

## Retirement Services Information

### Retirement Benefits

#### **Preface**

The history of Illinois State University reflects the contribution of the retirees who dedicated many years to its growth and development. For those many years of service, the state and the University offer you substantial retirement benefits.

In addition to the basic annuity, the University utilizes a portion of its resources to supplement retiree benefits. This brochure is designed to provide a list of services and privileges provided by the University, student organizations, and the University Foundation for retired personnel. It also contains other information that may be of interest to you as a retiree.



#### **Human Resources Office**

The Human Resource Customer Service Center (CSC) plays a central role in the preretirement services program. The prospective retiree is advised to work closely with the Human Resources Office during the process of applying for retirement.

Below are some of the valuable services offered:

1. The Human Resource CSC provides retirement, pension, and insurance continuation information, and provides assistance in completing the retirement process. Upon retirement, the State University Retirement System becomes responsible for pension and insurance benefits.
2. The Human Resource CSC contacts Media Relations/News Service concerning announcements of retirement.
3. The Human Resource CSC serves as liaison between the University and the Annuitants Association, and assists the Association in accomplishing its purposes with technical and administrative assistance.

## Benefits Offered by the University in Recognition of Retirement Status

The retirement benefits offered by Illinois State University are the same for all classifications of employees of the University.

To be eligible for retirement benefits offered by the University, a person must have fulfilled all the requirements for retirement as specified by the State Universities Retirement System of Illinois (SURS) and retired directly from Illinois State University with at least five years of service.

The University is pleased that it can offer the following tokens of appreciation and benefits to retirees.

1. **Recognition:** A duly inscribed certificate of service to Illinois State University.
2. **Identification Card:** The identification card is for permanent use and must be presented in person to receive those services and privileges granted by the University to retirees.
3. **Braden Rebates:** Through the generosity of the University Foundation, retirees receive a rebate for the Braden Auditorium fall and spring series. Continuation of this reduction is dependent upon available funds. Retirees will be advised as to the procedures for receiving their rebate.
4. **Athletic Event Discounts:** Through the generosity of the Illinois State University Athletics Department, retirees enjoy a price reduction in tickets to some events. Continuation of this reduction is dependent upon available funds. A retiree should telephone the Redbird ticket office (438-8000) each year to receive current information on how to obtain reduced price tickets.
5. **Telephone Directory:** Soon after its publication, a new telephone directory will automatically be mailed to retirees.
6. **University Wellness Program:** Offerings include Nautilus, fitness lab, swimming, aerobics, yoga, nutrition education, tai chi, blood pressure, and cholesterol screenings, etc. Call 438-3947 for schedules, registration, and information.
7. **Open Recreation:** In addition to the above recreational activities sponsored by the Wellness Program, Recreation Services offers open recreation for faculty, staff, and retirees during specific hours at McCormick Hall. Activities available include basketball, volleyball, and swimming. Retiree spouses may purchase a semester pass to gain access to the facilities. Call 438-PLAY for current prices and schedules.
8. **Recreation Services Membership:** A retiree is treated the same as regular faculty and staff members with regard to the use of the Student Recreation Building. To become a member of this facility, retirees may purchase a semester pass or an annual pass. Spouses are eligible to purchase Breakfast Club passes. Daily guest passes are also available. A retiree may purchase a membership to Club Aerobics or Cycle Reebok at the faculty/staff rate. Classes

are held at the Student Recreation Building and McCormick Hall. Call 438-PLAY for more information on offerings and current prices.



9. **Immunizations:** Retirees may use the Student Health Services on a fee-for-service basis for immunizations required for Illinois State University-sponsored international travel. Retirees are also eligible to receive flu shots during Student Health Service-sponsored flu shot clinic times.
10. **Musical Programs:** Retirees, their families, and friends are invited to attend the many and varied musical programs that are presented each year. Call the Event Hotline (438-3838) to hear the schedule of concerts (some are free and some have an admission charge). Individuals 60 and older are eligible for a senior citizen discount.
11. **Publications:** Automatic inclusion on a mailing list for both Illinois State Today and the Illinois State Report. A civil service retiree may also request mailing of the Open Line.
12. **Parking:** A complimentary faculty/staff parking decal. Contact the Parking Services Office at 438-8391.
13. **Milner Library:** The use of Milner Library facilities is available for both retirees and spouses upon presentation of the retiree's ID card. Milner Library offers some carrels for the use of retirees.
14. **Insurance Administration:** Upon retirement, your insurance enrollment records are transferred to the State Universities Retirement System in Champaign. You should contact SURS directly at (800) 275-7877 to make changes in coverage, beneficiaries, and medicare eligibility. If you need to file a claim, you should follow the procedures listed in the State Employees Group Insurance program booklet. If after submitting a claim, questions arise concerning the amount of reimbursement or some other problem, contact the Human Resource CSC for advice or assistance at (309) 438-8311. Claim forms for submitting prescription drug expenses, doctor's visits, and dental expenses may be obtained at the Human Resources Office.
15. **Electronic Resources:** Retirees continue to enjoy access to the same central electronic resources they had as faculty/staff members. The following lifetime resources are continued without interruption or additional cost: ilstu.edu e-mail account, local access to the Internet through ISU, Web storage space on Datastore01, I-Tools software, phone and walk-in technical assistance through the University Computer Help Desk, and access to computer training classes through Faculty Technology Support Services. For more information on these resources, see <http://www.ilstu.edu/helpdesk/infodesk/ulid/> or contact the University Computer Help Desk in person at 115 Julian Hall, on the phone at 438-HELP, or via email at [helpdesk@ilstu.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ilstu.edu).

16. **Golf Discounts:** A retiree golf pass is available at the University Golf Course. Continuation of this benefit is dependent on the availability of funds from the University Foundation. Check with the golf course staff at 438-8065 for more information.
17. **Survivor Benefits:** Limited benefits are available to surviving spouses of deceased retirees. Check with the Human Resources CSC at 438-8311 for further information.
18. **Fine Arts Discounts:** Complimentary or discount tickets may be available for College of Fine Arts events. One or two weeks prior to attending an event, a retiree should telephone the Fine Arts office (438-8321) to receive current information on how to obtain his or her admission ticket.

## **Other Benefits and Information**

The University encourages each retiree who is located nearby to continue his or her contact with the University. The University offers tuition and fee waivers for all retirees (up to eight hours per semester). This may be an ideal way to keep in touch with colleagues as well as to enjoy the stimulation of new ideas for mental and physical activities. Individuals will have to meet University entrance requirements. Contact the Office of Admissions at 438-2181 to begin the process. Tuition waiver forms are available in the Human Resources Office.

The Annuitants Association works directly with the state association and the legislature to secure legislation favorable to annuitants. Information concerning this Association and its work with other groups in the state is available to retirees through the Annuitants Association.

Once you start using the services available, you will be pleasantly surprised by the number and variety of activities that are available to you as a retiree. Your retirement years can be as active and varied as you choose to make them.

Should any questions arise, feel free to contact the Human Resource CSC at 438-8311 to receive any help you need.

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