

The Aspirational Institutional Match Helping Illinois Grow Higher Education (AIM HIGH) Grant Pilot Program provides aid towards a full-time undergraduate student’s cost of attendance at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The AIM HIGH grant is a merit-based, means-tested matching grant pilot program designed to help achieve several state goals including increasing overall Illinois college student retention, improving Illinois college affordability and reducing student loan deb, as well as enhancing enrollment (and revenue) at Illinois public universities. The AIM HIGH grant is renewable, and if the student continues to meet the eligibility requirements, the student will be eligible to receive a renewal grant in subsequent years. The renewal award will be an amount no less than the award in the first year of attendance unless the cost of attendance is reduced.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To receive Aim High (AIMHI) a student must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a new-first time student starting the Fall of 2020
- Illinois resident
- Graduated from an Illinois High School
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Complete FAFSA
- Meet admissions criteria
- Be enrolled at a full- time student (at least 12 hours) in a degree baccalaureate program
- Has not received a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit hours
- Not incarcerated
- Not in default on any student loan or does not owe a refund or repayment on any state or federal grant or scholarship
- At least 24 ACT/1160 SAT
- At least 3.5 High School GPA
- Household income that does not exceed six times the poverty rate

Number in Household	Maximum Family Income
1	\$72,840
2	\$98,760
3	\$124,680
4	\$150,600
5	\$176,520
6	\$202,440
7	\$228,360
8	\$254,280
9+	\$25,920 added for each additional person

To receive Saluki Scholars (SALUKN) a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be a new-first time student starting the Fall of 2020
- Illinois resident
- Graduated from an Illinois High School
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Complete FAFSA
- Meet admissions criteria
- Be enrolled at a full- time student (at least 12 hours) in a degree baccalaureate program
- 18-23 ACT/960-1150 SAT
- At least 3.0 High School GPA
- Household income that does not exceed six times the poverty rate (see chart above)

To receive Transfer Saluki Scholars (SALUKT) a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be a new-first time transfer student starting the Fall of 2020
- Illinois resident
- Graduated from an Illinois High School
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Complete FAFSA
- Meet admissions criteria
- Be enrolled at a full- time student (at least 12 hours) in a degree baccalaureate program
- Transfer a minimum of 30 credit hours
- Have between a 3.25 – 3.49 transfer GPA
- Household income that does not exceed six times the poverty rate (see chart above)

Award	Fund Code	Amount	Total Length of Award
Aim High	AIMHI	\$2500	4 years
Saluki Scholars New	SALUKN	\$2000	4 years
Saluki Scholars Transfer	SALUKT	\$2000	3 years