

Senior Citizen Courses Act Tuition Waiver Application 2026-2027



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Financial Aid and Scholarship Office

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Submit to:

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 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 2025 household adjusted gross income at or below 200% of the 2025 federal poverty level guidelines:
 - \$31,300 for a household of one
 - \$42,300 for a household of two
 - \$53,300 for a household of three
 - \$64,300 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 2026
 - Spring 2027
 - Summer 2027

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 2026-2027 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 2025 Federal Tax Return including all schedules or Social Security Benefit Statement(s)).
- Degree seeking students are encouraged to complete the [FREE Application for Federal Student Aid](#)

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