



# PAYING FOR COLLEGE



**Office of the Bursar and Office of Student Financial Aid**

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
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# What is the Bursar's Office?

The Bursar's Office manages the financial services for the university:

- Student Account Billing
- Payment Processing
- Refunds
- Tax –1098T information



# STUDENT AUTHORIZING INFORMATION RELEASED



- **CougarNet**

- Proxy Access

- ☐ Bursar –Account Summary
  - ☐ Bursar – Tax Notification 1098T
  - ☐ Financial Aid – Aid Package
  - ☐ Student – Academic Transcript
  - ☐ Student – Grades
  - ☐ Student – Profile
  - ☐ Student – Week at Glance

Information boxes must be selected for that office in order for the information to be released to anyone other than the student.

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR COUGARNET BILL



- **Total Balance**

- Balance owed before Aid

- **First Payment Due:**

- **August 8, 2025**, by 4:30 pm

- **Balance After Aid**

- Pay in Full
- Pay 1<sup>st</sup> Installment

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At A Glance	
Total Balance:	\$6,661.75
Pending Aid:	-\$2,773.00
Payment due date is	
To Pay in Full:	\$3,888.75
To Pay Installment:	\$1,976.88
Anticipated Refund:	\$0.00
Financial Clearance:	Not Cleared

- **Pending Aid/Credits**

- Loans/Grants
- Scholarships/Waivers
- Military
- Agency/College IL

- **Anticipated Refund**

- Refund Friday before Term Starts

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# COUGARNET BILLING DETAILS



- **Balance From Other Terms** →
- **Current Charges/Payments** →
  - Housing, Tuition, General student fees, Meal plans, Insurance, etc.
- **Total Balance** →
  - Sums up charges, payments and prior term balances

Description	Item Date	Charge	Payment	Balance
<b>Balance From Other Terms:</b>				\$5.00
Bluff Hall Housing	12-APR-2024	\$580.00		
Cougar Village Housing	12-APR-2024	\$1,100.00		
Cougar Village Housing	12-APR-2024	\$1,100.00		
General Student Fees	13-APR-2024	\$1,003.95		
Tuition Instate Rate (UG)	13-APR-2024	\$2,872.80		
<b>Summer 2024 Subtotals:</b>		\$6,656.75	\$0.00	
<b>Total Balance:</b>				\$6,661.75

# PENDING CREDITS AND INSTALLMENT CHART



- **Authorized Aid** →

- Aid requirements complete

Description	Expected Payment
Federal Pell Grant	\$2,773.00
<b>Authorized Financial Aid Total:</b>	<b>\$2,773.00</b>

- **Memo Aid**

- Authorized Agency/College IL Payments
- Loans (could need action)

- **Installment Plan:** →

- Summer Term = 2 Payments + \$30
- Fall/Spring = 4 Payments + \$30

## Summer 2024 Installment Plan

Description	Due Date	Amount
Installment Amount	May 17, 2024	\$1,941.88
Installment Plan Fee	May 17, 2024	\$30.00
Installment Amount	Jun 21, 2024	\$1,941.87
<b>Installment Plan Total:</b>		<b>\$3,913.75</b>

# STUDENTS AUTHORIZING THIRD-PARTY PAYERS

- Click on Authorize Payers
  - Then Add New

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**Authorize Payers**

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### Authorized Payers

NAME	LOGIN NAME	EMAIL	ACCOUNT STATUS	CREATION DATE	DELETE
No data to display currently					

+ Add New

- Enter Payer Information
  - Payer will receive email notice to log into QuikPay

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### Add Authorized Payer

Required fields are marked with an \*

#### Authorized Payer Information

Authorized Payer's First Name\*:

Authorized Payer's Last Name\*:

Authorized Payer's Email\*:

Confirm Email\*:

Save Cancel

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# HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT



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## View & Pay Accounts

Click here to view your account activity on CougarNet.

### Details

#### Account Activity



##### Current Activity

Current Balance:

**\$334.65**

Minimum Balance Due:

**\$197.33**

Current Activity Details



##### Latest Statement Information

Statement Information Details

Statement Billing Date:

**April 16, 2025**

Statement Due Date:

**May 16, 2025**

Current Due:

**\$2,897.10**

Account Balance:

**\$2,897.10**

Make a Payment

## Make Payment

1 Payment Information

2 Payment Method

3 Payment Confirmation

### Select A Payment Method

#### Credit / Debit

Card transactions for Southern University Illinois Edwardsville are processed by Nelnet Campus Commerce, USA.

☐ Visa ( **VISA** ending with 1111 )

+ enter new credit / debit information

#### eCheck

☐ check ( CHECKING ending with 0013 )

+ enter new eCheck information

#### Payment Method Disclosure:

The following service fees apply to SIUE Bursar Payment:

- Credit / Debit Card - 2.85%

## Make Payment

1 Payment Information

2 Payment Method

3 Payment Confirmation

### Paying SIUE Bursar Payment

Required fields are marked with an \*

Payment Amount \*

\$ 0.00

Total amount to pay: \$334.65

Next - Payment Method

## • Pay on campus in the Bursar's Office:

- Checks
- Certified Funds
- Cash

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# HAVE YOU COMPLETED IN COUGARNET?

- ✓ Update address and phone number
- ✓ SSN (Tax Forms)
- ✓ Direct Deposit (Refunds)

# IMPORTANT DATES



**Don't fall  
behind, meet  
the deadline!**

Wed. Jul. 16	Email notice sent to check bill on CougarNet, SIUE App and/or QuikPay
Friday, Aug. 8	First installment is due by 4:30 p.m. CST
Monday, Aug. 18	First day of classes, Fall 2025 term
Friday, Aug. 29	Last day to drop a 16-week fall class for a full refund
Friday, Sep. 26	Second installment payment deadline
Friday, Oct. 17	Third installment payment deadline
Friday, Nov. 7	Fourth installment payment deadline
Dec. 8 – 12	Final exam week
Saturday, Dec. 13	Textbook return due by 5 p.m. CST
Friday, Dec. 5	Spring 2026 - First installment due, pay by 4:30 p.m. CST

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2025 - Fall

Undergraduate

Tuition\*

First semester at SIUE

2025 - Fall

Residency

Illinois

Credit Hours

15 (full-time)

Special Programs & Course Specific Fees

Housing & Meal Plan

Parking

Financial Aid

Total Estimated Costs
\$7,941.00

Tuition
\$4,927.50

General Student Fees
\$1,722.00

Other Fees

- Mandatory Health Insurance \$1,291.50

Fee - May Be Waived

\*Required

Disclaimer: The tuition and fees estimator should not be considered your official bill or guarantee costs at SIUE. Fees are subject to change. View the tuition and fees schedules in pdf form. For a video walkthrough of the estimator or questions about your official bill, please contact the Bursar's Office.

Learn more about the mandatory health insurance and waiver process.

Video Instructions

# ESTIMATE YOUR COST FOR FALL

1. Registered for classes.
2. Use estimator to input your numbers to calculate fall charges.
3. Include financial aid offered amounts from CougarNet.
4. View installment plan.
5. Are you prepared to have a financially successful fall term?

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# Office of Student Financial Aid

## 2025-2026 Financial Aid



- There is still time to apply!
  - Studentaid.gov to file your FAFSA
  - Uses 2023 income information; contact us if this has changed significantly
- Check **CougarNet**, under Financial Aid:
  - Financial Aid Offer
  - Outstanding Requirements
- Students should check SIUE email for updates and deadlines

# Understanding Financial Aid: M-O-N-E-Y



## ➤ **M** – Money Sources

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Grants/Scholarships/Loans/Student Employment
- Military/Tuition Waivers/College Savings Plans/Personal Savings

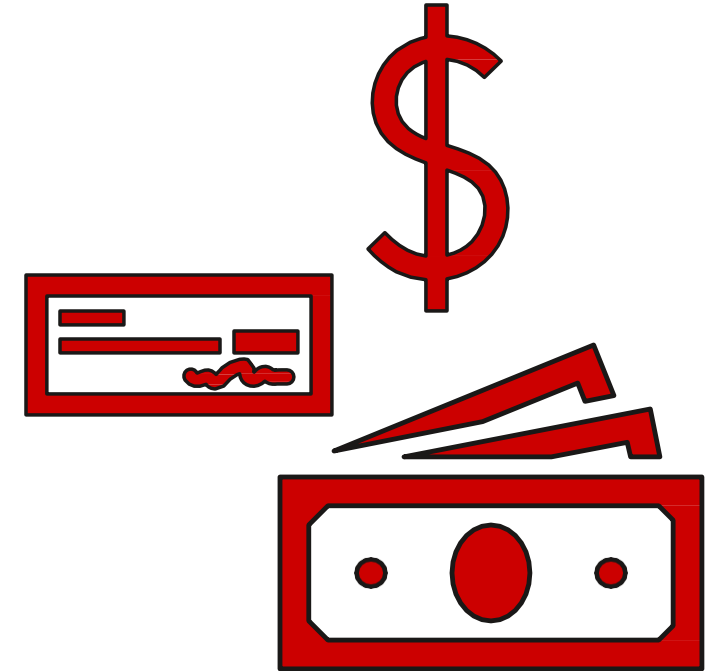
## ➤ **O** – Offer from the University

## ➤ **N** – Need (*Cost - Aid = Need*)

## ➤ **E** – Employment

## ➤ **Y** – Your Next Steps

- Finalize loans (student and parent)
- Check out the bill







# WHAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Student Employment
- Loans
- Payment Plan
- Other
  - Military
  - Tuition Waivers
  - College Savings Plans, etc.



# OFFER of AID



- Summary of aid offered
- Based on estimated Cost of Attendance, FAFSA results and available aid
- CougarNet
  - Financial Aid > Financial Aid Self-Service > Offer > Aid Year > 2025 -2026 > Accept Items > Submit
- Accept aid offer yearly
- Confirm your financial aid





# DO I NEED MORE MONEY?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Maybe?

# COST OF ATTENDANCE



## ■ Estimate your:

- Tuition and fees (*\*textbook rental included*)
- Housing (we use Shared)
- Meal plan (we use Meal Plan C)

## ■ Don't forget:

- Supplies
- Transportation costs
- Miscellaneous expenses
- Parking pass (\$167 - \$237)
- Health Insurance, if needed\*\*

*\*\*Insurance Waiver can be submitted*

[siue.edu/paying-for-college/estimator](http://siue.edu/paying-for-college/estimator)

Description	Expense
<b>Tuition</b> (15 hrs/semester) and <b>Fees*</b>	<b>\$13,299</b>
<b>Living Expenses</b> (housing/meal plan)	<b>\$12,711</b>
<b>Total Billed Items</b>	<b>\$26,010</b>
Books/Supplies	\$1,034
Transportation	\$1,776
Personal Expenses	\$1,734
Loan Fees	\$82
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$30,636</b>

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# **COST - AID = NEED**

■ ■ ■ ■ **Budget Worksheet and CougarNet**

1. **Do you have any of these?**
  - Grants (state, federal, institution)
  - Scholarships (institution and/or private).  
Send private to Financial Aid – will be applied once the money is received.
2. **What is your leftover cost once you subtract grants and scholarships?**
3. **Will you use your offered student loans?**
4. **Do you still need more funding?**





# EMPLOYMENT



- Student employment is available for all students
- Some students will qualify for the Federal Work Study program which has benefits when you file a FAFSA
- Jobs available now!
- Students earn a paycheck
- **Cougar Jobline** - Apply for a job:
  - [siue.edu/student-employment/cougar-jobline](https://siue.edu/student-employment/cougar-jobline)



# YOUR NEXT STEPS



1. Accept the aid you wish to use on your CougarNet account (See CougarNet handout)
2. If using student loans (subsidized and/or unsubsidized):
  - Be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per term

[StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)



**1. Complete Entrance Counseling**

**2. Sign Master Promissory Note**

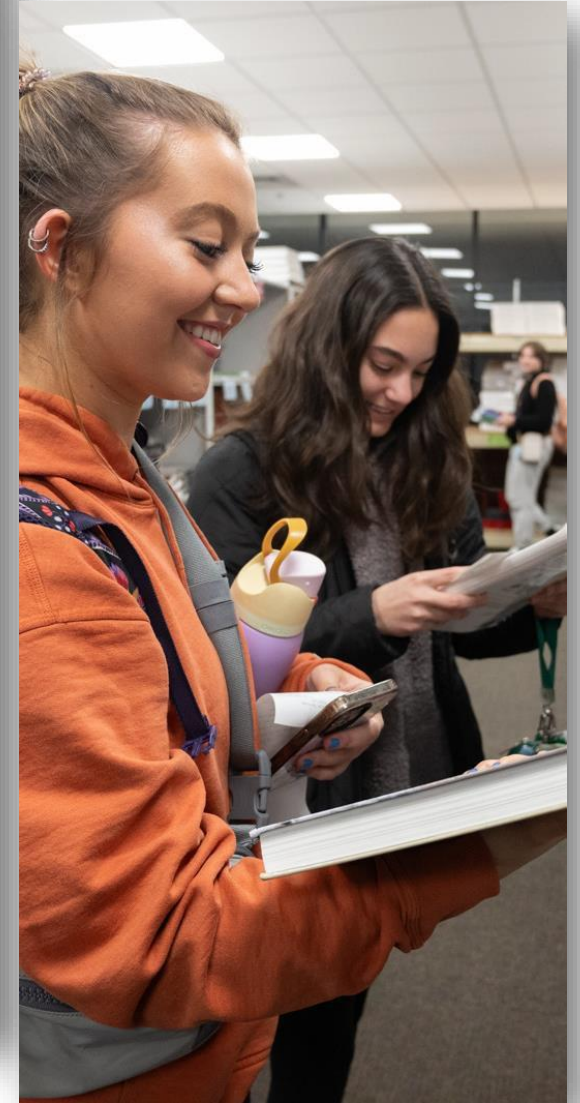
3. If additional aid is needed:
  - **Parent PLUS Loans:** apply at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
  - **Alternative Loans:** private loans through borrower's choice of lender are available to both students and parents/guardians



# TIPS!



- Maintain cumulative GPA of 2.00 and complete at least 67% of coursework.
- Know your institutional scholarship renewal criteria.
- Monitor your CougarNet Account.
- Adding or dropping a class can impact your financial aid.
- Complete FAFSA each year. The 26-27 FAFSA will be available **October 2025.**



# CONTACT US



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**Offices are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.**

**When sending emails please include **student's full name** and **ID number**.**

***Authorized guardian/individual include **name** and **email address** for verifying.***

**Virtual financial advising is available**

# **Knowledge Check!**

Tell us what you learned!

