

**WELCOME**  
TO  
**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**



## It wasn't so long ago that I, too, was a Future Panther.

Much like you, I was interested in EIU – enough so that I came to campus to check it out. I wanted to know if EIU was the perfect fit for me. Would I love the campus environment? Would I find the faculty and staff friendly and supportive? Would it be easy to make new friends? I suspect many of you are asking these very same questions right now. The final decision for me really was an easy one, especially after experiencing first-hand the passion that our students, faculty and staff have for this truly outstanding institution.

Our students feel at home here. Many of them work one-on-one with highly talented, caring faculty in both mentoring and research. They are greeted by their first names – both in- and outside of the classroom. They become a part of a larger community where opportunities – academic, residential and service-focused – abound.

If academic excellence and a highly enjoyable living environment is what you seek, look no further than Eastern. I chose EIU and I'm proud and honored to be a Panther. I hope you, too, will make the decision to become one soon!



David M. Glassman  
President  
Eastern Illinois University

You will need to take care of a few things rights away.

## Log into MyEIU: [www.eiu.edu/myeiu](http://www.eiu.edu/myeiu)

My EIU is your personal portal into EIU and it contains detailed information about your application, financial aid status, housing assignment and orientation dates. It is designed to guide you – step-by-step – through the enrollment process.

Becoming a #FUTUREPANTHER couldn't be easier.

If you have any questions, contact the Office of Admissions at **217-581-2223** or **877-581 BEIU(2348)** or email at [admissions@eiu.edu](mailto:admissions@eiu.edu).

If you need special assistance through Disability Services, visit [www.eiu.edu/disability](http://www.eiu.edu/disability) or call **217-581-6583**.

# ENROLLMENT CHECK LIST:

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

- Pay your New Student Enrollment Deposit (\$150).** Payment is due by May 1 for summer and fall admits, and Dec. 1 for spring admits. *\*Transfer students are not required to pay this deposit.*
- Visit campus and attend #FUTUREPANTHER Admitted Student Day or any #FUTUREPANTHER Friday.** Register for the dates that work for you through your **MyEIU** account.

## APPLY FOR HOUSING

- Submit your housing application and a \$50 non-refundable fee to establish a priority date for room assignment.**  
(Recommended by March 1 for fall/summer admits and Nov. 1 for spring admits.)
- Complete your room and board contract and housing preference form.**
- Pay your \$250 housing down payment**  
(By June 12 for fall/summer admits, and Dec. 12 for spring admits.)

## APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Create a new user ID and password at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Note: for previous users, the user ID and password now replace the federal student aid PIN.

- File your FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) as soon as possible after January 1. The recommended FAFSA filling deadline is February 15. Be sure to include Eastern's federal school code: 001674.

- Check the status of your financial aid through MyEIU or PAWS.

PAWS is accessible on your smartphone or tablet. Users can access award status through EIU's mobile site at [m.eiu.edu](http://m.eiu.edu). Click on the green dollar sign.

## SIGN UP FOR ORIENTATION THROUGH NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

### FRESHMEN:

- Enrolling in fall: Sign-up opens March 1, schedule your program by mid-May.
- Enrolling in spring: Sign-up opens Oct. 1, schedule your program by mid-Dec.
- Enrolling in summer: Sign-up opens March 1, schedule your program by May.
- Submit your final high school transcript showing date of graduation. If you have dual credit, submit official college transcript.

### TRANSFER STUDENTS:

- Enrolling in fall: Sign-up opens Feb. 1, schedule your program by May.
- Enrolling in spring: Sign-up opens Oct. 1, schedule your program by mid-Nov.
- Enrolling in summer: Sign-up opens Feb. 1, schedule your program by April.
- Submit your final college transcript showing all coursework completed, including dual credit. Also, submit your final high school transcript showing date of graduation.

## #FUTUREPANTHER Admitted Student Days

Admitted Student Days are your chance to visit EIU to learn what lies ahead.

You'll have opportunities to tour campus and to speak with faculty and current students. And we'll have the opportunity to welcome you to our ever-growing family of Panthers.

Plus, you have the chance to win tickets for Homecoming or Family Weekend football games, the Family Weekend concert and maybe even walk away with EIU Bookstore discounts and cool EIU gear.

**February 15, 2016**

**March 5, 2016**

**#FUTUREPANTHER FRIDAYS:  
every Friday in April.**

**Sign up on MyEIU: [www.eiu.edu/myeiu](http://www.eiu.edu/myeiu)**



# GET YOUR BILLY ON

## Meet Billy.

Billy Panther has been EIU's mascot since the 1930s. Your Billy sticker means you're a part of Billy's great big extended family – more than 89,000 members strong.

When you see another Billy sticker, you'll know you're about to meet a new friend.

Billy is a little bit of all of us – he's curious, enthusiastic, friendly, loyal and true blue. We're proud to call him ours.

Welcome to the family.

