

ISAC Operational Update and Program News

November 27, 2024



2024-25 Award Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2025

2024-25 Monetary Award Program (MAP)

- Fall term claim deadline date is **Friday, December 6, 2024**
 - See the August 28 e-Message for more details
 - isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0828.html
- MAP suspense date is August 21, 2024
 - 2024-25 FAFSAs or Alternative Applications received on or after that date are in suspense status
 - See the August 15 e-Message for more information
 - isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0815.html

2024-25 MAP Payment Processing

- A Dependent Residency Override function has been added to the MAP payment request process
 - This may be used when a school determines that a dependent student meets the Illinois residency requirement as defined in the General Provisions part of ISAC's 2024-25 Administrative Rules
 - A rule amendment was incorporated to address situations where a dependent student who is an Illinois resident resides with a parent who is also an Illinois resident, but the student was required to list an out-of-state parent contributor on the FAFSA
- For dependent students who have answered questions on the FAFSA or Alternative Application that result in them being considered provisionally independent, a "Z" code will be provided on the student record for dependency status
 - The "Z" code indicates that either a professional judgment must be done to determine if a dependency override is appropriate or parental data must be provided so that the correct dependency status can be determined

Illinois Residency Rule Amendment, Effective Beginning in 2024-25

From General Provisions, Section 2700.20 Definitions

"Resident of Illinois" –

A dependent student is a resident of Illinois if the parent of the dependent applicant, who is required by the instructions to complete the FAFSA or the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, physically resides within the State of Illinois, and Illinois is the parent's true, fixed and permanent home.

An independent student is a resident of Illinois if the applicant physically resides within the State of Illinois (at the time of application), and has so resided for a period of 12 continuous, full months immediately prior to the start of the academic year for which assistance is requested and Illinois is their true, fixed and permanent home.

When an applicant does not qualify as a resident of Illinois under the preceding 2 paragraphs and the applicant is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a foreign missionary, or is the dependent or the spouse of an individual who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a foreign missionary, or is a dependent student required to list an out-of-state parent contributor on the FAFSA form, then the applicant's residency shall be determined in accordance with the following:

...

An applicant who is a dependent student and physically resides in the State of Illinois with a parent but is required to list an out-of-state parent contributor on the FAFSA form may be considered a Resident of Illinois for the purpose of State financial aid programs. See Section 2700.50(e)(3).

Illinois Residency Rule Amendment, Effective Beginning in 2024-25

From General Provisions, 2700.50(a)(3) – Determining Applicant Eligibility

3) If the institution has information that a dependent student physically resides with a parent within the State of Illinois, but the parent contributor listed on the FAFSA physically resides in another state, the institution shall review the applicant's residency eligibility for ISAC gift assistance programs to determine whether it should be based on the Illinois resident parent.

A) The institution will make this determination on a case-by-case basis upon confirming that the dependent student and Illinois parent reside in the State as evidenced by documentation as outlined in subsection (e)(4).

B) The institution shall notify ISAC of the determination.

C) A student's maximum annual MAP award amount shall be based on the need analysis calculation using the data of the parent who is required to provide financial information on the FAFSA or Alternative Application, according to the instructions provided on the respective applications.

2024-25 MAP Payment Processing: Dependent Residency Override

Term 1

MAP Code: 064

Request: [dropdown]

Enrollment Hours: [input]

Short-Term Certificate Program:

Request Amount Override: \$4,200.00

Current Eligible Amount: \$4,200.00

Original Eligible Amount: \$4,200.00

User Defined: [input]

Dependent Residency Override:

NSLDS Override: [input]

Checking the box will override the MAP Disqualify code that will appear in the MAP system for dependent students whose parent contributor does not report Illinois as their state of residence on the FAFSA or Alt App/

2024-25 MAP 160 Byte File Layout Specifications

F) The following 160 byte record layout will be used for transmitting data between schools and ISAC.

Position	Start	End	Data Element	Type (Length)	School to ISAC		ISAC to School	
					Payment or Cancellation Request	Elig File	Payment Results	
					MAP Only	MAP	MAP	
160 Byte Format								
1	3	1	Applicable MAP School Code	9(03)	X	X	X	
4	4	2	Record Type	X(01)	4	7	5 / 6	
5	5	3	Term Enrolled	9(01)	=1, 2, or 3		=1, 2, or 3	
6	7	4	College Year	9(02)	25	25	25	
8	8	5	Payment Request Code (valid values = P or C)	X(01)	X		X	
9	14	6	Title IV School Code	X(06)	X	X	X	
15	50	7	Person UUID	X(36)	X	X	X	
51	53	8	Filler	X(03)				
54	54	9	User Defined	X(01)				
55	61	10	Requested Award Amount for Term	9(05)V99	X		X	
62	62	11	ING Certified	X(01)				
63	64	12	Transaction Number	9(02)	X		X	
65	65	13	Continuing Student	X(01)		X	X	
66	66	14	Paid Previous Year	X(01)	X		X	
67	67	15	Dependent Residency Override	X(01)	Opt*			
68	68	16	Payment Result Code	X(01)			X	

Because the student record has a Disqualify code of 1, the school will also need to check the checkboxes for Include Ineligible and Disqualify when submitting the payment request.

Field #15 may be used to provide a Dependent Residency Override when submitting payment claims via FTP. The field should be populated with a Y to provide the override as part of the payment request process.

Selection Criteria for all eligible records

Term: 1

User Defined: [input]

Include Ineligible

- MAP Paid Credit Hours >= 135
- Default
- Late
- MAP Suspend
- Disqualify

MAP Payment Processing Reminders

- Adjustments can be made to previously submitted claims to change enrollment hours and award amounts
 - The most recent claim overlays the last claim and updates the claim date
- If a payment request has been submitted for a term and the MAP code needs to be corrected or updated:
 - First, cancel the original request (just as you would do a cancellation for other reasons, such as a withdrawal)
 - Once the cancellation has processed, submit a new request using the alternate budget code
 - This can be done in GAP Access in the MAP system for individual adjustments to a student's record or it may be done using FTP
 - In either case, this would be a two-step process of cancelling the request and letting it process, and then submitting a new request after the cancellation has processed.
- **Keep in mind claim deadline dates when making adjustments to ensure plenty of time to adjust a claim or cancel and submit a new claim**
 - **An upward adjustment to a previously-submitted timely claim after the deadline date will result in the claim being considered a late claim**

2024-25 ECACE Scholarship Program

- Program is now funded by the State of Illinois rather than with federal funding
 - Appropriation is \$5 million for the 2024-25 award year
- The maximum annual award amount a student may receive is \$7,500
 - ECACE Scholarship is last payer, and can be used for any cost of attendance component
- Awards are only available for the regular school year terms; no summer term
- All 2024-25 ECACE Scholarships were awarded to timely renewal applicants with an SAI of -1500
 - Funding was not sufficient to award to all applicants who met this criteria
 - 2024-25 application is no longer available
- Colleges may submit fall term payment requests to ISAC
 - Fall-term claims are due on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2024

2024-25 ECACE Student Payment: View Screen

- The **Student Payment List: View** is accessed by selecting the **Payment** tab
- The following functions are available on the **Student Payment List: View** screen: **View, Filter, Sort, Columns, Payment Request Entry, and Submit Payment Requests**

ECACE 2024-2025: Student Payment List: View

Select School and School Code:

Home Application Student Certification **Payment** Reports

List Filter Sort Columns Payment Request Entry Submit Payment Requests

Entries displayed: 100

#	Sel	Req Sel	Term Number	Current SSN	Last Name	First Name	Annual Award Amount	School Code	Request Code	Enrollment Status	Academic Level	Ineligible Reason	Requested Amount	Amount Paid	Adjust Amount
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	XXX-XX-			7500.00								
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	XXX-XX-			7500.00								
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	XXX-XX-			7500.00								

2024-25 ECACE Student Detail: Payments Screen

This screen is accessed by clicking on the **dollar sign icon** on the **Student Payment List: View** screen or by selecting the **Payment** tab from the **Student List Eligibility: View** screen

ECACE 2024-2025: Student Detail: Payments

Home Application Student Certification **Payment** Reports

List Eligibility **Payment**

Current SSN **Go**

Annual Award Amount
7500.00

Terms	1-Fall	2-Spring
School Code		
Request	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Enrollment Status	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Academic Level	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Program/Degree Pathway	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ineligible Reason	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Requested Amount	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Select:

- **Payment** – to request a payment
- **Cancel** – to cancel a previously requested award
- **Ineligible** – to be completed for students who are ineligible
- **Delete** – to remove payment request before submitting

- **Enrollment Status** (Full time, Half time, at least 3 credit hrs)
- **Academic Level** (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)
- **Program/Degree Pathway**
- **Ineligible Reason**
- **Requested Amount** (enter dollar amount)

Associate of Applied Science
Associate Transfer Degree
Bachelor's Degree
Certificate

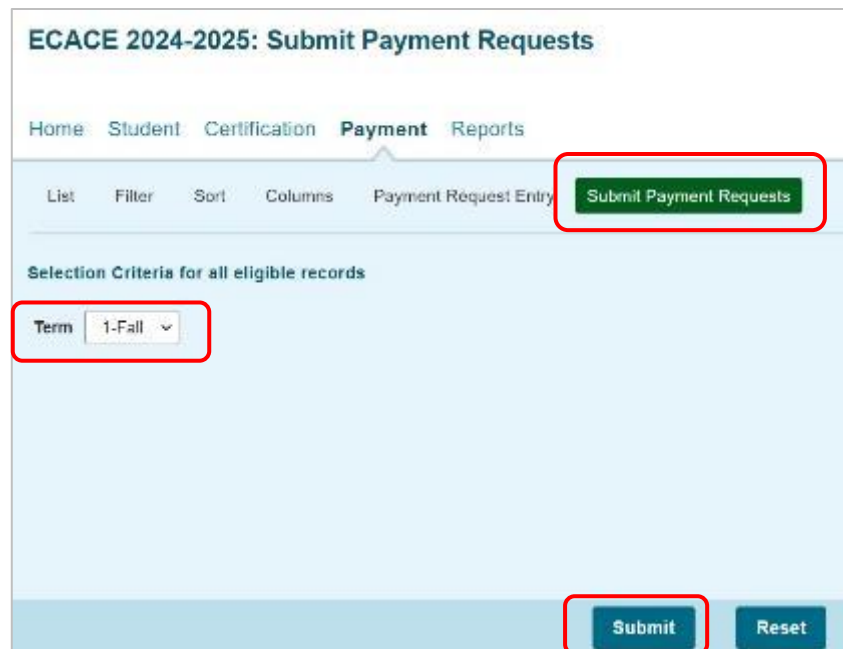
Not enrolled this term
Not a US citizen/eligible non-citizen
Not a HS grad/no GED
Defaulted student loan
Not pursuing an early childhood education major
Not making satisfactory academic progress
Enrolled less than 3 credit hours
Student is not accepting ECACE Scholarship
No remaining unmet cost

2024-25 ECACE Ineligible Reasons

- The ECACE system *will* de-obligate/remove a student's full award if one of the following Ineligible reasons is selected during payment processing:
 - Not a US citizen/eligible non-citizen
 - Not a HS grad/no GED
 - Student is not accepting ECACE Scholarship
- The system *will not* remove the award if any of the following Ineligible reasons is selected during payment processing:
 - Defaulted student loan
 - Not making satisfactory academic progress
 - No remaining unmet cost
 - Enrolled less than 3 credit hours
 - Not pursuing an early childhood education major
 - Not enrolled this term

2024-25 ECACE Submit Payment Requests Screen

- The **Submit Payment Requests** screen allows you to submit payment requests to ISAC for processing
- The payment request records will be submitted based on the **Term** selected
- After payment requests have been submitted by clicking on the **Submit** button, a message will be displayed indicating how many payment requests were submitted
- ECACE User Guide - isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/pdf/ECACE-User-Guide-Aug2024.pdf



ECACE 2024-2025: Submit Payment Requests

Home Student Certification **Payment** Reports

List Filter Sort Columns Payment Request Entry **Submit Payment Requests**

Selection Criteria for all eligible records

Term 1-Fall

Submit Reset

2024-25 Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program

- Several rounds of awarding have taken place
 - Awarding will continue as schools complete outstanding certifications and provide information on ineligible awardees through the payment request process
 - Colleges are encouraged to continue certifying eligibility throughout the year to ensure that your students will be included in any future rounds of awarding
- Schools may submit fall term payment requests through the MTI system
- To be considered timely, first-term payment requests must be submitted on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2024
- All certification records available in the MTI system should be completed, regardless of whether the college certifies a student as eligible or ineligible and regardless of whether the student is currently enrolled

2024-25 Golden Apple (GA) Scholars

- Fall term (first-term) payment requests continue to be accepted through the Golden Apple system in GAP Access
- To be considered timely, first-term payment requests must be submitted on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2024
- The Annual Award field in the GA system shows the Annual Award Amount To Date
 - The Golden Apple Foundation only certifies/awards a student for one term at a time
 - For example: If it is the beginning of the Fall term, the 'Annual Award Amount To Date' is reflecting the Fall term amount only, not the entire year award
 - If the same student is certified/awarded for Spring, you will see an increase in the 'Annual Award Amount To Date' to include the Spring award

Dual-Awarding Students Eligible for SETTW, MTI and/or Golden Apple

- If a student qualifies for SETTW, MTI and/or Golden Apple in the same award year, the student must choose which program they would like to use.
 - A student cannot receive the benefits of two of these programs in the same award year.
 - ISAC will send the student a letter asking them to choose which program they want to accept.
 - These letters include a deadline date to return the form.
 - The ECACE Scholarship may be used with one of these programs, and ECACE would be last payer
- If a student decides to change which program benefit, he/she wants to receive:
 - First confirm that the student has been awarded the other program before cancelling a payment request/claim that may have already been made.
 - For example, make sure that the student was awarded funds for MTI before cancelling a payment request for Golden Apple.
- Program teaching obligations:
 - SETTW requires two-year teaching commitment.
 - Golden Apple requires a five-year teaching commitment.
 - MTI has a one-year teaching commitment for each year that the scholarship is received.
- See ISAC's website for specific program information:
 - isac.org/e-library/administrative-rules/index.html
 - isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/index.html
 - isac.org/gap-access/#guide

Ways to View Students Awarded GA, SETTW & MTI

Administration School Programs

MTI Student List Eligibility: View

Select School and School Code


Home Student Certification Payment Reports File Extrac

List Filter Sort Columns

Entries displayed: 100

#	SN	Current SN	Last Name	First Name	DOB
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries

- Click on  icon
- This will take you to the Student Detail: Eligibility screen.
- Scroll down to view if the student was also awarded GA or SETTW

Administration School Programs

MTI Student Detail: Eligibility

Home Student Certification Payment Reports File Extrac Enrollment Status Verification

List Eligibility Application Update Student Update School Update Payment

Person Details

Current SSN

Address

Date of Birth

Term	1-Fall	2-Spring
School Code		
Enrolled	Y	Y
DFG	38204	38204
Wage or Determiner	N	N
Academic Level	Technician	Technician
Transfer	N	N
Indigible Reason		
Award Amount	0.00	0.00
Term Payment Amount	0.00	0.00
Term Units	0	0
Maximal Month	0	0

Award Date: 01/19/2023

Annual Award Amount: 0.00

Award Defers Date: 02/01/2023

Eligibility

Application Received Date: 03/07/2022

Application Complete Date: 03/07/2022

Default: No

Male: No

Applicant Category	Timely Nair	Ethnicity	Asian American
Application Withdrawn Date	---	Residence	Y
Certification Date	07/19/2022	Citizenship	U.S. Citizen
Last Update	02/14/2023	Alias ID	---
Total Units	0	Awarded GA	Y
Bilingual Application	---	Awarded SETTW	---
Bilingual educator preparation program	---		

MTI Student Eligibility List: Sort

Home **Student** Certification Payment Reports File Extraction Enrollment Status Verification

List Filter **Sort** Columns

Unselected

Applicant Category

Application Complete

Award Amount

Award Date

Awarded GA

Awarded SETTW

Certified Date

DOB

Default

Male

Selected

Last Name

First Name

Selected checkboxes will be sorted descending. Unchecked checkboxes will be sorted ascending.

The MTI Student List Eligibility: View screen shows whether a student is also awarded GA or SETTW

- Scroll all the way over using the scroll bar at bottom of screen

Using the "Sort" tab, you can create a list of students who have been awarded MTI, sorted by Award Date

You can also create a list of students who have been awarded GA or SETTW

After selecting your Sort options, click on the "List" tab to view the sorted list of students

Administration School Programs

MTI Student List Eligibility: View

Select School and School Code

Student Certification Payment Reports File Extraction Enrollment Status Verification

Filter Sort Columns

Entries displayed: 100

DOB	Male	Default	Units	School Code	Application Complete	Applicant Category	Certified Eligible	Certified Date	Academic Level	Award Amount	Award Date	Awarded GA	Awarded SETTW	Bilingual Certification	EFC
	Yes	N	0			Incomplete						Y			
	Yes	N	0	05/17/2022	05/17/2022	Untimely New	Y	07/19/2022	Freshman	0	09/28/2022				0
	No	N	0	05/17/2022	05/17/2022	Untimely New	Y	07/19/2022	Junior	0	01/19/2023				0
	No	N	0	03/07/2022	03/07/2022	Timely New	Y	07/19/2022	Freshman	0	01/19/2023	Y			39224
	No	N	0	05/19/2022	05/19/2022	Ineligible						Y			
	No	N	0			Incomplete						Y			

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries

Dual-Awarding Students with MTI & Golden Apple

MTI Student Detail: Payments

Home Student Certification **Payment** Reports File Extraction Enrollment Status Verification

List Eligibility **Payment**

Current SSN **Go**

Annual Award Amount 7500.00

Terms	1-Fall	2-Spring
School Code		
Request	Paymer	Paymer
Enrollment Status	Full tm	Full tm
Ineligible Reason		
Requested Amount	\$ 3750.00	\$ 3750.00
Award Amount	3750.00	3750.00
Activity Date	10/10/2022	01/09/2023
Status	P	P
Result code	*	*
Expanded Result		
Invoice #		
School Code		
Result code	*	*
Expanded Result		
Amount Paid	3750.00	3750.00
Adjusted Amount	3750.00	3750.00
Result Date	10/10/2022	01/09/2023

GA Student Detail: Payment

Home Student Certification File Upload **Payment** Reports

List Eligibility **Payment**

Annual Award Amount 0.00

Terms	1-Fall	2-Spring
School Code		
Request	Paymer	
Academic Level	Freshm	
Enrollment Status	Full tm	
Ineligible Reason		
Requested Amount	\$ 1250.00	
Award Amount	1250.00	
Activity Date	09/19/2022	
Status	P	
Result code	*	
Expanded Result		
Invoice #		
School Code		
Result code	*	
Expanded Result		
Amount Paid	1250.00	
Adjusted Amount	1250.00	
Result Date	09/19/2022	

- Example of a student for which payment was requested for both the MTI & GA scholarships
- The college must CANCEL one of the scholarships
- This will be an audit finding if not corrected

2024-25 Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

- **Colleges are asked to complete the certification process for 2024-25 NES applicants in the NES system as soon as possible**
- Certification must take place prior to awarding
 - All certification records must be completed, regardless of whether the college certifies a student as eligible or ineligible
 - As part of certification, colleges must provide:
 - Program of Study
 - Anticipated Graduation Date
 - Student Aid Index (SAI)
 - Information regarding current credentials (is student pursuing a higher degree)
 - Ineligible reason, if applicable
 - Certification data is needed for awarding prioritization when funding isn't sufficient for all applicants
 - Once a certification record has been saved and submitted, it can no longer be edited by the school
 - Contact School Services if changes are needed
- Further details are provided in an [October 1 e-Message](#) and the NES User Guide
 - isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/pdf/NESUserGuide.pdf

NES Certification Details Screen

Certification Details

Student Name

Eligible:

Program of Study:

Anticipated Graduation Date (Month and Year, must be future):

SAI from most recent valid ISIR transaction:

Is the student already credentialed in nursing and pursuing a higher degree:

Ineligible Reason:

Is the student already credentialed in nursing and pursuing a higher degree:

Ineligible Reason:

---Select Program of Study---

- Select Program of Study---
- Certificate in Practical Nursing
- Associate Degree in Nursing
- Hospital-based Diploma in Nursing
- Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing
- Graduate Degree in Nursing
- Graduate Degree in Nursing (become Nurse Educator)

---Select Ineligible Reason---

- Not making satisfactory academic progress
- No longer enrolled in a nursing program of study
- GPA not at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- GPA at program start not at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale
- Withdrawal prior to end of term
- Not enrolled at least one-third of full-time hours
- Not an Illinois resident
- Defaulted student loan
- Student is not accepting NES for this term
- Not US citizen/eligible non-citizen
- Not a HS Grad/no GED
- Select Ineligible Reason---

2024-25 Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

- Scholarships will first be awarded to renewal applicants who continue to meet all of the program's eligibility requirements.
- An applicant is considered a renewal applicant for the program if they received NES funds during the previous academic program
- If funds remain after all qualified renewal applicants have been awarded, then awards will be made to eligible new applicants according to the degree type being sought.
 - NES Awarding Chart: isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/NESP/awarding.html
- If a recipient completed a certificate, diploma or degree program for which they received scholarship assistance, and they are now pursuing a higher level of education:
 - They will be considered a new applicant, and
 - Their maximum available years of assistance will be based on the maximum for the new degree being sought.
 - For example, a recipient now pursuing a baccalaureate degree after receiving assistance for an associate degree; the number of years of assistance previously received do not count toward the new maximum.

2024-25 Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

- The certificate, diploma or degree being pursued by the student determines the NES maximum award amount and the maximum number of years the award may be received, and award amounts differ by type of college.

2024-25 NES maximum annual award amount is either \$9,023 or \$18,204

\$9,023 Maximum Award	\$18,204 Maximum Award
certificate in practical nursing * any school type * one year of assistance	associate degree in nursing * two-year private colleges or four-year colleges/universities * two years of assistance
associate degree in nursing * community colleges or nursing schools * two years of assistance	baccalaureate degree in nursing * four-year public or private colleges/universities or nursing schools * four years of assistance
hospital-based diploma in nursing * community colleges * three years of assistance	graduate degree in nursing * four-year public or private colleges/universities or nursing schools * five years of assistance
	graduate degree in nursing to become a nurse educator * four-year public or private colleges/universities or nursing schools * three years of assistance

2024-25 IVG & ING Grant programs

- ISAC's FY25 state appropriation includes funding of \$6 million to reimburse public universities for tuition and fees that are waived on behalf of students receiving Illinois Veteran Grants and Illinois National Guard Grants
- The state's FY25 budget also included a little more than \$4.2 million for the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) to reimburse Illinois community colleges for the costs associated with the IVG and ING Grant programs
- Reimbursement will be done at year-end, and will look at the total amount of **timely claims** submitted by the school to determine reimbursement amounts

2024-25 Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant

- Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant
 - Benefit usage data reporting for the Fall term 2024 must be submitted on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2024, to be considered timely.
- Reminders:
 - Students must re-apply each year
 - There are no longer term deadline dates by which applications must be submitted each term
 - Applications must be received by ISAC in time for eligibility to be determined
 - The applicant will need to notify the college about their eligibility no later than the last scheduled day of classes for the first-term for which the student wants to receive benefits
 - Members of the Illinois National Guard who have served at least 10 years in the Guard may be eligible to receive up to 180 Units (6 years) of eligibility for the ING Grant.

2024-25 Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)

- Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)
 - Benefit usage data reporting for the Summer and Fall terms 2024 is now available
 - Benefit usage data reporting for the Summer term must be submitted on or before Monday, September 30, 2024, to be considered timely
 - Benefit usage data reporting for the Fall term 2024 must be submitted on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2024, to be considered timely
 - Application can be submitted any time during the academic year.
 - Students do not need to reapply each year - only once to establish eligibility.
 - Applications must be received by ISAC allowing sufficient time to complete processing and for applicant to notify college about their eligibility prior to the last scheduled day of classes in the term for which a grant is requested.

2024-25 Illinois Graduate and Retain our Workforce (iGROW) Tech Scholarship Program

- FY25 appropriation is \$2 million
- The program was designed to recruit and retain individuals to work in technology jobs that have a high demand for new employees
- Scholarships will pay up to \$7,500 for tuition and fees, and room and board costs for each continuous academic year recipients meet eligibility requirements at Illinois public universities
- Colleges will be asked to complete a certification process (similar to what is done for the MTI and NES programs) prior to awarding
 - The certification functionality will be made available to schools in GAP Access during the week of November 4

2024-25 iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

- To be eligible, a student must:
 - be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen or meet the "undocumented student" criteria of the RISE Act
 - be an Illinois resident
 - have graduated from high school or have received a State of Illinois High School Diploma and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
 - pursue or intend to pursue a qualifying degree;
 - computer information sciences
 - information technology
 - information science
 - computer science
 - computer systems networking and telecommunications
 - computer and information systems security or information assurance, including cybersecurity; or management information systems
 - be enrolled at least a half-time basis, in a course of study necessary to secure a qualifying associate or bachelor's degree
 - maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by your college

2024-25 iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

- The online application is available in the ISAC Student Portal
- The priority application consideration date is November 30, 2024
- To be considered for the scholarship, an applicant will need to complete an Application/Work Agreement/Promissory Note
 - Must submit a FAFSA or Alternative Application for the same year
- By receiving this scholarship, the recipient agrees to work in Illinois in a qualifying job for a period of no less than one year, or any portion of a year of scholarship assistance
- The recipient must begin employment with an employer in Illinois that is directly related to the field of study that qualified them for assistance under this program within one year following completion of the program
- If the commitment is not fulfilled, the scholarship converts to a loan, plus interest, and the entire amount received must be repaid

iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

- The total amount of funds awarded to a qualified recipient in a given academic year, when added to other financial aid available to student cannot exceed the cost of attendance.
 - If the amount of financial aid to be awarded exceeds the institution's cost of attendance, the iGROW Tech Scholarship shall be reduced
- If the recipient receives other assistance targeted specifically for tuition, fees, and room and board expenses, the combined assistance shall not exceed the total tuition, fees, and room and board expenses incurred by the student, and if it does, the institution shall reduce one of the awards accordingly
- If the recipient is eligible for assistance under the Monetary Award Program (MAP), the recipient may not be eligible for a full iGROW award because MAP must be factored into the financial aid package prior to receiving iGROW assistance
 - The institution may request an iGROW award to finance tuition and fees expenses not paid by MAP

iGROW Student List Eligibility Screen

IGROW 2024-2025: Student List Eligibility: View

Select School and School Code

Go

Home **Student**

List Filter Sort Columns

Entries displayed 100

#	Sel	Current SSN	Last Name	First Name	DOB	Units	School Code	Application Complete	Applicant Category	State of Legal Residence	Resident Status	Education Program	High School Diploma	Certified Eligible
1		<input type="checkbox"/>				0		Y	Timely New					
2		<input type="checkbox"/>				0		Y	Timely New					
3		<input type="checkbox"/>				0		Y	Timely New					
4		<input type="checkbox"/>				0		Y	Timely New					
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iGROW Certification Process

IGROW 2024-2025: Certification List: View

Select School and School Code

[Home](#) [Student](#) [Certification](#)

List Filter

Entries displayed 100

#	SSN	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	School Code	Applicant Category	Eligible	Transfer
1								
2								

Showing 1 to 2 of 2 entries

Certification Details

Eligible:

Academic Level:

Program of Study:

Anticipated Graduation Date (Month and Year, must be future):

SAI from most recent valid ISIR:

Student's GPA:

Ineligible Reason:

iGROW Certification Process

Certification Details

Student Name

Eligible:

Academic Level:

Program of Study:

Anticipated Graduation Date (Month and Year, must be future):

SAI from most recent valid ISIR:

Student's GPA:

Ineligible Reason:

- Select Academic Level--**
- Freshman
 - Sophomore
 - Junior
 - Senior

- Select Program of Study--**
- Computer Information Sciences
 - Information Technology
 - Information Science
 - Computer Science
 - Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications
 - CIS Security or Information Assurance
 - Management IS

- Select Ineligible Reason--**
- Not a US citizen/eligible non-citizen student
 - Non-Resident
 - Not an IL HS grad/recipient of IL HS diploma
 - GPA less than 2.50
 - Graduate student
 - No qualifying degree
 - Not at qualifying institution
 - Not making satisfactory academic progress
 - No remaining unmet cost
 - Not accepting iGROW Tech Scholarship
 - Defaulted student loan
 - Not enrolled
 - Enrolled less than half-time

2024-25 iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

Resources

- Students-During College section:
 - isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/iGROW.html
- FAAs section:
 - isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/iGROW/
- iGROW Administrative Rules:
 - isac.org/e-library/documents/administrative-rules/2023-24-ISAC-Rules/2750-iGROW.pdf
 - isac.org/e-library/documents/administrative-rules/2024-25-ISAC-Rules/2024-25-Proposed-April-2024.pdf

The screenshot shows the ISAC website page for the iGROW Tech Scholarship Program. The page has a navigation bar at the top with links for 'Before College - Planning', 'During College - Paying', 'After College', 'Parents', and 'Español'. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Students & Parents > During College - Paying > Types Of Financial Aid > Scholarships'. The main content area features the title 'Illinois Graduate and Retain our Workforce (iGROW) Tech Scholarship Program' and a paragraph stating: 'You may either scroll through this page, or click on any of the following links to go directly to a specific topic:'. A red rounded rectangle highlights a list of links: 'Program Description', 'Eligibility', 'Participating Schools', 'How to Apply', 'Changes to Application Data', 'How Funds Are Disbursed', and 'Processing Updates'. On the right side, there is a blue sidebar with a menu of links: 'Paying For College', 'Applying For Financial Aid', 'Types Of Financial Aid', 'Illinois And Federal Financial Aid Programs', 'Work-Study Programs', 'Grants', 'Loans', 'Scholarships', and 'Minority Teachers Of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program'.

2024-25 Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program (SWSP)

- The priority application consideration date was **September 30, 2024**
- Complete applications submitted after that date will be considered only if available funding remains after all timely complete applicants have been awarded
- Payment requests for the fall term can be completed online and submitted electronically via the SWSP system.
- The priority payment request deadline for the fall term is Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

2024-25 Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers (PFC)

- Application is available for students to download and print
 - Applicants must reapply each year
- The application deadline date for full-year consideration was **October 1, 2024**
- Other application deadline dates for partial-year consideration are:
 - **March 1, 2025** – 2nd Semester and Summer Term consideration
 - **June 15, 2025** – Summer term only consideration
- Qualified applicants will be sent a Notice of Eligibility from ISAC
- Certification of Enrollment for Payment rosters have been emailed to schools with eligible applicants and are due back to ISAC by Friday, November 29

2024-25 Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship

- The online application is available in the ISAC Student Portal
- The application deadline date for full-year consideration is **October 1, 2024**
- Other application deadline dates for partial-year consideration are:
 - **March 1, 2025** – 2nd Semester (2nd/3rdQuarter) and Summer Term consideration
 - **June 15, 2025** – Summer term only consideration
- A Certification of Enrollment for Payment roster will be sent to schools with eligible applicants

2024-25 Grant Program for Exonerees

- The online application is available in the ISAC Student Portal
- Students may use the 2024-25 application to apply for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 terms only
 - The grant is not available for Summer terms
- Applications are processed in date-received order (“first-come, first- served”)
- Qualified applicants are sent a Notice of Eligibility letter from ISAC

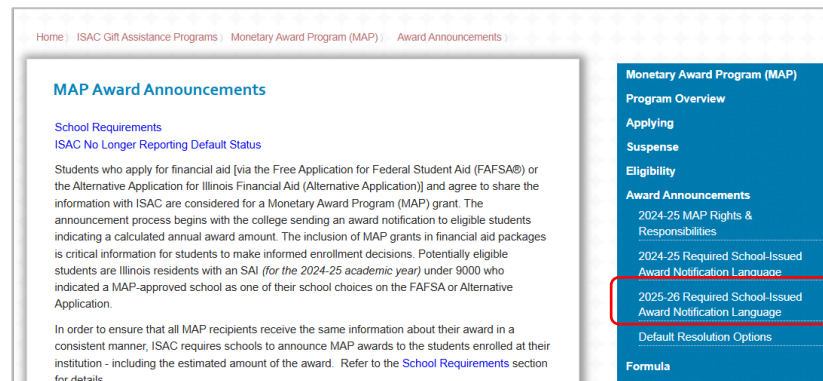
2025-26 Award Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2026

2025-26 MAP Start-Up Formula

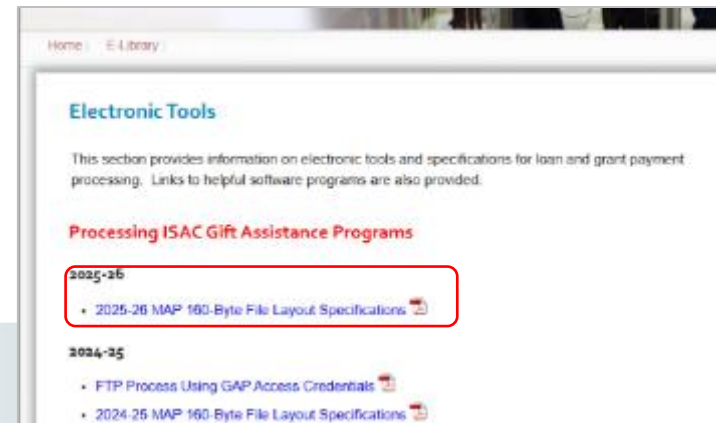
- The 2025-26 MAP Start-Up Formula was approved at the September 19, 2024, Commission Meeting
 - FY26 Start-up formula remains the same as FY25 Recompute formula:
 - 2021-22 reported tuition and fees
 - the 2021-22 Pell Grant Payment Schedule
 - a \$5,200 living allowance
 - an \$8,400 maximum award
 - Commission Meeting Agenda Book: isac.org/about-isac/commissioners/2024-agenda-books/agenda-book-09-19-24.html
- MAP eligibility information will be available to schools in the MAP system in early December

2025-26 MAP Start-Up

- The 2025-26 Required Award Notification Language is available on the Award Announcements page in the MAP section of isac.org for FAAs
 - There were no changes made to the text other than the year reference
 - isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/map/map-award-announcements/



- There have been no changes made to the 2025-26 MAP 160-byte file layout for 2025-26, other than the year references
 - It can be found on the Electronic Tools page in the E-Library
 - isac.org/e-library/electronic-tools.html



2025-26 Alternative Application

- The 2025-26 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid has been updated to be consistent with the 2025-26 FAFSA, however, it has not been launched yet
- It is expected to be launched in early December

ISAC's Webinars for FAAs

Monthly Operational Update & Program News

- These webinars will provide operational updates about ISAC programs along with any federal or state updates and announcements
 - Last Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.
 - ❖ December 18, due to the holiday

Tuesday Training - Policies & Procedures

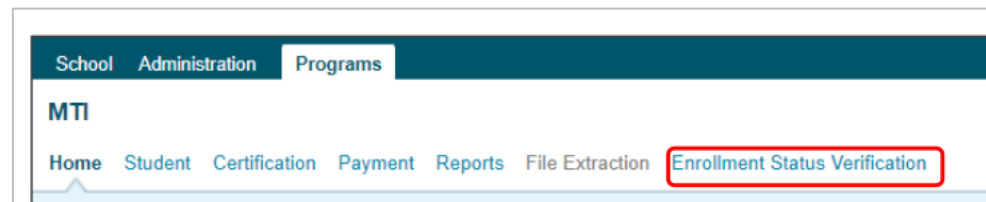
- These webinars focus on policies and procedures for ISAC programs and processes
 - Second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.
 - ❖ December 10 – A Review of ISAC's Loan Repayment Program

To participate in these webinars, visit the Partner Training page in the e-Library on the day of the training for the webinar link and presentation materials

- isac.org/e-library/partner-training/index.html

Enrollment Status Verification Process

- Colleges that participate in the Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program and the Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program are being asked to provide 2023-2024 enrollment status verification data to ISAC for students who previously received funds from these programs
- Data should be submitted on or before **Tuesday, December 31, 2024**.
- Enrollment verification data is provided in each program's system within the GAP Access portal.



- See the November 4 e-message for more information
 - isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-1104.html

ISAC's Student Engagement & Support Services

For inquiries from students, parents, and the general public

Phone: **800-899-ISAC** (4722)

Fax: 847-831-8549

E-mail: isac.studentservices@illinois.gov

Spanish-speaking counselors are available
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. CT

ISAC's Partner Services Department

- Provides training, program information, policy guidance and support to schools and other ISAC partners
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Thank you for attending today!

