

Senior Citizen Courses Act Tuition Waiver Application 2025-2026



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Financial Aid and Scholarship Office

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Financial Aid and Scholarship Office

Swen Parson Hall 245

DeKalb, IL 60115

Name _____ Z-ID: _____
Last First M.I.

Tuition Waiver Eligibility Requirements:

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 general fees or course related material fees and must be completed each academic year. 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 2024 household adjusted gross income at or below 200% of the 2024 federal poverty level guidelines:
 - ☐ \$30,120 for a household of one
 - ☐ \$40,880 for a household of two
 - ☐ \$51,640 for a household of three
 - ☐ \$62,400 for a household of four
- ☐ Number of Household Members (spouse and dependent children only): _____
- ☐ Admitted to NIU as an Undergraduate, Post Baccalaureate, Graduate or Law student (Student-At-Large and Visiting Students are not eligible):
 - ☐ Fall 2025
 - ☐ Spring 2026
 - ☐ Summer 2026

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 2025-2026 Senior Citizen Courses Act Tuition Waiver Application
- ☐ Proof of age and Illinois residence:
(Acceptable documentation: Legible copy of Illinois Driver's License or State of Illinois ID Card)
- ☐ Proof of household income:
(Acceptable documentation: Signed 2024 Federal Tax Return including all schedules or Social Security Benefit Statement(s) or verified FAFSA data).

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