Illinois National Guard Grant (ING)
SIU Off Campus Students Only

- Managed by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)
  - ISAC Phone Number: 1.800.899.4722
    - General questions, points, eligibility, etc.

- Student must apply every year for benefits; an application must be submitted for each academic year, which begins with the fall term and concludes the following summer term.
  - Apply for ING at: [https://www.isac.org/students/during-college/applying-for-financial-aid/applications/ing_applying/index.html](https://www.isac.org/students/during-college/applying-for-financial-aid/applications/ing_applying/index.html)
  - Desired school must be filed with ISAC prior to using benefits at your chosen school

- Requirement for use of ING:
  - Illinois public college or university
  - Student must be actively drilling with Illinois National Guard Unit
  - Financial Aid Office applies ING waiver only if student is meeting Satisfactory Standards of Academic Progress (SAP): [http://fao.siu.edu/forms/academic-progress-forms.php](http://fao.siu.edu/forms/academic-progress-forms.php)
    - The appeal process can be found on the above link

- Student receives letter of eligibility from ISAC
  - Must submit their ISAC approval letter with claim number to [ecvets@siu.edu](mailto:ecvets@siu.edu) along with their Vet Information Sheet

- ING waives tuition
  - **Note:** if the waiver is not applied prior to last day of class, it CANNOT be applied retroactively!

- 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

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- What happens if I drop a class within the current semester?
  - If tuition and fees are refunded, they will be returned to ING 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, [ecvets@siu.edu](mailto:ecvets@siu.edu) or 618.453.5664
  - Illinois Student Assistance Commission: 1.800.899.4722