

Need help getting textbooks?

At the University of Illinois, students are required to purchase their textbooks. To help I-Promise scholars manage this expense, Illinois Promise has partnered with the Illini Union Bookstore (IUB) to allow each scholar to purchase up to \$600 in books each semester, with payment due later in the same term.

I-Promise scholars who take advantage of the deferred billing option will be required to pay their balance in full by the beginning of Thanksgiving Break for the Fall 2018 semester and the beginning of Spring Break for the Spring 2019 semester. Payment should be made directly to the IUB and can be made any time prior to the deadline. Any deferred billing balances that are unpaid by the deadlines noted above will be transferred to each scholar's student account at Cashier Operations. Balances of \$200 or more on a student account trigger an academic records hold, which prevents students from registering for classes.

Textbook purchase options at IUB:

1. Advanced ordering can be done by emailing iubops@mx.uillinois.edu and providing your name and UIN, information on the course, section, instructor, author, and title of the book. Books are then set aside for scholars to pick up.
2. Purchase books in-person at the store without advanced ordering. IUB is located at 809 S Wright St. (corner of Daniel St.). Notify the sales associate upon check-out that you are an Illinois Promise student. You will be required to present your University I-Card.
3. Online purchases are *not* an option with the deferred billing program.

This deferred billing option is only available to Illinois Promise students, and only at the Illini Union Bookstore. Therefore, the Office of Student Financial Aid will be providing IUB with names and University Identification Numbers (UIN) of 2018-2019 I-Promise recipients and eligibility may be verified at the time you pick up. Scholars will also be required to sign a statement agreeing to pay in full within the stated time frame.

Questions?

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