



The ABCs of ISAC's Teacher Programs

TESP

 Teacher Education Scholarship Programs

IFTC

• Illinois Future Teacher Corps

MTI

Minority Teachers of Illinois

GAS

Golden Apple Scholars

SETTW

Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver





Evolution of IFTC

- Previously known as
 - ➤ DeBolt Teacher Shortage Scholarship (DTSS)
 - > ITEACH Teacher Scholarship
- Program is currently being phased out
 - ➤ In recent years, legislative changes required that the first 200 IFTC awards were to be allocated to the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program (GAS), and then the remaining fund balance was handled as follows:
 - > For 2010-11 58% was allocated to GAS
 - > For 2011-12 80% was allocated to GAS
 - For 2012-13 100% will be allocated to GAS and the IFTC program will no longer exist



IFTC Highlights

- Was intended for academically talented students pursuing a teaching career in Illinois
- Priority given to those in teacher shortage disciplines or willing to teach at hard-tostaff schools
- Award amount depended upon teaching commitment made
 - ➤ Up to \$5,000 if agree to teach in a shortage discipline or hard-to-staff school
 - ➤ Up to \$10,000 if agree to teach in both
- Requires five-year teaching commitment



The History and Purpose of MTI

- Created in 1991 to encourage minority students to enter the field of teaching and teach in schools with at least a 30% minority population
- Gives priority consideration to male applicants
 - ➤ 30% of allocated funds are reserved for qualified male minority students until January 1 of each fiscal year
 - Reserved funds remaining after January 1 may be awarded to qualified female students



MTI Highlights

- Available to minority students enrolled in a teacher education program
 - > Undergraduate or graduate student
 - Includes freshmen
 - May give preference to juniors and above
- Requires a one-year teaching commitment for each year of scholarship received
 - > Converts to a loan if commitment is not met



MTI Benefits

- Award amount is up to \$5,000 per year
- Can receive for a maximum of 8 semesters or 12 quarters
- Can be used for tuition, fees, room and board or commuter charges (cannot exceed Cost of Attendance)





MTI Eligibility Criteria

- To qualify, a student must:
 - ➤ Be a minority student
 - ➤ Be an Illinois resident
 - ➤ Be enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate or graduate student
 - ➤ Be pursuing a teaching degree
 - ➤ Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
 - ➤ Meet satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution



MTI Definitions

- African American/Black
 - A person having origins in any of the black racial groups in Africa
- Asian American
 - A person with origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, including Pakistan, and the Pacific Islands, including among others, Hawaii, Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia
- Hispanic American
 - ➤ A person of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race
- Native American
 - ➤ A person who is a member of a federally or state recognized Indian tribe, or whose parents or grandparents have such membership, including the native people of Alaska



MTI Awarding

- All timely, certified applicants are considered in initial awarding
 - ➤ If funding is insufficient for all timely qualified applicants, awarding is based on date-received order of applications as follows:
 - Qualified renewal applicants
 - Qualified applicants at or above the junior level
 - Other qualified applicants



Applying for TESP

- Teacher Education Scholarship Programs Application was used for both IFTC and MTI
 - Online application that requires State of Illinois digital ID
 - Must be submitted each year
 - ➤ Students could apply for both programs, but could not receive both in the same academic year
- GAS has a separate application process





Applying for MTI

- Applicants must complete the Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Application
 - Previously known as the Teacher Education Scholarship Programs Application
 - Online application requires State of Illinois digital ID
 - > Must be submitted each year
 - > Application was made available in December
 - Priority application filing date is March 1 (prior to the start of the academic year)
 - > Application also serves as a promissory note



The History and Purpose of GAS

- Created in 1988 by teachers of the Golden Apple Foundation
 - ➤ Not-for-profit organization based in Chicago
 - · www.goldenapple.org
 - Promotes excellence in Pre K-12 education
- Recruits and prepares a diverse group of bright and talented high school graduates and college sophomores for successful teaching careers
- Looking for students who have the potential to be excellent teachers in highneed schools throughout Illinois
- Ensures the quality of Scholars through a rigorous selection process



GAS Awards

- Scholars receive \$2,500 scholarship for freshman and sophomore years and \$5,000 for junior and senior years
 - Scholars chosen when they are college sophomores receive the scholarship for two years
- Scholars must attend one of 53 Illinois colleges and universities that participate in the program
- Up to 100 scholars are selected each year
 - > Scholars are listed on the Foundation's website
- Requires a five-year teaching commitment at an Illinois school of need









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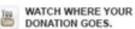
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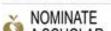
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2012 Class of Golden Apple Scholars

Golden Apple is proud of its 2012 Golden Apple Scholars, a group of 135 promising young people who have demonstrated passion and dedication to pursuing a career in education. The college or university the ten Scholars attend is listed below the high school they attended.

Julia Abalos

Iroquois West HS, Onarga

Charles Abban

Gary Comer College Prep, Chicago

Aaron Adams

Effingham HS, Mason

Amos Adekale

Bloom HS, Chicago Heights

Maggie Alibaikzadeh

Bond County HS, Greenville

Nicole Dowell

Cahokia School of Choice,

Cahokia.

Isiah Dunn, III

Proviso East HS. Broadview

Ashlee Ellerbusch

St. Charles North HS, South Elgin

Kassandra Elliott

Staunton HS, New Douglas

Shonna Ervin

Aron Nava

Romeoville HS, Crest Hill

Kristen Nazorek

Richards HS, Oak Lawn

Ryan Norman

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York HS. Elmhurst

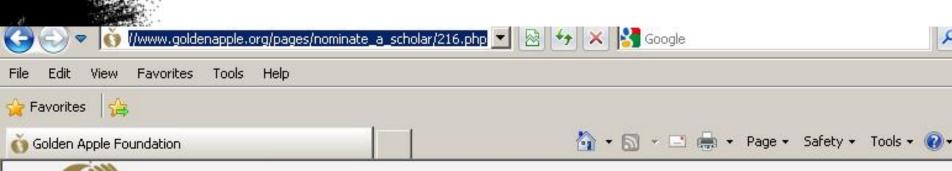
Kathryne Oberman

Thornton Fractional South HS, Lansing



Applying for GAS

- Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, principals or other non-family adults
 - Students may also nominate themselves
 - ➤ Nomination period: April November
 - Scholars are selected in February
 - The nomination form for the Class of 2013 is now available
- Eligibility criteria, application process and awarding is handled by Golden Apple Foundation
 - Prospective Scholars must submit an application with seven essays, letters of reference, test scores and transcripts, and must interview at the finalist stage





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Nominate a 2013 Scholar

Golden Apple selects as many as 100 high school and college students each year from public and non-public schools and universities throughout Illinois. Nominees are asked to complete a written application, provide ACT scores, and furnish transcripts to Golden Apple. From the completed applications, Golden Apple Award-winning teachers choose finalists to be interviewed and select the new group of Scholars in February.

Nominations for 2013 are now open and will remain open through November 1, 2013.

Students may nominate themselves or teachers and counselors can nominate an outstanding young person.



TESP Processing

Application

- Student submits data to ISAC for IFTC and MTI
- Golden Apple Foundation provides data to ISAC regarding eligible applicants

Initial Certification

- Applicant data appears in My Zone where schools must verify enrollment and certify eligibility
- Generates a notification to students

Rank and Awarding

- Initial qualification
- Students with a completed initial certification will be considered for an award

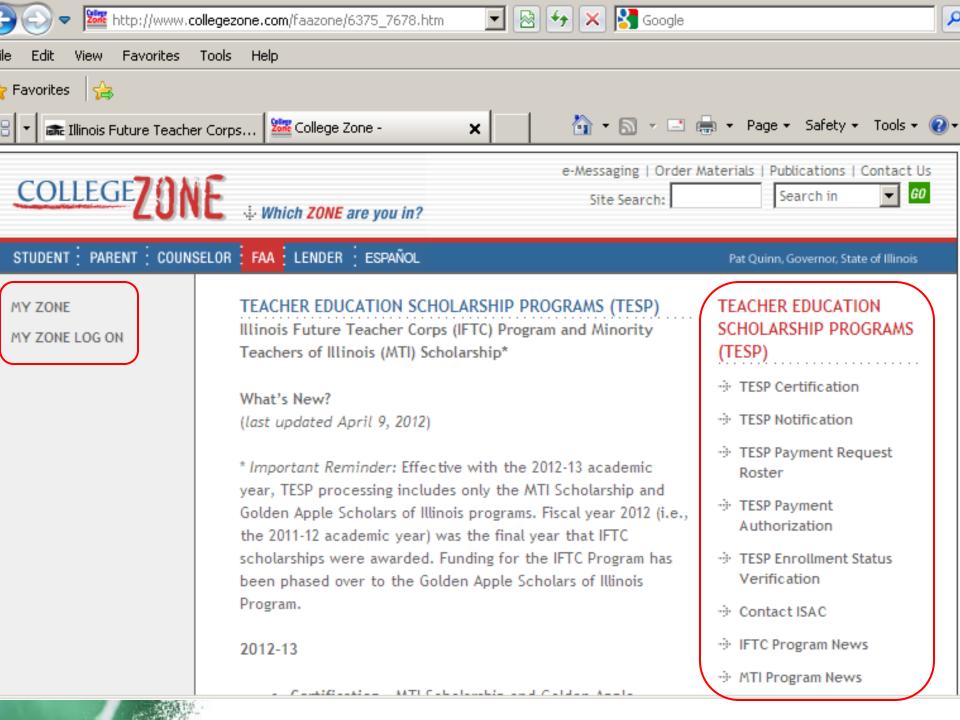
Notification

- ISAC sends letters to IFTC and MTI students
- Golden Apple Foundation notifies GAS students
- Schools receive information in My Zone



TESP Payment Processing

- Payment Request Rosters are completed online via My Zone and submitted to ISAC electronically
 - The fall term roster includes all terms of enrollment that were certified by the school
 - Subsequent payment request rosters include only the term(s) yet to be requested
 - Students determined to be eligible for both IFTC and MTI will only appear on the roster of the program for which they were funded
- After the Payment Request Roster has been processed and a voucher number and date has been entered into My Zone, a Payment Authorization Report will be available
 - It will include all students for whom payment was claimed
 - The report can be viewed online, printed or saved and will remain available for the entire academic year.





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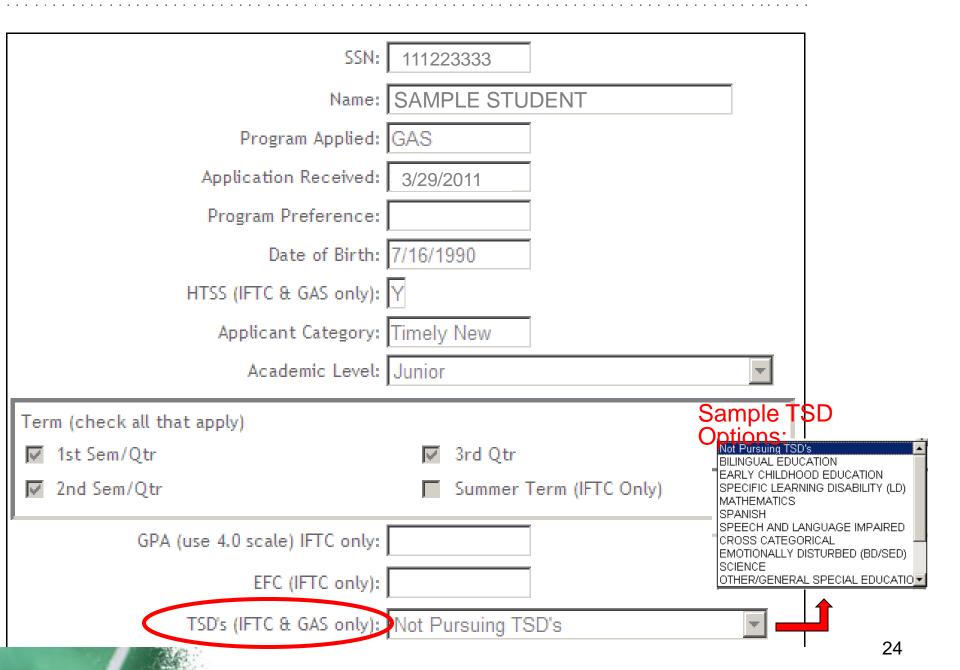
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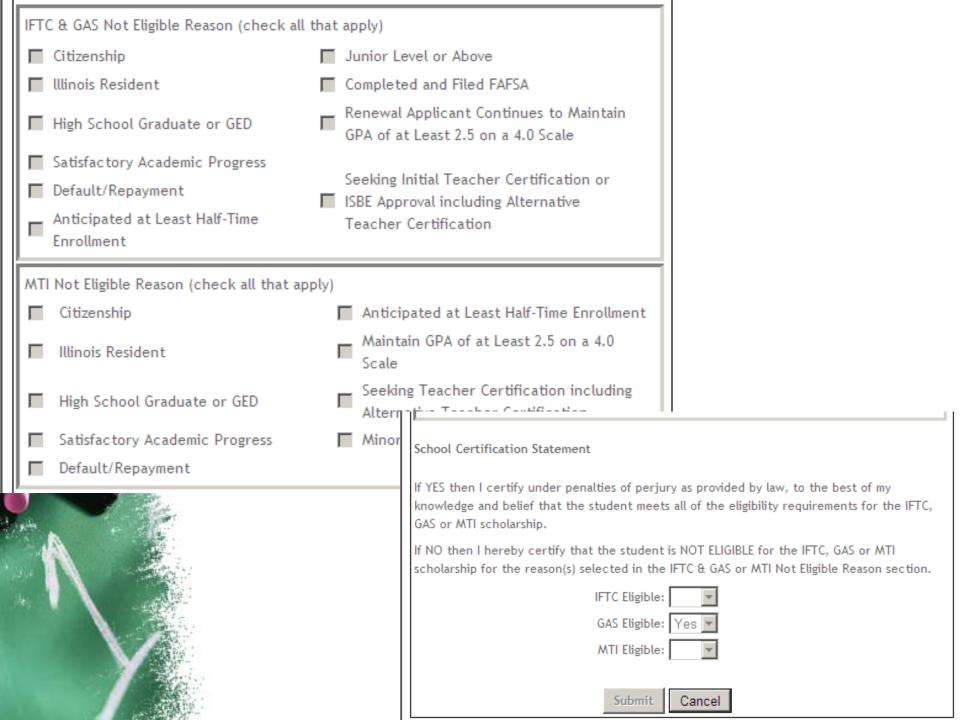
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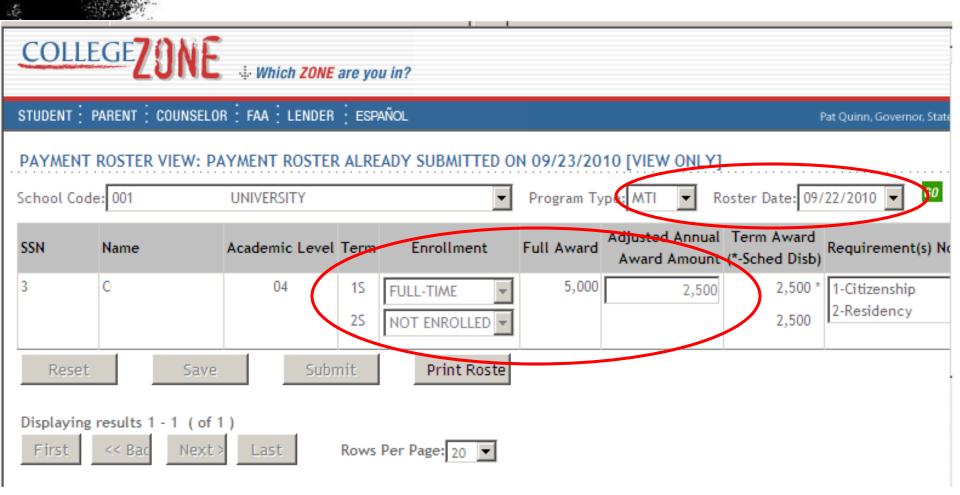
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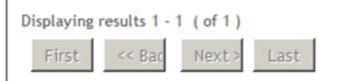
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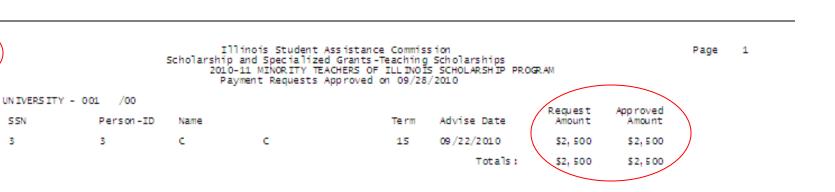




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SETTW Highlights

- Encourages current teachers and academically talented students to pursue careers in the area of Special Education
- Recipients are exempt from tuition and mandatory fees for up to four calendar years
- Available at the 12 public universities in Illinois
- Recipients must make a commitment to teach in Special Education at an Illinois school for at least two of the five years following graduation



SETTW Eligibility

- Student must meet one of the following:
 - ➤ Graduated from an approved high school in the academic year in which the award is made and be performing in the upper half of the graduating class
 - ➤ Graduated from an approved high school prior to the academic year in which the award is made and do not hold a valid teaching certificate
 - ➤ Hold a valid teaching certificate that is not in the discipline of special education



SETTW Eligibility

- Student must:
 - > Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
 - > Be an Illinois resident
 - Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate or graduate student in an area of special education at one of the participating institutions
 - Must be enrolled within 10 days after the beginning of the term for which the waiver was initially awarded
 - Meet school's satisfactory academic progress criteria
 - Remain in attendance on a continuous basis for up to four years
- Student cannot:
 - Be in default on a federal student loan or owe a refund on any state or federal grant or scholarship
 - ➤ Be a prior recipient of this waiver or be awarded IFTC or MTI for the same academic year



Applying for SETTW

- Applicants must complete the Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver Application
 - Download/print from College Zone
 - > Three sections
 - Section A all applicants must complete
 - Section B required for certified teachers only
 - Must also attach a copy of teaching certificate
 - Section C high school applicants must complete
 - Must be signed by a high school official
- Signed original must be mailed to ISAC by priority consideration date
 - Must be postmarked on or before March 1 (prior to start of the academic year)
 - > Faxed copies not accepted
- Application also serves as a promissory note



Determining Awards

- 40 waivers are awarded to applicants who hold valid teaching certificates and are not in the discipline of special education
- 105 waivers are awarded to applicants who have graduated from an approved high school prior to the academic year in which the award is made
- 105 tuition waivers are awarded to applicants scheduled to graduate from an approved high school in the academic year in which the award is made
 - > Must perform in the upper half of their class
 - > Highest ACT or SAT test scores also a factor
 - Any of the other 145 waivers not awarded are added to this group



SETTW Processing

- Notice of Eligibility is sent by ISAC to each qualified applicant
- Other notifications sent include:
 - Notice of Application Receipt
 - Notice of Incomplete Application
 - Rights & Responsibilities
 - Accompanies Notice of Eligibility
 - Notice of Unavailable Funds
 - Notice of Ineligibility





SETTW Processing

- Verification Roster
 - Used to verify enrollment status and program eligibility for each student applicant
 - ➤ The institution completes and returns to ISAC by due date indicated on accompanying cover letter
- Verification Roster Certification Form
 - Certifies that eligibility and enrollment status have been verified for each student listed on the school's roster
 - Must be signed by financial aid director or person authorized to sign on their behalf
 - > Due date will be shown at the bottom of the form
- Leave of Absence Form
- Tuition Waiver Conversion Form



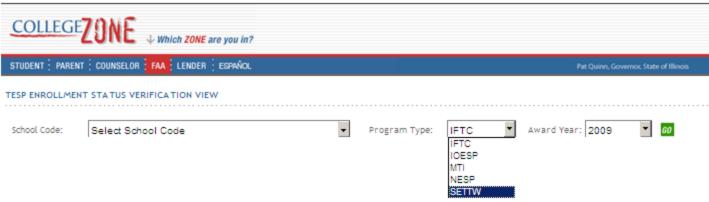
SETTW Exceptions to the Rules

- Leave of Absence may be granted for the following reasons:
 - > Earning funds to defray educational expenses
 - Illness of the recipient or an immediate family member
 - Military service
- Student must complete Leave of Absence form and submit to institution
 - Can only receive after student has been enrolled for the first term of the year awarded
- Approval is granted by the institution
 - ➤ May be granted for a maximum of two years
 - · Unless for military service
 - Form and supporting documentation must be retained in student's file
 - Does not need to be submitted to ISAC, but dates must be listed on the Tuition Waiver Conversion Form



Enrollment Status Verification for Compliance

- Must be completed by schools after each academic year for IFTC, MTI and SETTW programs
 - Verifies that students previously awarded were enrolled during that academic year





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Steps to enter and submit TESP Enrollment Status Verification Roster and the SETTW Tuition Waiver Conversion Form (TWCF) via My Zone.

1. Access TESP Enrollment Status Verification

Site Search:

- Select Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP) Enrollment Status Verification from the My Zone Program Selection screen to access the Enrollment Status Verification View screen. The IFTC roster will display.
- Select Program Type from the drop-own box to display the roster for a different program (IFTC, IOESP, MTI, NESP & SETTW). Only students with an "In School" status ("I") (sorted in ascending Social Security Number (SSN) order) are included on the roster.
- The Academic Year is grayed out and cannot be changed. Only rosters produced in 2009-10 are available.
- Click on the <Go> button
- 2. Enter TESP Enrollment Status Verification Roster
 - If a student is no longer enrolled, select a different status from the drop-down box in the Enrollment Status field.
 The statuses that display for SETTW recipients are different than those for all other programs. See Enrollment Status chart below.
 - A Status Date is required if the enrollment status is changed from an in-School status. Click on the calendar icon
 in the Status Date field and select a date using the calendar. Use the right and left arrows to decrease or increase
 the months. Click on the month banner (a faster way to access a different year) to display a box of months and
 years. Click the month and year to display the calendar for that month. Double click on a date to select the date of
 the status change.
- 3. Enter SETTW Tuition Walver Conversion Form
 - A TWCF must be completed for all SETTW recipients who are no longer enrolled in school and are not eligible to receive a tuition waiver. A TWCF is not required if the enrollment status is in-school or cancelled.
 - Click on the pencil icon in the TWC Form field to the left of the student's name.
 - Enter the year, term, school name and tuition \$ for each term the tuition and mandatory fees are waived each
 academic year.





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TESP ENROLLMENT STATUS VERIFICATION: DATA SUBMITTED ON - 3/7/2011

Award Year: 2009 001 Program Type: IFTC School Code: UNIVERSITY

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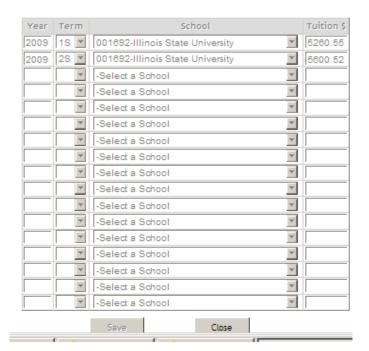
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Tuition Waiver Conversion Form (TWCF) for SETTW

- Must be completed for SETTW recipients who are no longer enrolled in school and are not eligible to receive a tuition waiver
 - ➤ A TWCF is not required if enrollment status is inschool or cancelled
- Must provide year, term, school name and tuition amount for each term the tuition and mandatory fees are waived





Program Requirements

DTSS

Must teach full-time in a teacher shortage discipline for one year for each year of assistance received

IFTC

Must teach full-time for not less than five years according to the commitment/agreement

GAS

➤ Must teach full-time for five years

MTI

Must teach full-time for one year for each year of assistance received.

SETTW

Begin teaching full-time in the field of Special Education within one year following graduation and continue teaching for at least 2 of the 5 years immediately following



Repayment

- If the teaching requirement is not fulfilled, the assistance received converts to a loan
 - ➤ Recipient must repay the entire amount of the award prorated according to the fraction of the obligation not completed, plus interest at a rate of 5% and any reasonable collection fees.
 - Interest begins to accrue on the date the repayment obligation begins
- For IFTC and MTI, repayment is to be completed within 10 years after the assistance converts to a loan
- For SETTW, the repayment period is 5 years



Extensions and Deferments

- Repayment period may be extended if the recipient:
 - serves, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces; or
 - is temporarily disabled, for not more than three years, as established by the sworn affidavit of a licensed physician; or
 - is seeking and unable to find full-time employment, for one continuous period not to exceed two years, and is able to provide evidence of that fact; or
 - for DTSS and IFTC, withdraws from a course of study leading to certification in a teacher shortage discipline, but is enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate for one continuous period of time not to exceed three years; or
 - for MTI, withdraws from a course of study leading to certification as a teacher but is enrolled full-time in another academic discipline; or is pursuing a graduate course of study and is enrolled on a full-time basis for one continuous period of time not to exceed 3 years;
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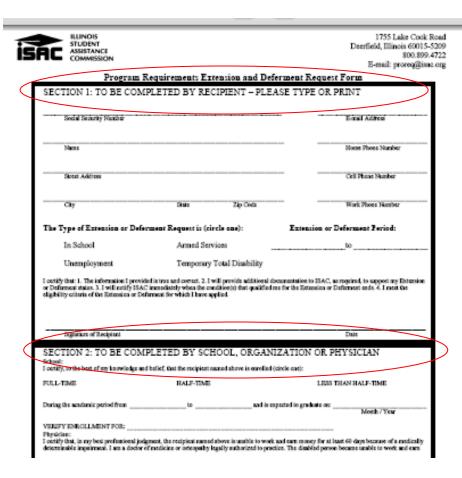


Program Requirements Extension and Deferment

Request

During the time a recipient qualifies for any of the deferments, s/he is not required to make payments and interest does not accrue.

To initiate an extension or deferment, the student must complete a Request for Extension of Teaching Requirements or Request for Deferment of Repayment form.





Illinois Teachers & Child Care Providers Loan Repayment Program

- First became effective July 1, 2003
- Purpose is to encourage students to enter and remain in the teaching profession in Illinois in low income schools
- Eligible applicants can receive up to \$5,000 to repay student loan debt
 - Repayment will be made based upon the lesser of:
 - The amount forgiven under Section 428J or 428K of the HEA, or
 - \$5,000



Illinois Teachers & Child Care Providers Loan Repayment Program

- To be eligible:
 - Must first qualify for Federal Stafford Loan Cancellation for Teachers Program
 - Cancels up to \$5,000 if the borrower teaches full-time for five consecutive years in a low-income school
 - Must complete teaching requirement at an Illinois school
 - The Federal Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program is no longer available to new applicants.
- Applicants must:
 - > Complete an ISAC application
 - Provide documentation of teaching service in Illinois
 - Apply within six months after receiving notification of federal loan forgiveness
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Teaching

Are you thinking about becoming a teacher, but want to make sure it's right for you? There are probably a lot of things you're wondering about, like what you'll need to do to be certified to teach, what salaries teachers make, how you can pay for college and others. Use the information below to find the answers to your questions. The academic advisor at the college you're planning to attend can also counsel you about which classes to take to prepare you for your teaching career.

Teacher Preparation and Certification

Before you decide to enter the teaching profession, take advantage of the information provided via the

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State of Illinois/ISAC Programs

There are several programs designed specifically for students studying to become teachers, to help pay for college, including the Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program, the Illinois Future Teacher Corps (IFTC) Program, the Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program, and the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program. A comparison chart provides a side-by-side view of the IFTC, MTI Scholarship, Illinois SETTW, federal TEACH Grant, and Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois programs.

Federal Programs

The federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program was designed to benefit current and prospective teachers.

The U.S. Departments of Education and Defense offer the Troops to Teachers program to help military personnel begin a new career as teachers in public schools. Illinois Troops for Teachers provides information specific to teaching in Illinois, including teacher certification requirements, information about teaching degree programs and assistance in locating employment opportunities.

Loan Cancellation/Forgiveness/Repayment Programs for Teachers

There are also programs available to help teachers repay their student loans after college. The Federal Perkins Loan Cancellation for Teachers program, the Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program, and some of the Illinois Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs offer options for repayment or cancellation of student loans, based on certain teaching requirements.



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Program Requirements

Some financial aid programs have requirements that must be fulfilled as a condition to receiving the financial aid. If the requirements are not met, the financial aid received will convert to a loan. Program requirements for Illinois' scholarship programs are as follows:

Illinois Future Teacher Corps (IFTC) Program

DeBolt Teacher Shortage Scholarship Program

Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program

Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program

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Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program

If you are a MTI scholarship recipient, you must teach one year on a full-time basis for each academic year, or portion of an academic year, in which you received the award. This teaching obligation must be fulfilled at a nonprofit Illinois public, private or parochial preschool, elementary or secondary school, at which no less than 30 percent of the enrolled students are minority students as certified by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). You must begin teaching within one year following termination from the program of study funded by the scholarship, and continue until the teaching obligation is fulfilled.

The percentage of an Illinois school's enrolled students meeting minority status requirements can be found at ISBE's eReport Card Public Site. School information is available dating back to 1998.

Extensions

The period to fulfill the teaching requirement may be extended if you

- · Serving, for not more than three years, as a member of the Ur
- Enrolled full-time as a graduate student in a course of study r an institution of higher learning
- Temporarily totally disabled, for no more than three years, as of a licensed physician
- Actively seeking but unable to find, full-time employment as a public, private or parochial preschool, elementary or secondary s percent of the enrolled students are minority students as certified to exceed two years in duration
- Taking additional courses, on at least a half-time basis, need-

Repayment

If the teaching obligation is not fulfilled, the scholarship converts to a loan, and you must repay the entire amount of the scholarship(s) prorated to the fraction of the teaching obligation not completed, plus interest within 10 years. If applicable, you will pay reasonable collection costs. The interest rate is 5 percent.

The repayment period starts and interest begins to accrue on the earliest of the following dates:

- Six months after the first day of the calendar month after you stopped pursuing, on a half-time basis, a course of study leading to certification as a teacher
- · The date ISAC is informed that you do not plan to fulfill the teaching obligation
- The day after the latest date upon which you must have begun teaching.

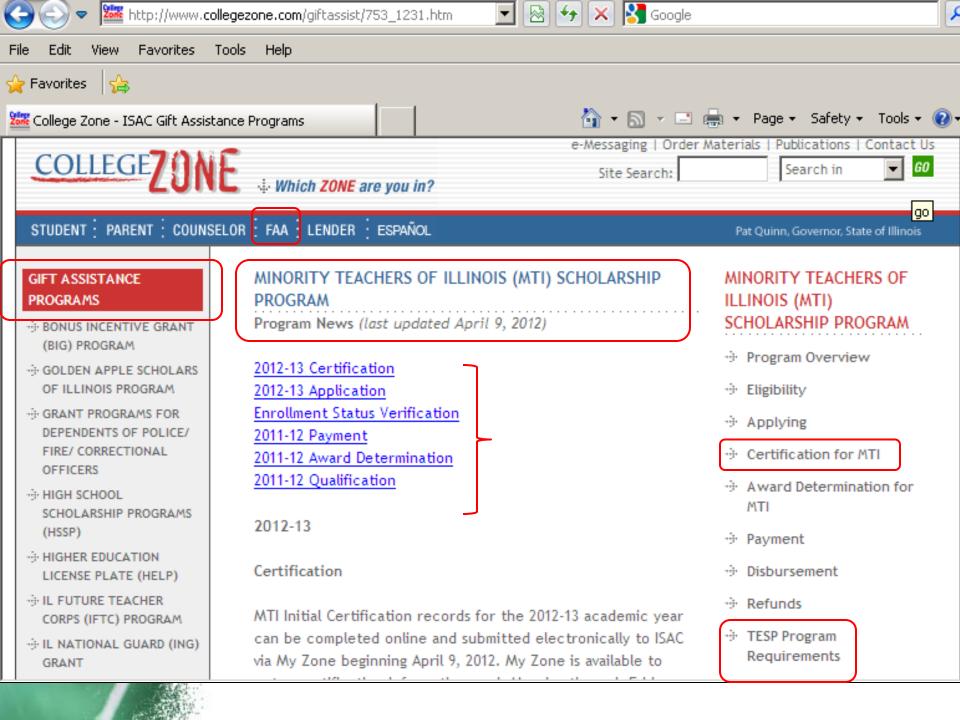
Deferments

If a recipient is required to repay any portion of the scholarship, the repayment period shall be completed within 10 years after the scholarship converts to a loan. The repayment obligation may be temporarily postponed if you are:

- · Serving, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces
- Temporarily totally disabled, for no more than three years, as established by the sworn affidavit
 of a licensed physician
- Actively seeking, but unable to find, full-time employment for one continuous period, not to exceed two years
- Withdrawn from a course of study leading to certification as a teacher, but remain enrolled fulltime in another academic discipline

To qualify for any of these deferments, you must provide written evidence of your eligibility and must request ISAC to approve the deferment.







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LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR SETTW {ISAC Rules, Section 2765.30}

The Illinois SETTW exempts recipients from the payment of tuition and mandatory fees for up to four calendar years at one of the 12 public Illinois universities. A recipient must remain enrolled on a continuous basis during the regular school year for four years, unless granted a leave of absence. A recipient must complete his or her course of study within six years, including any approved leave of absence.

The institution approves all leave(s) of absence. A recipient may be granted a leave of absence by the president of the institution, or his/her designee, for any of the following reasons:

- earning funds to defray the recipient's educational expenses:
- 2. illness of the recipient or a member of the recipient's immediate family, as established by the sworn statement of a licensed physician; or
- military service.

A leave of absence granted for military service shall not be considered part of the six years within which a recipient must complete a degree.

The Illinois SETTW Leave of Absence (LOA) Form to not required

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- 2012-13 MTI
 - ➤ Initial certification records have been made available for schools to complete in My Zone
 - Certification information can be entered Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. (CT)
 - Results are available in real-time
 - No changes were made to the online certification process for the 2012-13 academic year
 - Online application is still available to students
- 2012-13 GAS
 - ➤ A list of 2012 Scholars can be found at www.goldenapple.org



Program News

- 2012-13 SETTW
 - ➤ Award Notifications and Rights and Responsibilities forms were sent to 250 eligible applicants on April 24, 2012 for the 2012-13 academic year.
 - A letter was sent to all other qualified applicants who were not selected.
 - ➤ The 2012-13 application is no longer available to students



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