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## 2024-25 SENIOR CITIZEN COURSES ACT TUITION WAIVER APPLICATION

Students accepted for admission who are 65 years of age or older, and who are legal residents of Illinois with an annual combined household income less than the threshold amount provided in Section 4 of the "Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act", shall be permitted to enroll in regularly scheduled courses, on a credit or noncredit basis, without the payment of tuition and mandatory fees provided that available classroom space exists and tuition-paying students enrolled constitute the minimum number required for the course. This regulation shall not apply to courses offered only on a noncredit basis or to courses designed especially for senior citizens. Contact the Financial Aid Office, Sherman Hall 127, telephone 309/298-2446, for further information.

### 1. STUDENT INFORMATION (Please print clearly)

Name (Last)	(First)	(Middle Initial)	WIU ID Number
Current Home Address (Street or P.O. Box, Apt, City, State and Zip)			( ) -
			Daytime Phone

### 2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the provisions of Senior Citizen Courses Act (110 ILCS 990), you must meet the following requirements\* - please see next page for definition of terms:

- Age 65 or over
- Illinois Resident
- Annual household income in 2023 at or below 200% of the 2023 Federal Poverty Level, which means a maximum of:
  - \$29,160 for a household of one
  - \$39,440 for a household of two
  - \$49,720 for a household of three
- Admitted to Western Illinois University

\* You must provide proof of age, IL residency status and annual household income with this application.

*(Acceptable documentation: Driver's License/State ID card, Federal Income Tax Return, W-2 Form, Social Security Benefit Statement)*

### 3. CERTIFICATION

I declare under penalties of law that the information supplied in this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I authorize any person having any records of the information reported herein to disclose to the University, if requested, all information and substantiation for the documentation provided.

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Student's Signature

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Date

## 2024-25 SENIOR CITIZEN TUITION WAIVER INCOME GUIDELINES

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**The following section from the Senior Citizen Courses Act describes the manner in which qualified "senior citizens" are determined:**

1801 Senior Citizen defined

1 (c) "Senior citizen" means any person 65 years or older whose annual household income is less than the threshold amount provided in Section 4 of the "Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act", approved July 17, 1972, as amended.

**The following sections from the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act describe the manner in which "household income" is to be determined:**

403.05 Household defined

3.05 "Household" means a claimant or claimant and spouse living together in the same residence.

403.06 Household income defined

3.06 "Household income" means the combined income of the members of a household.

403.07 Income defined

3.07 "Income" means adjusted gross income, properly reported for federal income tax purposes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, modified by adding thereto the sum of the following amounts to the extent deducted or excluded from gross income in the computation of adjusted gross income:

- (A) An amount equal to all amounts paid or accrued as interest or dividends during the taxable year.
- (B) An amount equal to the amount of tax imposed by the Illinois Income Tax Act paid for the taxable year.
- (C) An amount equal to all amounts received during the taxable year as an annuity, under an annuity, endowment or life insurance contract or under any other contract or agreement.
- (D) An amount equal to the amount of benefits paid under the Federal Social Security Act during the taxable year.
- (E) An amount equal to the amount benefits paid under the Railroad Retirement Act during the taxable year.
- (F) An amount equal to the total amount of cash public assistance payments received from any governmental agency during the taxable year other than benefits received pursuant to this Act.
- (G) An amount equal to any net operating loss carryover deduction or capital loss carryover deduction during the taxable year.
- (H) An amount equal to any benefits received under the Worker's Compensation Act or the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act during the taxable year.

"Income" does not include any distributions or items of income described under subparagraph (X) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax Act or any payments under Section 2201 or Section 2202 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

404 Maximum household income defined

4 (7) as of September 1, 2011, have a maximum household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.