

## PAYING FOR COLLEGE



Office of Student Financial Aid and Office of the Bursar

#### **REMEMBER: MONEY**

- - ➤ 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 E**mployment
  - Y Your Next Steps
    - Finalize loans (student and parent)
    - Check out the bill



# WHAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

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

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- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - studentaid.gov
- Guarantees student loan eligibility
- Determines need-based aid eligibility, which could be free money

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# OFFER of AID

- Summary of aid offered
- Based on cost of attendance, FAFSA results and available aid
- CougarNet
  - Financial Aid > Financial Aid Self-Service > Award Offer > Award for Aid Year > 2024-2025 > Accept Award Offer > Submit
- Accept aid offer yearly
- Confirm your financial aid

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#### **VERIFICATION OR AID OFFER?**

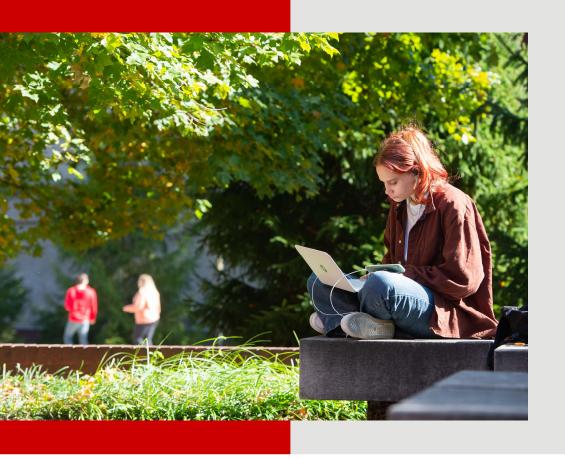


- Federal government randomly selects a percentage of students to ensure the information on the FAFSA is correct.
- SIUE will notify you via <u>CougarNet</u> if you have been selected.
- You may need to submit documentation to verify (tax documents, W2s, institutional forms, etc.).
- Verification must be completed before an aid offer will be issued.

#### **Aid Offer**

- Listing of the different types of aid for which the student is eligible.
  - Grants
  - Scholarships
  - Work Study
  - Subsidized Loans
  - Unsubsidized Loans
- Based on Cost of Attendance

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# DO I NEED MORE MONEY?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Maybe?

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# COST of ATTENDANCE

#### Estimate your:

- Tuition and fees (\*textbook rental included)
- Housing
- Meal plan
- Parking pass

#### ■ Don't forget:

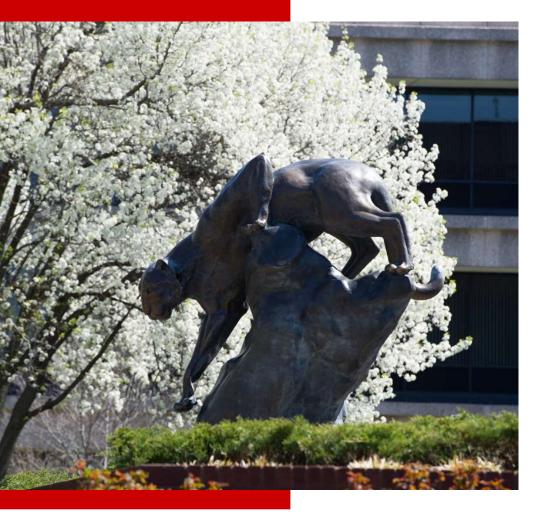
- Supplies
- Transportation costs
- Miscellaneous expenses
- Health Insurance, if needed\*\*

#### siue.edu/paying-for-college/estimator

Description	Expense
Tuition (15 hrs/semester) and Fees*	\$12,922
Living Expenses (housing/meal plan)	\$14,486
Total Billed Items	\$27,408
Books/Supplies	\$1,006
Transportation	\$2,578
Personal Expenses	\$1,684
Professional Credentialing	\$500
Loan Fees	\$82
Total Budget	\$33,258

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\*\*Insurance Waiver can be submitted



### COST - AID = NEED



- 1. Do you have any of these?
  - a) Grants (state, federal, institution)
  - b) Scholarships (institution and/or private)
    - Send 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?

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#### **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
- **GradLeaders** Apply for a job:
  - siue.edu/studentemployment/gradleaders/Student-Login.shtml

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### **YOUR NEXT STEPS**



- 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
    - Complete Entrance Counseling
    - Sign Master Promissory Note

StudentAid.gov

- 3. If additional aid is needed:
  - Parent PLUS Loans: apply at <u>StudentAid.gov</u>
  - Alternative Loans: private loans through borrower's choice of lender are available to both students and parents/guardians

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#### **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 25-26 FAFSA will be available October 2024.





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## **HAVE YOU COMPLETED?**

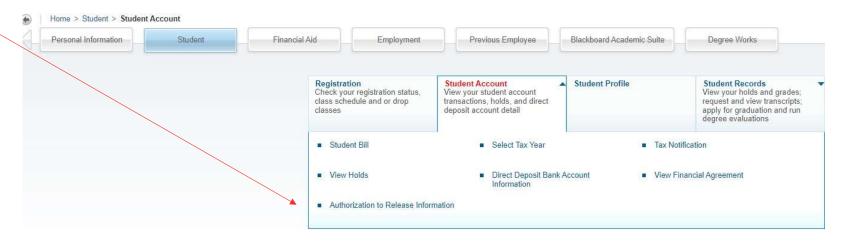
- SSN (Tax Forms)
- Direct Deposit (Refunds)
- Bursar Financial Agreement (Registration Hold)
- Update address and phone number
- Authorization for Release of Information (FERPA)

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#### **AUTHORIZING FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**



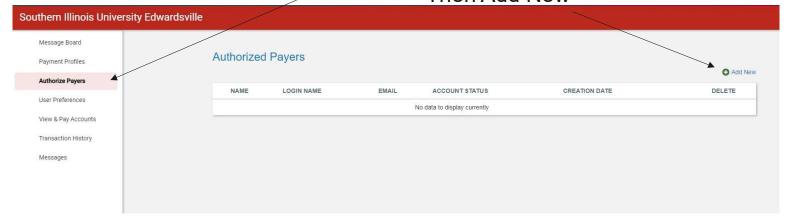
- Log in to CougarNet
  - Student -> Student Account -> Authorization to Release Information
  - Submit form

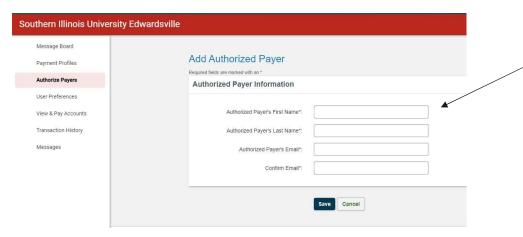


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# **AUTHORIZING THIRD-PARTY PAYERS**

- Click on Authorize Payers
  - Then Add New





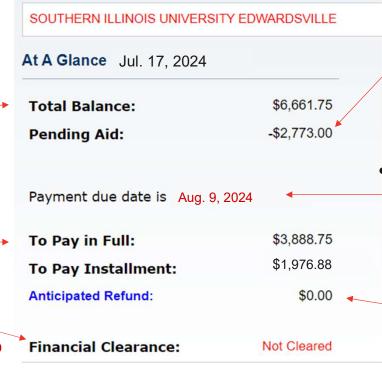
- Enter Payer Information
  - Payer will receive email notice to log into QuikPay

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## **UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL**



- Total Balance
  - Balance owed before Aid
- Balance After Aid
  - Pay in Full
  - Pay 1<sup>st</sup> Installment
- Financial Clearance
  - Not Cleared: Action Needed to avoid being dropped
  - Cleared: Will not be dropped



- Pending Aid/Credits
  - Loans/Grants
  - Scholarships/Waivers
  - Military
  - Agency/College IL
- First Payment Due:
  - August 9, 2024, by 4:30 p.m.
- Anticipated Refund
  - Refund Friday before Term Starts

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## **COUGARNET BILLING DETAILS**



- 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
Balance From Other Terms:				\$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		
Summer 2024 Subtotals:		\$6,656.75	\$0.00	
Total Balance:				\$6,661.75

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#### PENDING CREDITS AND INSTALLMENT CHART



#### Authorized Aid

Requirements are complete. Aid will pay.

#### Memo Aid

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

#### Installment Plan:

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

Description	Expected Payment
Description	Expected

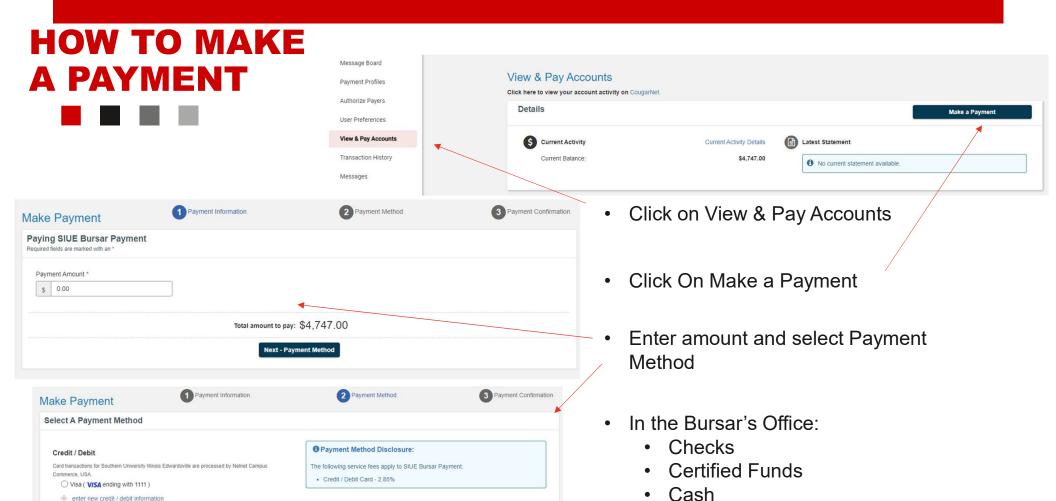
Federal Pell Grant \$2,773.00

Authorized Financial Aid Total: \$2,773.00

#### 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
Installment Plan Total:		\$3,913.75

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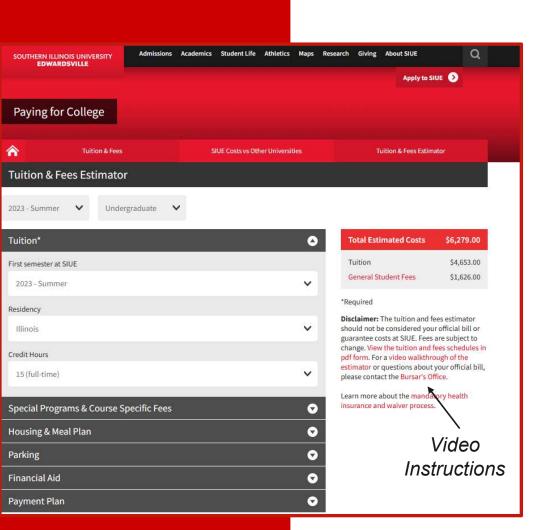
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+ enter new credit / debit information

O check ( CHECKING ending with 0013 )

+ enter new eCheck information

eCheck



#### **PULL IT ALL TOGETHER**



- 1. Accept financial agreement.
- 2. Register for classes.
- 3. Use estimator to calculate charges.
- 4. Include award letter amounts from CougarNet.
- 5. View installment plan.

Are you prepared to finance the term, or do you need to adjust charges or financial aid accepted to cover the cost for the semester?

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**



 Paying first installment secures course registration.

Don't get behind, meet the deadline!

Wed. Jul. 17	Email notice sent to check bill on CougarNet, SIUE App and/or QuikPay
Friday, Aug. 9	Confirm first installment is paid by 4:30 p.m. CST
Monday, Aug. 19	First day of classes, Fall 2024 term
Friday, Aug. 30	Last day to drop a 16-week fall class for a full refund
Friday, Sep. 27	Second installment payment deadline
Friday, Oct. 18	Third installment payment deadline
Friday, Nov. 8	Fourth installment payment deadline
Dec. 9 – 13	Final exam week
Saturday, Dec. 14	Textbook return due by 5 p.m. CST
Friday, Dec. 6	Spring 2025 - First installment due, pay by 4:30 p.m. CST

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

Emails – include student's full name and ID number

Authorized include the password

Virtual financial advising is available

## **Knowledge Check!**

Tell us what you learned!

