

The history of Illinois State University reflects the contribution of the retirees who dedicated many years to its growth and development. For those many years of service, the state and the University offer you substantial retirement benefits.

In addition to the basic annuity, the University utilizes a portion of its resources to supplement retiree benefits. This brochure provides a list of the services and privileges provided by the University for retired personnel. It also contains other information that may be of interest to you as a retiree.

#### **Human Resources Office**

Once you start using the services available, you will be pleasantly surprised by the number and variety of activities that are available to you as a retiree. Your retirement years can be as active and varied as you choose to make them. Should questions arise, feel free to contact the Human Resources office at (309) 438-8311 to receive help you need.

### **SURS**

Upon retirement, your insurance enrollment records are transferred to the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) in Champaign. You should contact SURS directly at (800) 275-7877 to make changes in coverage, beneficiaries, and Medicare eligibility. Upon retirement, SURS becomes responsible for pension and insurance benefits.

# Benefits Offered by the University in Recognition of Retirement Status

The retirement benefits offered by Illinois State University are the same for all classifications of employees of the University.

To be eligible for retirement benefits offered by the University, an employee's SURS annuity needs to begin within 60 days after retirement from Illinois State University.

## The University is pleased that it can offer the following benefits to retirees:

**Identification Card:** The identification card is for permanent use and must be presented in person to receive those services and privileges granted by the University to retirees". For more information, contact the Redbird Card Office at (309) 438-2273 or visit them at <a href="https://www.comptroller.ilstu.edu/redbird">www.comptroller.ilstu.edu/redbird</a>.

**Braden Discounts:** Illinois State University retirees may receive discounted ticket prices for events scheduled at Braden Auditorium when possible. Please call the Braden Box Office at (309) 438-5444 to ask about upcoming events. Discounts will only be available through the Braden Box Office.

Athletic Event Discounts: Through the generosity of the University Athletics Department, retirees enjoy a price reduction on men's basketball and football season tickets. Contact the Redbird Ticket Office at (309) 438-8000 for current information on how to obtain reduced price tickets.

Education: The University offers tuition and fee waivers for all retirees (up to eight hours per semester). This may be an ideal way to keep in touch with colleagues as well as enjoy the stimulation of new ideas for mental and physical activities. Individuals will have to meet University entrance requirements. Contact the Office of Admissions at (309) 438-2181 to begin the process. Tuition waiver forms are available in the Benefit Services office or on line at www.hr.ilstu.edu/benefits/tuition\_waiver.shtml



Telephone Directory and University Publications: Upon publication, a new telephone directory will be mailed out to those retirees that did not restrict their address. A civil service retiree may also request mailing of the Open Line. The ISU "Report" and the Illinois State alumni magazine will be sent on line or by direct mail per retirees' request.

Health Promotion And Wellness: Activities, programs, and events for retirees and their spouse/partner include the following: wellness and nutrition fairs, cholesterol and blood chemistry screenings, stress reduction and general wellness education, tai chi classes, and guidance on nutrition and healthy living. Visit wellness:illinoisstate.edu. for current program information or contact (309-)438-8845.

Campus Recreation Opportunities: Campus Recreation is dedicated to providing for annuitants to maintain healthy, active lifestyles. Annuitants and their spouse/partner are eligible to purchase memberships for full access to the Student Fitness Center, which includes use of all equipment, group fitness classes, sports courts, running/walking track, swimming, rock climbing, and more.

Annuitants and their spouse/partner can also receive individualized attention with their workout by signing up for personal training sessions. The Outdoor Adventure program can provide annuitants and their spouse/partner with the opportunity to take part in one or more of the many outdoor trips offered each semester. The outdoor Adventure Center also provide a variety of outdoor equipment available or rent.

For more information about everything Campus Recreation has to offer, call (309)438-3700 or visit the website at <u>campusrecreation.illinoisstate.edu.</u>

**Bowling and Billiards Center:** Retirees can enjoy the same discounts they had as faculty/employees. Contact the Bowling and Billiards Center at (309) 438-2555 or visit them at www.bsc.ilstu.edu/bowling-billards.

Redbird Ride's Universal Access Bus Line: Universal Access is a program that provides free access on the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System's (BNPTS) fixed bus routes, Monday through Saturday. You must show your ISU Identification Card. <a href="https://www.parking.ilstu.edu.">www.parking.ilstu.edu.</a>

University Club: University Club is a great way to meet members of the University Community. Membership is open to all current and retired faculty and staff. The cost for membership is \$20 per year. Meetings are held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. nearly every Friday. For more information about U-Club, visit <a href="https://www.uclub.ilstu.edu.">www.uclub.ilstu.edu.</a>.

**Parking:** A complimentary faculty/staff parking mirror tag is available for retirees. Contact the Parking Services Office at (309) 438-8391.

**Milner Library:** The use of Milner Library is available for retirees upon presentation of the retiree's ID card. Visit them at www.library.ilstu.edu.

Electronic Resources: Retirees can continue to enjoy access to the same central electronic resources they had as faculty/staff members. The following lifetime resources are continued without interruption or additional costs: ilstu.edu e-mail account (retirees are responsible for providing their own home internet connection), Web storage space on Datastore, phone and walk-in technical assistance through the University Computer Help Desk, and access to computer training classes through the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT). For more information on these resources, contact the University Computer Help Desk in person at 115 Julian Hall, on the phone at (309) 438-HELP, or via email at helpdesk.ilstu.edu.

College of Fine Arts Events Discounts: Discount tickets may be available for College of Fine Arts events. For current information <a href="www.cfa.ilstu.edu">www.cfa.ilstu.edu</a>.

University Galleries: University Galleries offers contemporary art exhibitions and community outreach programs that generate a positive environment for creativity and growth through the visual arts. To arrange a free curator-led tour call (309)438-5487. <a href="https://www.cfa.ilstu.edu/galleries">www.cfa.ilstu.edu/galleries</a>.

Free Notary Services: is available at Students Accounts at 607 West Dry Grove on the Illinois State University campus for retirees when they show their Redbird ID Card.

### Other Information:

The Illinois State University Annuitants Association is the local chapter of the State University Annuitants Association. The Association's primary purpose is to promote the individual and collective interests of members. Information about the Association is available at www.annuitants.ilstu.edu.



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