

## Illinois Veterans Grant (IVG)

- Managed by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)
  - ISAC Phone Number: 1.800.899.4722
    - General questions, points, eligibility, etc.
- Apply for IVG at: <u>https://www.isac.org/students/during-college/applying-for-financial-aid/applications/ivg\_applying/index.html</u>
- Requirement for use of IVG:
  - Illinois public college or university
  - Reside in Illinois unless the student is serving federal active duty service at the time of enrollment in college or residing with a spouse in continued military service who is currently stationed outside of Illinois
  - Financial Aid Office applies IVG waiver only if student is meeting Satisfactory Standards of Academic Progress (SAP): <u>https://tuition.siuc.edu/refund.html</u>
    - The appeal process can be found on the above link
- Student must submit their ISAC approval letter with claim number to SIU Extended Campus (ecvets@siu.edu) by the last day of class along with their Vet Information Sheet.
- IVG waives tuition and mandatory fees
  - The following fees do not meet the definition of Mandatory and are not covered by IVG
    - Any course specific fee (lab fees or digital materials fee)
    - Student to Student Grant Fee (this is refundable)
      - To opt out, complete this form by the deadline: http://registrar.siu.edu/pdf/RefundSTSGrantFee.pdf
  - The waiver should post to student's account prior to first day of class
  - Note: if the waiver is not applied prior to last day of class, it CANNOT be applied retroactively!
- IVG Waiver usually automatically applies to future semesters unless:
  - Benefits are exhausted
  - Expiration date (active duty user)
  - Graduation
  - Student skips an academic year
  - Academic suspension
  - Student enrolls in a term and then withdraws
  - Eligibility is measured in points and is exhausted at 120
    - Points are charged based on credit hours that student is enrolled in the term; points are charged after end of term

Number of Hours	Semester School
12 or more hours	12 units
9 - 11.99 hours	9 units
6 - 8.99 hours	6 units
3 - 5.99 hours	3 units
0 - 2.99 hours	1 unit

- What happens if I drop a class within the current semester?
  - If tuition and fees are refunded, units will be returned to IVG and eligibility points will be restored
  - If tuition and fees are not refunded, eligibility points will not be restored
- Who to contact if there is a problem or if I have questions?
  - SIU Extended Campus: Christina Lawrence, <u>ecvets@siu.edu</u> or 618.453.5664
  - Illinois Student Assistance Commission: 1.800.899.4722