



Out-of-State Transfer Top Scholar Award Guidelines

Student Financial Assistance
University of Southern Indiana
8600 University Boulevard
Evansville, IN 47712
Phone: 812-464-1767 or 800-467-1965
www.usi.edu/financial-aid

This scholarship is designated for outstanding transfer students residing outside the state of Indiana who initially matriculate to USI spring 2016 and forward.

Value: University provides awards which pay the difference between non-resident and Indiana resident tuition. The current value is approximately \$9,340 annually for students taking 30 credit hours per year.

Number available: Varies. Offers may be limited based on availability of funding. For this reason, students are encouraged to apply early.

Application: No application is required. Eligible degree-seeking students will be identified based on their admission application credentials. While there is no application deadline, students are encouraged to apply early for admission to USI.

Selection criteria: Non-resident transfer students must be admissible to USI and must have completed at least 24 transferable credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

Renewal criteria: The scholarship may be renewed automatically if the student successfully completes 27 USI credit hours each academic year (fall/spring) and earns a minimum 3.00 cumulative USI grade point average. Students who enroll for the spring semester are required to successfully complete 12 credit hours and earn a minimum 3.00 cumulative USI grade point average to be considered for renewal. The Office of Student Financial Assistance will evaluate earned hours after the spring semester. Students may make up deficits in earned hours in the summer at the non-resident rate. Courses used to make up deficits in earned hours must be taken at USI.

Additional information:

- 1) Renewable for up to 3 consecutive years or until first undergraduate degree is completed whichever comes first.
- 2) Students must enroll full-time at USI. A full-time student is defined as one who enrolls in at least 12 credit hours each fall/spring semester. Official 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 or an exception to the minimum enrollment requirement (only for legitimate medical or academic reasons).
- 3) Students who are enrolled in accelerated programs must maintain continuous enrollment (fall/spring). This scholarship requires full-time enrollment (12 hours per semester). Students who initially start in the program during the second part of a term must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours to receive a prorated portion of the scholarship and must maintain full-time enrollment for the remainder of the program.
- 4) Award recipients may utilize this award for summer, if GPA/ credit hour progression is met in prior fall/spring semesters. No minimum enrollment is required for summer.
- 5) This award offer is valid only during the semester for which the award is made.
- 6) Qualifying transfer credits must be completed following high school graduation and prior to enrollment at USI.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Appeals Process: Students may request exceptions to these regulations 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.

Awards are subject to approval based on availability of funding. No cash refunds are made to students from this scholarship. *The University reserves the right to change scholarships, policies, and award amounts. The right to correct errors is also reserved.*