory fee charges as a last-dollar award after all federal, state, and institutional gift aid has been applied, excluding loans.

The waiver will be adjusted if changes occur to a student's enrollment, residency, financial aid eligibility, or receipt of additional gift assistance. The total of all tuition and mandatory fee targeted aid may not exceed tuition and mandatory fee charges.

Renewal Requirements

To renew the SIUE Commitment, students must:

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually
- Demonstrate financial need with a family income of less than \$113,575 and assets less than \$50,000
- Remain an Illinois resident
- Have graduated from an Illinois high school
- Enroll full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) each fall and spring semester
- Maintain a cumulative SIUE GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards
- If selected for Verification, students must complete verification before SIUE Commitment will be applied/renewed

Failure to meet these requirements may result in cancellation of the award.

Academic and Conduct Standards

Recipients must comply with all University academic policies as stated in the undergraduate catalog and student handbook, the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for financial aid recipients, and the SIUE Student Conduct Code.

Students are responsible for keeping their contact information current and for regularly reviewing their SIUE email account for important notifications.

Awarding Criteria

Eligible students must:

- Be incoming dependent freshmen or transfer students
- Demonstrate a family income of less than \$113,575 and assets less than \$50,000 based on the submitted FAFSA (SIUE school code: 001759)
- Be Illinois residents who attended an Illinois high school
- Be enrolled full-time in a on-campus bachelor's degree program (12 credit hour minimum). Students enrolled exclusively in online or off-campus programs are not eligible for the SIUE Commitment.