

Important Information for Current Students Utilizing the Dependent Tuition Waiver at Illinois State University

This message pertains to the Interinstitutional Dependent Tuition Waiver benefit currently being used by you and your student.

In past years, the University required the submission of a new tuition waiver application each academic year. Beginning with the **2026–2027 academic year**, the University is updating this process.

Any dependent who is currently using the Dependent Tuition Waiver at Illinois State University during the **Spring 2026 semester** will not be required to submit a new application for the 2026–2027 academic year.

The University will be evaluating all criteria necessary to continue receiving the tuition waiver benefit every semester:

- The parent remains employed in an eligible capacity
- The student has not exceeded the maximum allowable tuition waiver credit hours
- The student is under age 25 at the start of the academic year for which the waiver is effective
- The student maintains satisfactory academic progress toward graduation

As long as these criteria are met, the waiver will continue to be applied without the need for a new application.

Loss of Eligibility

If any eligibility requirements are not met in a subsequent semester, the tuition waiver will be removed. The student will be financially responsible for the full value of any ineligible benefits received. This also includes situations in which the tuition waiver is used at another public university and allowable credit hour limits are exceeded.

When a New Application is Needed

A new application must be submitted in any of the following circumstances:

- The student was not enrolled in classes in a major semester (Fall or Spring)
- The student uses the interinstitutional tuition waiver at another eligible institution
- The student now qualifies as an eligible dependent under a different employee than was originally indicated on the application

Applications

If a new application is required, the appropriate form may be downloaded at the links below:

- [Application](#) for Illinois State University student with a parent, stepparent, or parent's domestic partner employed at or retired from Illinois State University
- [Application](#) for Illinois State University student with a parent or stepparent employed at another eligible institution

Questions

If you have any questions about this change, please contact Human Resources at HRTuitionWaivers@ilstu.edu or 309-438-8311.