

# Senior Citizen Courses Act Tuition Waiver Definitions 2019-2020



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Swen Parson Hall 245

DeKalb, IL 60115

## NIU Student's Information:

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Z-ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

The (110 ILCS 990/) Senior Citizen Courses Act (available on line at <http://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1172&ChapterID=18/3/288/2013>) permits senior citizens, 65 years of age or older, to enroll in regularly scheduled credit courses at public institutions of higher education without the payment of tuition. **This benefit does not include payment of fees. In accordance with 110 ILCS 990/ students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for a Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver:**

- Age 65 or over prior to the start of the academic term: Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
- Illinois resident
- Annual 2018 household income at or below 200% of the 2018 federal poverty level guidelines:
  - \$24,280 for a household of one
  - \$32,920 for a household of two
  - \$41,560 for a household of three
- Admitted to NIU:
  - Fall 2019
  - Spring 2020
  - Summer 2020

All documents must be submitted to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, Swen Parson Hall 245, DeKalb, IL 60115. Tuition waivers will **not** be awarded until **all** documentation is received by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office.

- Completed 2019-2020 Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver Application
- Proof of age and Illinois residence:  
(Acceptable documentation: Legible copy of Illinois Driver's License or State of Illinois ID Card)
- 2018 Federal Income Tax Return and/or retirement benefit statement

## Student Signature:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Citizen:** The following section from P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-19 (Senior Citizen Courses Act) describes the manner in which qualified senior citizens are determined.

1801 § 1 (c) "Senior citizen" means any person 65 years or older whose annual household income is less than the threshold amount provided in Section 4 of the "Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act"

**Household Income:** The following sections from P.A. 77-2059 (Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act – repealed by 96-804, eff. 1-1-10) describe the manner in which "household income" is to be determined.

403.05 Household defined § 3.05 "Household" means a claimant or a claimant and his or her spouse, if any, living together in the same residence.

403.6 Household income defined § 3.06 "Household Income" means the combined income of the members of a household.

404 Maximum household income defined § 4 (7) as of September 1, 2011, have a maximum household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.