College is necessary. Tuition debt is not.

College Illinois!®
529 Prepaid Tuition Program

A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged plan designed to encourage families to set aside funds for future college costs.

This program allows you to:
- PREPAY college tuition and mandatory fees at today’s plan rate
- REDUCE the risk of tuition inflation
- APPLY the value of plan benefits to any public or private college, university or trade school in the country recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, and to more than one college or university should your child choose to transfer.

Success Stories

More than 30,000 students have gone to college using College Illinois! benefits. Here are some recent stories.

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Do everything you can now to minimize tuition debt for your child later.

Help your child limit student debt by prepaying for college tuition today.

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More than $35k

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MORE POWERFUL REASONS TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE ILLINOIS!

START EARLY, PAY LESS
The younger your child when you purchase a plan, the less you pay. Plus, every year you delay increases the risk of tuition inflation.

TAX ADVANTAGES: NOW AND LATER
Several state and federal tax benefits are available (see more details at 529il.com/advantages).

NOT LIMITED TO ILLINOIS SCHOOLS
The value of plan benefits can be used at any public or private college, university or trade school in the country recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

FLEXIBLE PLANS
Purchase up to nine semesters for any one child with multiple plan and payment options to fit your needs.

SIMPLE PURCHASING
It’s easy for any U.S. resident 18 or older, including parents, friends, grandparents and others, to purchase a plan for a future student.

PEACE OF MIND
Feel the sense of relief that comes with helping to set your child up for future success—today.

This is only the beginning! Learn more about these benefits and others at 529il.com/advantages.

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How to Enroll

1 Choose one of our flexible prepaid tuition plans
Purchase anywhere from one to nine semesters at qualified Illinois public higher education institutions, including the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), depending on the plan. Or use the value of plan benefits at private or out-of-state schools.²

2 Pick a payment option that fits your needs
Monthly, annual or lump-sum payment options are available. For assistance, check out the Plan Finder and our other simple calculation tools at 529il.com/plans.

3 Prepay at today’s plan pricing and reduce the impact of tuition inflation
Once you choose your plan and payment option, the price is locked in. Your payments will not increase, regardless of tuition increases.

UNDERSTAND YOUR THREE OPTIONS.

Choice 1
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Covers 100% in-district tuition and mandatory fees at all Illinois community colleges

Choice 2
UNIVERSITY
Covers 100% in-state tuition and mandatory fees at all Illinois public universities except UIUC

Choice 3
UNIVERSITY+
Covers 100% in-state tuition and mandatory fees at all Illinois public universities including UIUC

Combination plans are also available. For more information, visit 529il.com/combinations.

Looking for more information?
Visit collegeillinois.org or call 1.877.877.3724 today!

Common Questions

Am I limited to an Illinois public college?
No. The value of your benefits can also be used toward tuition and mandatory fees at most private and out-of-state institutions.

What will the College Illinois! 529 Prepaid Tuition Program cover?
The program covers full in-state or in-district tuition and mandatory fees for the number of semesters purchased at the schools within your plan. Each semester is equal to 15 credit hours. Mandatory fees are those fees required as a condition of enrollment for all students.

Who can contribute to a College Illinois! 529 Plan?
Anyone! Grandparents, family members and friends 18 or older can make payments into an existing plan. College Illinois! requires either the purchaser or the beneficiary to be a resident of Illinois. No maximum or minimum age limit applies to beneficiaries.

ENROLLMENT OPEN
November 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017
Newborn* enrollment extends through August 31, 2017
* Children born on or between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017

For full program details, request an Enrollment Kit on our website at collegeillinois.org or by contacting a College Illinois! representative at isac.529info@isac.illinois.gov or 1.877.877.3724.

Stop by an event near you! Go to 529il.com/events for a full list of upcoming information sessions and outreach events.

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5 For private or out-of-state schools, benefits are based on the mean-weighted-average value of tuition and mandatory fees charged by Illinois public universities or community colleges (in the plan you purchased) at the time your child enrolls in college.