College Illinois! Authorization Form

College Illinois! is a prepaid 529 Tuition Plan that is purchased through the State of Illinois, typically by a parent or guardian, in the years prior to a student’s attendance at a university. This authorization form is not an application for financial aid. For more information on College Illinois!, please visit their website at www.collegeillinois.org.

Please do not complete this form unless you are certain you have eligible prepaid college tuition benefits through College Illinois!

Northern Illinois University Bursar’s Office will automatically bill College Illinois! for each term that the student is both enrolled in classes AND eligible to receive benefits. **Note: It is your responsibility to inform the Office of the Bursar if you do not want College Illinois! billed for any reason** (for example, the student is enrolled for a summer course and you do not want to use your benefits, or you wish to use tuition only).

I (the purchaser of College Illinois! plan) authorize Northern Illinois University to apply College Illinois! Prepaid Tuition (529) for the student (beneficiary) provided below:

N.I.U. Student (beneficiary) ____________________________________________

Student ID ______________________________

10-Digit College Illinois! Account Number(s) ____________________________________________

*Please Note: NIU uses this number for verification purposes only. NIU will invoice for ALL eligible benefits associated with ALL accounts available to the beneficiary (even if not listed above).*

Purchaser’s Address ____________________________________________ Phone __________

City ____________________________________________ State _____ Zip ____________

Purchaser’s Name (please print) ____________________________________________

Signature ____________________________________________ Date ____________

**Completed forms should be mailed or faxed to:**
Northern Illinois University
Student Receivables Office
Swen Parson Hall 210
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

FAX: (815) 753-0491

If you have questions regarding your College Illinois! prepaid tuition benefits, please contact our office at bursar@niu.edu and put “College Illinois” in the subject line, or call our office at (815) 753-0590.
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Plan Usage Highlights at Northern Illinois University

1) Hours are subtracted from available College Illinois! benefits on an hour-for-hour basis (if the student is registered for 12 hours - 12 are subtracted; if registered for 18 hours - 18 are subtracted).

2) One fee unit will be used each semester that the student is registered at NIU, including the summer semesters. The usage of one fee unit (per semester) will pay the following fees:
   - General Fee
   - Academic Program Enhancement Fee
   - Student Medical Insurance
   - Outreach Delivery Fee (off campus & online courses)

   Fees not covered by the usage of a fee unit include, but are not limited to:
   - Student-to-Student Program Fee
   - Material Fees
   - Regional Course Charge (off campus & online courses)
   - Housing-Related Charges
   - Bookstore Charges
   - Any Other Misc. Charges

3) **Graduate or Law Students**: Available College Illinois! benefits can be used to pay tuition. However, the amount covered will be calculated at the equivalent undergraduate rate.

4) **Community College**: Available community college benefits can be used to pay tuition and mandatory fees. NIU will invoice College Illinois! for the sum of all tuition and fees on the student’s account. However, since community college benefits do not convert at the same level as university benefits, College Illinois! will deplete them at an accelerated rate.

Keep in mind, student medical insurance is a fee that students can request to waive through the Student Insurance Office ([www.niu.edu/shi](http://www.niu.edu/shi)). If you do not want to use the community college hours to pay insurance, you may want to consider this option.

To read more on community college benefits, please visit [www.collegeillinois.org](http://www.collegeillinois.org) or call the Bursar Student Receivables Office at (815) 753-0590.

5) **Summer Semesters**: If benefits are not to be used for a summer semester, you need to notify the Bursar Student Receivables Office. Phone: (815) 753-0590 or bursar@niu.edu.

6) **College Illinois!** considers a plan depleted once all available hours have been used, even if the plan still has remaining fee units.

7) It is the student’s responsibility to pay the charges that are not covered by College Illinois! benefits by specified due dates, even if College Illinois! benefits have not yet applied.

8) Always review College Illinois benefit usage correspondence to be sure benefits have been used correctly.