



# Diversity Tuition Waiver Application

## *Instructions*

Illinois State University takes pride in its diverse student population and values diversity in all forms. Diversity Tuition Waivers are awarded competitively to U.S. citizens from traditionally underrepresented groups. Such groups may be based on but are not limited to race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, military experience, low socioeconomic status, experience as a first generation college student, and/or limited English proficiency. Awards are not based solely on membership in one or more traditionally underrepresented groups, but rather on a holistic evaluation that includes students' articulation of how their experience and perspective as a member of an underrepresented group has resulted in and/or is expected to result in unique contributions to their respective graduate program, academic discipline, and overall campus community as well as need and progress towards degree. Waivers are awarded subject to available funds and may be received in addition to most other types of financial assistance.

**Instructions:** Submit your completed application and personal statement\* to the address at the top of this page by these priority dates for best chance at funding: Fall - August 1, Spring - January 1, Summer - May 1

**Personal statement:** You must submit a brief personal statement of no more than 250 words describing how your experience and perspective as a member of an underrepresented group has resulted in and/or is expected to result in your unique contributions to your respective graduate program, academic discipline, and overall campus community.

**Please note:**

- You must be admitted to a degree program to apply. Visiting students are not eligible. You may apply for only one semester at a time. You may submit a new application for each semester during which you are a registered degree-seeking student.
- You must be in academic good standing with a GPA of at least a 3.00 to be awarded a waiver.
- Tuition waivers cover up to 9 hours of in-state tuition only and not fees or other expenses.
- If you receive a waiver then withdraw from all courses, you will be responsible for late withdrawal fee payments.
- If you are terminated from a degree program before the start of the semester of the waiver, the waiver will be withdrawn.
- Tuition waivers cannot be applied to programs that are fee-based and not tuition-based, such as the Corporate MBA.
- You are required to apply for any employer reimbursement for all or part of your tuition first; any waiver will be reduced by the amount of employer reimbursement.
- Because these awards are also need based, all applicants will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to application for the waiver.



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Name: last first middle UID No:

Gender: Male Female Transgender Choose not to disclose U.S. Citizen: Yes No Black/African American Hispanic Native American Asian/Pacific Islander White Non-Hispanic Other Multi Racial

Email: Phone:

Address: street City State Zip

Graduate program to which you have been admitted: Degree Sought:

Have you ever received a Diversity Tuition Waiver before? If yes, list all semesters of award:

Semester for which you are applying: Fall Spring Summer Year

Number of hours to be enrolled? Have you applied for a tuition waiver through your department? Yes No

Employer Information

If your employer offers professional development or tuition funds, you are required to apply for those benefits and use them toward tuition in order to allow the university's limited Diversity Tuition Waivers to assist more students.

Are you currently employed? Yes No If yes, employer and job title:

Full-time or part-time? Employer's phone number:

Is any of the tuition for the semester for which you are applying eligible for employer reimbursement? Yes No

How much tuition will your employer reimburse?

If you are not certain, verify with the employer before answering the above items.

I certify that the information in this application is correct. I authorize release for university use of this and other information to verify my eligibility for a Tuition Waiver.

Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Admitted to Degree Program: Y N Hours completed in program Current Graduate GPA:

Eligibility check, Grad Specialist:

Approved Dir. Grad. Studies: Hrs. approved

Denied/Reduced, reason:

Letter Sent to Student: Date /By (initial)

TW Form Sent to Financial Aid Date /By (initial)

EFC

Number of hours previously covered by tuition waivers

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

**STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION COMPLIANCE 2020-2021**  
**FOR STATE OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP / GRANT RECIPIENTS**  
Academic Period Covered by Awards: July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Please complete this form and return it to our office within thirty (30) days. Failure to do so will keep your military awards(s) and/or other state scholarship(s) from being credited to your student account. If funds have already been credited to your account, they will be debited and your next bill will show a balance owed.

UID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Selective Service registration.** You will not receive federal, state or other financial aid offered you unless you complete this form and, if required, furnish proof to Illinois State University supporting your answer. **Mark ONE response. Do not leave this section blank.**

1.  I **certify** that I am registered with the Selective Service; OR
2. I **certify** that I am not required to be registered with the Selective Service because:
  - a.  I am female.
  - b.  I have not reached my 18th birthday.
  - c.  I was born before 1960.
  - d.  I am in the armed services of the United States, on active duty. NOTE: Members of the Reserves or National Guard are not considered to be "on active duty."
  - e.  I am a permanent resident of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, or Palau.
  - f.  I am not a citizen of the United States of America.
  - g.  I am age 26 or over and gained United States citizenship on or after age 26.

**WARNING:** If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Signing this statement certifies that all information reported is true, complete and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's signature (in black ink)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Today's date

Return your completed form to: Graduate School, 209 Hovey Hall, Campus Box 4040, Normal, IL 61790-4040  
(Department)