



Indiana University - Bloomington Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution to Reduce the Financial Burden of Transcripts at IU

Whereas, Indiana University Bloomington currently charges the following for a single, official transcript:

- 1) Paper Transcript via Regular mail – \$15.00
- 2) Paper Transcript via Domestic Express Delivery – \$50.00
- 3) PDF Copy via Email (limited access time, limited number of downloads/opens) – \$10
- 4) Paper Transcript, Self-Pickup – \$15.00

Whereas, the [average cost](#) per official transcript in the United States is less than \$10

Whereas, Indiana University Bloomington does not offer graduate and professional students any free copies of one's official transcript;

Whereas, even most high schools in Indiana offer students free transcripts, or charge less than \$5 per transcript;

Whereas, [Butler University](#) currently offers students free transcripts in the following situations:

- 1) Five free official transcripts, available for one (1) year after graduation;
- 2) A transcript being sent directly to a scholarship organization;
- 3) A transcript being requested in relation to studying abroad;
- 4) A transcript for students applying to various licensing organizations (i.e. Pharmacy Licensing).

Whereas, [Purdue University](#) currently offers students fifty (50) free transcripts per term (limited to ten (10) per request);

Whereas, the [University of Michigan](#) currently offers students free Electronic (PDF) and paper transcripts. Furthermore, they only add \$10 for rush delivery;

Whereas, the [University of Nebraska](#) currently offers students free printed transcripts;

Whereas, the [University of Iowa](#) currently offers students free transcripts. Further UOI only adds \$15 to any order for express shipping;

Whereas, [Rutgers University](#) currently offers students two (2) free transcripts, afterwards, transcripts are \$7 each; veterans and active military are not charged for any transcripts;

Whereas, [Wisconsin University](#) charges students a one-time fee of \$65 their first semester to receive unlimited official transcripts (limited to five (5) per order), \$23 charged for express;

Whereas, the [University of Maryland](#) currently gives students one free transcript, afterwards transcripts are \$8 each;

Whereas, [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#) currently charges students \$8 per transcript. Furthermore, only \$23 is added for express;

Whereas [Northwestern University](#) currently charges students \$8 per electronic transcript; \$10 for a paper – pickup; and \$12.50 for paper – mailed;

Whereas, [Ohio State University](#) currently charges students \$9.25 (\$7 for transcript, \$2.25 for handling) per regular transcript request. Furthermore, OSU only adds \$10 to any order that is sent using special mailing requests (such as express);

Whereas, [Penn State University](#) currently charges students \$10 per transcript, \$30 for express delivery;

Whereas, of the Big 10 schools Indiana University Blooming charges the highest amount for any of its transcript orders;

Whereas, the fees associated with transcripts causes a substantial burden to students applying for (1) research opportunities; (2) grants; (3) scholarships; (4) jobs; and more;

Whereas, the GPSG believes that the high costs for transcripts have direct, negative impacts to IU's academic environment by (1) obstructing students from securing external scholarships and fellowships; (2) impeding placement into careers (private sector, academia, etc.) post-graduation; and (3) reducing the scholarly output of students who seek additional funding to alleviate financial difficulties.

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that Indiana University Bloomington adopt one of the following structures for ordering transcripts:

- (1) Indiana University Bloomington will offer students up to twenty (20) free PDF and print transcripts per term, limited to five (5) per request;
- (2) Indiana University Bloomington will charge students a one-time fee of **\$50** their first semester to receive unlimited official transcripts, print and PDF, limited to five (5) per request;
 - a. Students who are only at Indiana University Bloomington for one (1) semester or for one (1) academic year shall have the option to be exempt from this one-

time fee and shall be charged no more than \$8 per regular-issue PDF or print transcript.

- b. International Students at Indiana University Bloomington shall have the option to be exempt from this one-time fee and shall be charged no more than \$8 per regular-issue PDF or print transcript.

- (3) Indiana University Bloomington will offer students one (1) free PDF or print transcript per academic year, and all proceeding transcripts will cost no more than \$8 per regular-issue PDF or print transcript.

Thereby, be it further resolved that the relevant university office(s) provide an itemized receipt, to make transparent the breakdown of costs incurred by the provision of documents and/or services, upon request of a transcript.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on this 7th day of March, 2020.

GPSG President

Date