

Cougar Pride Scholarship **Terms and Conditions, 2025-2026**

Award Details

The Cougar Pride Scholarship is valid fall and spring semesters and will be continued, if renewal conditions are met, for eight semesters of undergraduate study across four academic years. The award will be credited to the student's university account each semester as a last-dollar tuition waiver. The scholarship may be applied toward tuition charges in an SIUE professional program. By accepting this scholarship as part of the financial aid offer, the student agrees to the terms and conditions of the scholarship detailed herein.

Financial aid offers can be accessed through the student's CougarNet account. In order to secure the award, new students must pay the enrollment fee by June 1, and then register for [New Student Orientation](#). Continuing students must meet the criteria established for the award. One of the allotted eight semesters may be applied toward costs associated with an SIUE-approved study abroad program up to the value of the scholarship for one term.

Cougar Pride Scholarship in Combination with Other Awards and Financial Aid

The Cougar Pride Scholarship will be applied as a tuition waiver to the student's account. If applicable, state aid mandated for tuition payment will pay first, then tuition-targeted private scholarships, and, finally, the Cougar Pride Scholarship as a tuition waiver. The Cougar Pride Scholarship will be considered an award to meet financial need in the packaging of financial aid. The crediting of the scholarship may not result in a refund to the student.

Academic Performance and Student Conduct

Continuance or renewal of the scholarship requires completion of full-time enrollment each semester (minimum 12 credit hours) and a 2.90 cumulative grade point average. In addition to the renewal requirements for the scholarship, Cougar Pride Scholars must also abide by the [University academic policy](#) as stated in the catalog and student handbook, the [Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy](#) for financial aid and scholarship recipients, and the [Student Conduct Code](#).

Scholarship recipients should keep address changes up to date with the University and check SIUE email often for important announcements.

Awarding Criteria

First-Year Students

- Admitted first-year students will be considered with a cumulative 3.0 high school GPA (4.0 scale).
- Only U.S. students are eligible.

Award Amounts:

<u>GPA Range</u>	<u>1-Year Value</u>	<u>4-Year Value</u>
3.00-3.24	\$2,000	\$8,000
3.25-2.49	\$2,500	\$5,000
3.50-3.74	\$3,000	\$6,000
3.75-3.99	\$3,500	\$7,000
4.00	\$4,000	\$8,000