



## Illinois Regional Award Guidelines

Student Financial Assistance  
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Phone: 812-464-1767 or 800-467-1965  
[www.usi.edu/financial-aid](http://www.usi.edu/financial-aid)

This scholarship is designated for first-time incoming students from qualifying counties in Illinois. The qualifying counties are **Alexander, Clay, Clinton, Cook, Crawford, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson**. Qualified applicants automatically receive the Illinois Regional Award scholarship based on their USI admission application credentials.

The scholarship award pays the difference between non-resident and Indiana resident tuition annually. Recipients of the Illinois Regional Award are also eligible to receive the David L. Rice Scholarship ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 based on academic performance. To be eligible, students must live on campus for the first year.

### Renewal criteria:

- **Must maintain USI Academic Good standing**
- **Continuous full-time enrollment (fall/spring)**
- **May be used for 4 consecutive years of eligibility (or until first bachelor's degree)**

### Things to know:

- Academic Good standing will be evaluated at the conclusion of each spring semester.
- May be used for the summer if renewal criteria are met in the previous semester. No minimum enrollment is required for summer usage.
- Recipients are required to live on-campus for the first academic year. Exceptions can be made for students living at home with their parents/guardians and reside within commuting distance.
- An Academic exception can be requested to the enrollment requirement for program schedule restrictions. A request must be made by the student and documented by the Academic advisor.
- A Leave of Absence for one semester can be requested by the student due to extenuating circumstances such as an illness, co-op/internship, etc.
- Students who are enrolled in accelerated programs 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.
- If renewal criteria are not met, summer classes may be taken at USI (at student's expense) to make up the deficiency. A written appeal will be required to request reinstatement of the scholarship.
- An appeal may be submitted to request reinstatement of scholarship due to extenuating circumstances if the renewal criteria are not met. A written appeal will be required to request reinstatement of the scholarship.

**Appeal Process:** Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Student Financial Assistance Appeals Committee at USI. Please request or print an 'Appeal of Financial Aid Ineligibility' form. It can be found under the Forms & Handouts button on the Student Financial Assistance website. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

**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.

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.*