Western Illinois University Foundation, Inc.
Policy on Write-Off of Outstanding Checks

Effective Date: 12/10/2014
Responsible Departments: Foundation Office

1. PURPOSE

To ensure unclaimed outstanding checks are handled properly and in accordance with State of Illinois laws and regulations.

2. APPLICABILITY

This Policy applies to all checks written from WIU Foundation funds that are outstanding for more than six months.

3. POLICY

The WIU Foundation will take the following actions related to checks outstanding on its bank accounts for more than six months:

a. The original check is voided.
   i. If Payee contact information is available, a letter will be sent to inform the payee of the outstanding check and to request that they contact the WIU Foundation for a replacement check.
   ii. If contact information is not available, the WIU Foundation will check into the feasibility of contact every six months until the Payee has been located. At that point, a letter will be sent to inform the payee of the outstanding check and to request that they contact the WIU Foundation for a replacement check.

b. Upon receipt of updated information from the Payee, a replacement check will be issued.

c. If the amount still remains unclaimed after five years from the original check date or in accordance with the State of Illinois abandonment period guidelines, the funds will be remitted to the State.

d. In accordance with Illinois State Law, the WIU Foundation will file a report with the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer Unclaimed Property Division annually.

4. CLARIFICATION

Requests for clarification of this policy should be directed to the Chief Accountant of the WIU Foundation.

Certified as approved by the Executive Committee of the Western Illinois University Foundation Board of Directors on:
Date: 12/10/2014

Marlin L. France, Secretary

References: Illinois Unclaimed Property Law

Review schedule: Every three years

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