

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SWIC TUITION E-GIFT

WHO ARE SWIC TUITION E-GIFTS FOR?

SWIC Tuition E-Gifts are a perfect gift for current or future SWIC students.

WHO MAY PURCHASE SWIC TUITION E-GIFTS?

Anyone may purchase a SWIC Tuition E-Gift for anyone else. You do not have to be a parent, grandparent, or relative in order to purchase an E-Gift for someone.

HOW DO I PURCHASE A TUITION E-GIFT?

The E-Gift can be purchased online at www.swic.edu. Click on the Tuition E-Gift link, which will take you to the college's Illinois E-Pay system. At IL E-Pay, enter the recipient's information on the first screen, including the amount of the gift. The purchaser information is required on the second and third screens. A confirmation e-mail will be sent from Illinois E-Pay after the transaction is complete.

HOW DO I DESIGNATE AN E-GIFT BENEFICIARY?

When you purchase an E-Gift, a beneficiary must be designated at the time of purchase. Once you have purchased the Tuition E-Gift, you will receive an e-mail from Illinois E-Pay confirming your transaction. Also, you will receive an e-mail letter from SWIC within two business days confirming your purchase.

HOW DO I GIVE THE TUITION E-GIFT?

You can use the SWIC E-Gift letter as the gift – either print it or e-mail it to the beneficiary. The letter will include your name, the beneficiary's name, the dollar value of the gift and instructions on how to redeem the E-Gift. This e-mail will include Authorization and Sequence numbers necessary to redeem the gift, so please don't delete the e-mail!

HOW CAN STUDENTS REDEEM A TUITION E-GIFT?

The Tuition E-Gift can be used to pay SWIC tuition and fees only. The E-Gift may be applied to all or part of the bill. The Tuition E-Gift may be used to pay a bill online through the student's eSTORM account or at any of the SWIC Business Offices. The student will need the Authorization and Sequence numbers provided in the e-mail letter, so it's very important to keep this information. New students will need to open an eSTORM account – visit estorm.swic.edu and click on "new user."

IS THERE A MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR A TUITION E-GIFT?

There is no minimum or maximum purchase amount on Tuition E-Gifts. Feel free to give any amount you think the beneficiary can use for his or her tuition. The amount can be entered directly online at the time of purchase.

DO TUITION E-GIFTS EXPIRE?

Yes. The expiration date of a Tuition E-Gift is five years from the date of purchase. Tuition E-Gifts not redeemed within five years from the date of purchase will be absorbed into the Southwestern Illinois College Foundation for scholarships.

ARE TUITION E-GIFTS TRANSFERABLE?

No. Tuition E-Gifts are not transferable and nonrefundable, except in hardship circumstances as determined by SWIC within its sole and absolute discretion. Otherwise, they may only be applied to the designated beneficiary's SWIC tuition and fees.

WHAT HAPPENS IF USING A TUITION E-GIFTS RESULTS IN A CREDIT BALANCE ON A STUDENT'S ACCOUNT?

If a student applies Tuition E-Gifts to his/her account and then has a credit balance on the account, the credit balance will carry forward to the next semester. No cash refunds will be given for credit balances created by using a Tuition E-Gift.

WILL TUITION E-GIFTS REDUCE A STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS OR FINANCIAL AID?

Tuition E-Gifts do not affect a student's opportunity to receive financial aid. College and privately funded Foundation scholarships are awarded based on a variety of criteria ranging from academic excellence, program participation and even financial need, among other things. When applying for a scholarship or other financial assistance students should carefully check the award criteria to make sure there are no other financial restrictions.

HOW DO I MAKE CHANGES TO A TUITION E-GIFT?

You cannot make changes to an E-Gift that was already purchased. You can purchase another E-Gift at any time. New E-Gifts will result in a new Illinois E-Pay confirmation e-mail and a new SWIC Tuition E-Gift e-mail letter that details the new dollar value of the E-Gift.

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