For selected Illinois and Kentucky students, the University provides awards which cover a significant portion of non-resident tuition. The discounted amount varies by year but provides a net tuition payment equal to 150 percent of Indiana resident tuition. These awards are coordinated with other tuition-specific assistance (if applicable) to ensure that the total of tuition-specific assistance does not exceed total tuition charges. No cash refunds are made to students from tuition-specific assistance.

1. Initially matriculating students who meet the following requirements will be considered for this award on a competitive basis at the time of admission.

   A) Earn a high school grade point average of 2.5/4.0.

   OR

   B) Earn a transfer grade point average of 2.0/4.0 with a minimum of 30 transferable semester hours.

   NOTE: Application for admission to the University as a degree-seeking student must be completed at least two months prior to the start of the term for which the student is admitted. Awards are subject to approval by the Office of Student Financial Assistance based upon availability of funding.

2. Award recipients must enroll in the fall or spring and each successive regular semester (fall/spring) following award notification. Enrollment is determined on census day (5th day of fall/spring). Failure to comply with these requirements nullifies the award and all future entitlement. Under exceptional circumstances, a student may petition the Director of Student Financial Assistance for a “leave of absence” for one semester and an extension of calendar year limits.

   NOTE: Award recipients may utilize this award for fall, spring, and summer enrollment.

3. Freshman recipients may participate in the program for no more than 5 consecutive calendar years from the date of initial enrollment or until a total of 136 semester hours have been earned, whichever comes first. Transfer recipients may participate in the program for no more than 4 consecutive calendar years from the date of initial enrollment or until a total of 136 semester hours have been earned, whichever comes first. This award is limited to the pursuit of the recipient's first bachelor's degree.

   NOTE: All transfer hours and semester hours earned prior to undergraduate enrollment at USI (ex. AP, CAP, CLEP, IB, etc.) are included in the maximum 136 semester hour limit.

4. The award may be renewed automatically if the student earns a minimum of 67 percent of attempted hours each academic year (fall and spring) and maintains the required minimum cumulative GPA. The Office of Student Financial Assistance will evaluate earned hours after the Spring Semester. Any deficit in earned hours may be made up in the summer at the non-resident rate. A written request for review of program must be sent to the Director of Student Financial Assistance after summer grades are officially recorded on the student's transcript.

   The required minimum cumulative GPA is 2.0/4.0. Students who fail to earn the required minimum cumulative GPA will be placed on probation for one semester. Failure to comply with the cumulative GPA requirement after one probationary semester will result in cancellation of this grant and forfeiture of all future entitlement.

   NOTE: All participating students must maintain good standing at USI. Students who are dismissed from the University, for any reason, forfeit all entitlement to this scholarship.
5. Appeals Process:

Students may request exceptions to these guidelines when unusual or mitigating circumstances warrant such action. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Student Financial Assistance Appeals Committee at USI. Send all correspondence to the Office of Student Financial Assistance, University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

Students may check their MyUSI account for the most current financial aid information. USI reserves the right to make necessary adjustments. Renewal of this grant depends upon future funding.