

Free College Applications Fall 2025

Below are colleges with free college application periods. This is not an exhaustive list, but these are the ones that have been shared by colleges:

Local Colleges/Universities

- University of Illinois Springfield: Free before 12/1
- Western Illinois University: Month of October
- [Southern Illinois University Carbondale](#)
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville free until 12/1 (will work on a case-by-case basis beyond this date)

Always Free:

- Eastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University
- Governors State University

[One Click Admit](#) - One Click College Admit is Illinois' direct college admission program into Illinois public institutions. Through this State of Illinois program, high school seniors and community college transfer students in Illinois will receive college acceptances into the state's public universities by meeting only one criterion for admission: grade point average (GPA). This program waives applications, application fees, essays, and letters of recommendation for students. (Note - you are admitted to the college, not necessarily to your desired program of study)

Participating Colleges: Chicago State, EIU, Governors State, Northern Illinois, Northeastern, SIUC, SIUE, WIU, ISU, U of I Springfield

Other Resources:

- [NACAC Fee Waiver](#)
- [Colleges with Paid Tuition Commitments For Students with Financial Need](#)

Other colleges/universities:

College Name:	Free application
Miami University	Free until 12/1
Northeastern Illinois University	Free the entire cycle (until August 1, 2025)

Northern Michigan University	Free throughout cycle
Western Michigan University	10/1-10/31
Greenville University	always free
University of Alabama	10/6-10/10 (free on UA website)
University of Alabama at Birmingham	10/6 - 10/10
McKendree University	Always free
North Central College	Always Free on Common App and our website: northcentralcollege.edu/apply
University of St. Francis	Completely free all year round
Aurora University	It is free throughout the application cycle.
Millikin University	Always free
DePaul University	Free throughout the application cycle
Rend Lake College	Our application is always free.
Knox College	Entire Cycle
Illinois Wesleyan University	Our application is always free.
Loyola University Chicago	Always free
Lawrence University	Always free to apply to Lawrence!
Millikin University	always free
University of Dayton	Free throughout the cycle
Baylor University	Always free
Bradley University	Free Application Anytime
University of Illinois Springfield	Early Action - Application open through Dec 1 for the next fall.
Marquette University	We're always free! There's no app fee ever at MU!
Blackburn College	Free throughout
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee	Yes our application is free.
Murray State University	no time frame - promo code is: MSU4IL2025
University of Nebraska at Omaha	All year for domestic students
Augustana College	Always FREE throughout the entire year!
Xavier University	always free--both Common App and Xavier app
Missouri University of Science and Technology	Always Free
The University of Akron	It's free throughout the entire application cycle.
Dominican University (IL)	Free during the entire application cycle

Dominican University	Always Free Application
Kent State	Free 10/1-11/1
Marian University of Wisconsin	always free
Saint Mary's College	Free throughout the cycle