

# Operational Update and Program News

**January 25, 2023** 



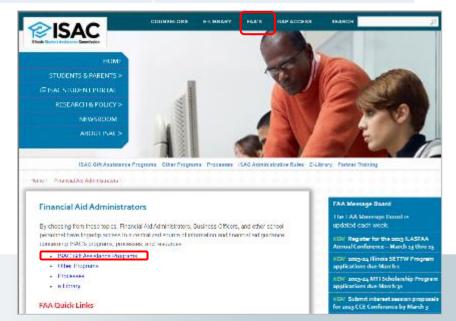
# 2022-23 Award Year



#### 2022-23 Spring Term Claim Deadline Dates

Program	Submit On or Before
Monetary Award Program (MAP)	03/10/23
Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant	04/07/23
Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)	05/26/23
Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship	02/24/23
Golden Apple (GA) Scholars of Illinois Program	02/24/23
Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship	02/24/23

 For more details on payment processing for each program, see their respective pages in the Gift Assistance area of the FAA section at isac.org





# 2022-23 MAP Updates

- To be considered timely, the following 2022-23 MAP claims must be submitted no later than 7 p.m. (CT) on **Friday, March 10, 2023** 
  - For second term:
    - initial claims
    - increases to previously-submitted claims
  - For first term:
    - initial claims
    - increases to previously-submitted claims
    - late claims (claims submitted after the fall term deadline date of December 9, 2022
- All MAP claims for the first and second terms will continue to be paid through the second-term claim deadline date
- No suspension of 2022-23 MAP award announcements is scheduled at this time
  - ISAC will continue to monitor claim volume and appropriation levels and will notify the financial aid community should 2022-23 MAP award announcements need to be suspended in the future



# **Other Programs**

#### Illinois National Guard Grant

- Colleges may continue to submit benefit usage data and adjustments for the fall term, as well as for the spring term
- Colleges are encouraged to regularly check their list of eligible students in the ING Grant system, as new student records are added throughout the year
  - Especially after each term's application deadline date has passed

#### Illinois Veteran Grant

 Colleges may continue to submit benefit usage data and adjustments for the summer and fall terms, as well as for the spring term

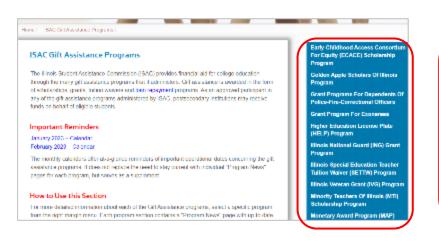
#### MTI

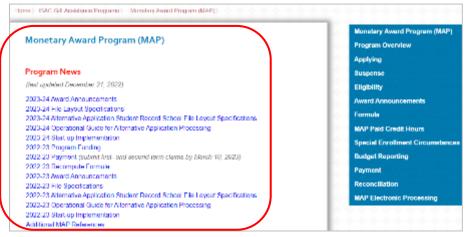
 In addition to submitting payment requests, schools should continue to ensure that all MTI certifications are completed throughout the year



# **Program Processing Reminders**

- Be sure to review your payment results reports in GAP Access after submitting your program claims to ensure everything processed as expected
- Result codes can be found in the User Guides and in the FAA area of isac.org
- Payment and reconciliation is an offset process so no refund checks should be sent to ISAC for adjustments until final reconciliation of the award year
- Watch the Program News pages and e-messages for program updates
  - o <u>isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/</u>

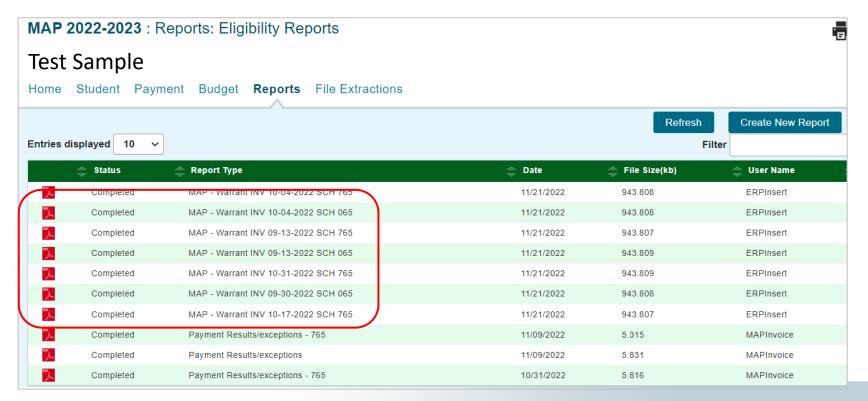






# **GAP Access - Payment Vouchers**

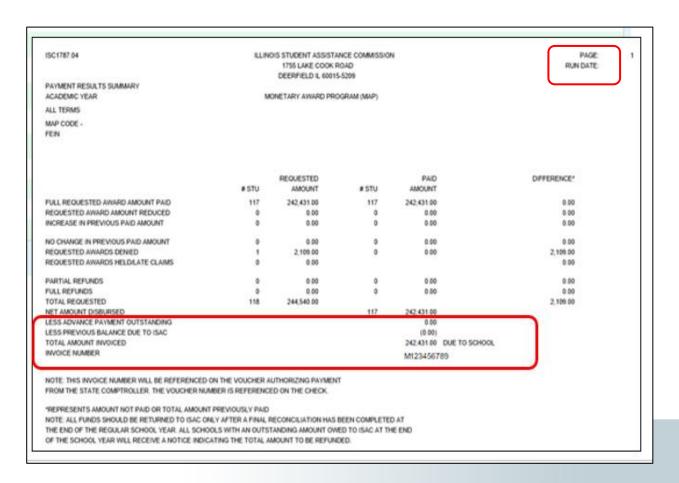
- ISAC now provides another report in GAP Access through which payment voucher and warrant information is available for the MAP, MTI, GA and ECACE programs
  - Colleges can access these in their Reports section
  - They can be identified by the red PDF icon, which is an indicator that the report was generated by ISAC





# Payment Results/Exceptions Report

- The last page of this report provides invoice information, including amount due to the school and the invoice number.
- This invoice number will be referenced on the voucher authorizing payment from the State Comptroller.
- The voucher number is referenced on the check.





### Sample Report



FY2023

#### MAP PROGRAM INVOICE - VOUCHER

Illinois Student Assistance Commission 1755 Lake Cook Road Deerfield, IL 60015-5209 800.899.ISAC (4722) Website: www.isac.org

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#### Voucher Information

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 23822433

 VOUCHER DATE
 11-14-2022

 INVOICE NO.
 M233130956

 INVOICE DATE
 11-14-2022

WARRANT NO.
WARRANT DATE

Warrant number is populated when the Illinois Office of Comptroller authorizes payment for this voucher. The status of payment requests can be monitored on the Comptroller's website.

VOUCHER DETAILS TOTAL AMOUNT

Monetary Award Program (MAP) UNIVERSITY OF SOME SCHOOL 123456 (123) 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

\$27,026.00



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#### Vendor or Payee

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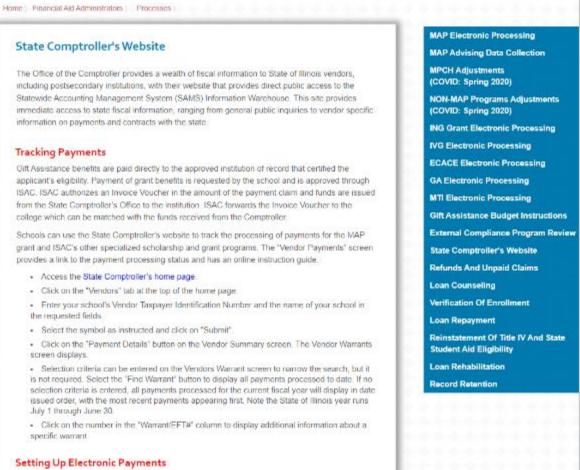
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# Tracking ISAC Payments from the **State Comptroller**

isac.org/faas/processes/state-comptrollers-website





In addition to providing access to state fiscal information, schools may receive electronic payments

# Tracking ISAC Payments from the State Comptroller

- ISAC authorizes an Invoice Voucher in the amount of the payment claim and funds are issued from the State Comptroller's Office to the institution.
- ISAC provides an Invoice Voucher number to the college which can be matched with the funds received from the Comptroller.
- Schools can use the State Comptroller's website to track the processing of payments for the ISAC programs.
- The "Vendor Payments" screen provides a link to the payment processing status and has an online instruction guide.

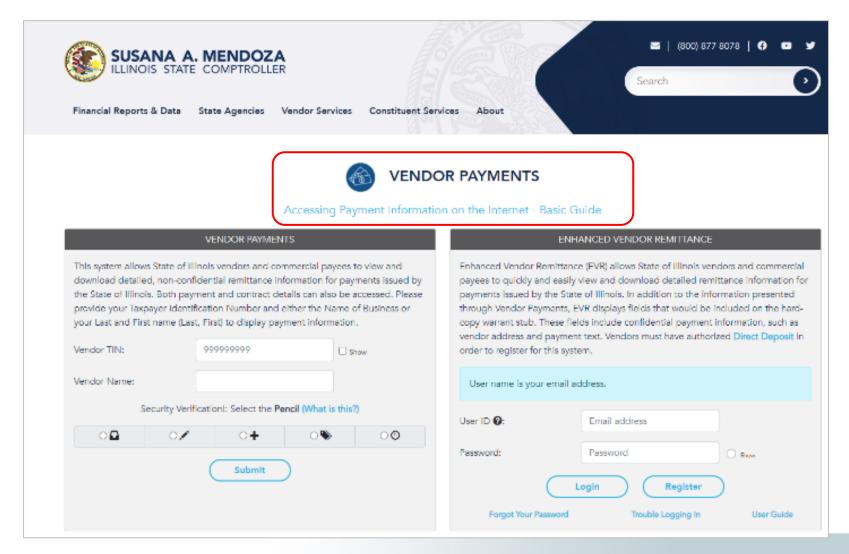


# Tracking ISAC Payments from the State Comptroller

- Access the State Comptroller's home page
  - o https://illinoiscomptroller.gov/
- Click on the "Vendors" tab at the top of the home page and enter your school's Vendor Taxpayer Identification Number and school name in the requested fields.
- Select the symbol as instructed and click on "Submit".
- Click on the "Payment Details" button on the Vendor Summary screen. The Vendor Warrants screen displays.
- Selection criteria can be entered on the Vendors Warrant screen to narrow the search, but it is not required. Select the "Find Warrant" button to display all payments processed to date.
- Click on the number in the "Warrant/EFT#" column to display additional information about a specific warrant.



#### <u>illinoiscomptroller.gov/vendor-</u> <u>services/vendor-payments-new</u>





# New ISAC Programs for 2022-23



#### **New ISAC Programs Being Implemented in 2022-23**

- ISAC is working to implement a few new programs throughout 2022-23
  - Administrative rules will be available for each program and are at various stages in the approval process
  - Web pages have been added to the Student and FAA sections of isac.org to provide information as it becomes available, and updates are provided via e-messaging
  - Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program
    - Administered by ISAC with funding from the Department of Human Services
    - This will be the first year the program receives funding (was enacted in 2016)
  - Nursing Education Scholarship Program
    - Appropriation increased from \$2 million to \$4 million
    - Is being transitioned from the Illinois Department of Public Health to ISAC during 2022-23
  - Post-MSW School Social Work PEL Scholarship Program & School Social Work & Municipal Loan Repayment Program
    - A \$6 million appropriation will be split between these two programs
    - Applications are being developed; will be available in early 2023
  - Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship
    - Created last year under Public Act <u>102-0662</u>
    - Will be administered by ISAC with funding from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
    - Application will be available in early 2023



#### 2022-23 ISAC Rules

Select order in which to view the 2022-23 ISAC Rules:

Listed Alphabetically Listed by Program Type/Topic

#### 2022-23 ISAC Rules - Listed Alphabetically

- Administrative Wage Garnishment [Part 2722]
- Adult Vocational Community College Scholarship Program [Part 2745]
- AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program [Part 2766]
- Alternative Loan Program [Part 2721]
- Americans With Disabilities Act Grievance Procedure [Part 1400]
- Child Welfare Student Loan Forgiveness Program [Part 2769]
- College Planning Act [Part 2774]
- College Savings Bond Bonus Incentive Grant (BIG) Program [Part 2771]
- Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program [Part 2753]
- Community College Transfer Grant (CCTG) Program [Part 2740]
- Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program [Part 2746]
- Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) [Part 2720]
- General Provisions [Part 2700]
- Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program [Part 2764]
- Grant Program for a Child Raised by Grandparent [Part 2738]
- Grant Program for Dependents of Correctional Officers [Part 2731]
- Grant Program for Dependents of Police or Fire Officers [Part 2732]
- Grant Program for Exonerees [Part 2743]
- Grant Program for Medical Assistants in Training [Part 2742]
- Grant Program for Participants in SIU-C Achieve Program [Part 2739]
- Higher Education License Plate (HELP) Grant Program [Part 2737]
- Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program [Part 2730]

Proposed Rules And Amendments (IVG, Social Work Loan Repmt., Human Services Loan Repmt.)

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2022-23 ISAC Rules

2021-22 ISAC Rules

2020-21 ISAC Rules

2019-20 ISAC Rules

2018-19 ISAC Rules

2017-18 ISAC Rules

2016-17 ISAC Rules

2015-16 ISAC Rules

2014-15 ISAC Rules

2013-14 ISAC Rules

2012-13 ISAC Rules

2011-12 ISAC Rules

2010-11 ISAC Rules

2009-10 ISAC Rules

2008-09 ISAC Rules

2007-08 ISAC Rules

2006-07 ISAC Rules

2005-06 ISAC Rules

2004-05 ISAC Rules

2003-04 ISAC Rules

# Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment (CBHCPLR) Program

- The 2023 fiscal year (July 1, 2022 June 30, 2023) appropriation is \$5,000,000
- Provides loan repayment assistance to qualified mental health and substance use professionals
- Intended to encourage recruitment and retention of those who practice in underserved or rural areas
- The amount of the annual award to qualified applicants to repay their student loan debt is based on their position and may be received for up to four years
- Application is accessible at: <u>isac.org/students/during-</u> <u>college/applying-for-financial-aid/applications/cbhcp/index.html</u>



# **CBHCPLR Eligibility**

- Eligibility criteria
  - To qualify for the program, applicants must:
    - Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
    - o Be an Illinois resident
    - Have an outstanding balance on an eligible educational loan
    - Not be in default on any federal guaranteed educational loan, nor owe a refund on any scholarship or grant program administered by ISAC



# **CBHCPLR Eligibility**

- Eligibility criteria, continued
  - To qualify for the program, applicants must:
    - Be a qualifying behavioral health professional who meets licensing requirements of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or holds certification as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor from the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association (<u>iaodapca.org/</u>)
      - Psychiatrist
      - Advanced practice registered nurse
      - Physician assistant
      - Psychologist who holds a doctoral degree (Psy.D or Ph.D.)
      - Licensed clinical social worker (LCSW)
      - Licensed clinical professional counselor (LCPC)
      - CADC-certified substance use professional
    - Have worked as a behavioral health professional in a community mental health center in an underserved or rural health professional shortage area (HPSA) mental health discipline for the past 12 consecutive months prior to the date of each application



- All applicants must submit a complete Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program application to ISAC each academic year.
- In order to be considered timely, the application must be submitted on or before the priority consideration date, which will be announced when the application is made available each year.
- If the application is incomplete, a letter will be sent to the applicant to request the missing information.
- Processing cannot take place prior to the date a complete application is received in ISAC's Deerfield office.
- Qualified applicants will be sent a Notice of Eligibility letter from ISAC.



- The application was made available in the ISAC Student Portal in August 2022, and the priority consideration date was November 15, 2022
  - The application is still available in the portal

### PROGRAM APPLICATIONS & STATUS CHECKS

Apply for and check the status of your financial aid programs. Find applications and information for Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and other State of Illinois programs here.

Community Behavioral
Health Care Professional
Loan Repayment
Program

Apply here



- As part of the application process, applicants must submit a current loan account statement that includes their full name and address and is dated within 30 days of the date of the application
- The statement(s) must be from their loan holder/servicer showing outstanding balances for each eligible educational loan and must include:
  - the name of the loan holder/servicer
  - the payment address of the holder/servicer
  - area code/phone number of holder/servicer
  - account number
  - type of loan (Federal Direct, Stafford, etc.)
  - monthly payment amount
  - outstanding balance
- The online application process provides an option to upload and submit required documentation, and applicants are encouraged to gather these required documents before starting to fill out the interactive form
  - Acceptable file formats are: .pdf, .jpg, .jpeg, .doc, .docx.
  - If applicants are not able to submit documentation electronically (or prefer not to), required documentation may be mailed to ISAC's Deerfield office.



- If an applicant needs to change responses or update information after an application has been submitted, the applicant will need to contact ISAC and provide the updated information.
- This could include demographic information (name, address, phone number) and/or information about outstanding loans and the loan holder/servicer.
- These changes must be submitted to ISAC using one of the following methods, and cannot be done over the telephone:
  - An e-mail to isac.studentservices@illinois.gov
  - A FAX to 847-831-8549
  - A letter to ISAC Dept D, 1755 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015-5209
- The request must include the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number (for identification purposes) and clearly state what change(s) need to be made.
- Changes or updates will not affect the application received date



# **CBHCPLR Program Awarding**

- Recipients are selected from among qualified new and renewal applicants (in subsequent years)
- The total number of awards each year is contingent on available funding
- If funding in any given year is insufficient to pay all eligible applicants, awarding will be determined in the following order:
  - · Renewal applicants, in the order in which their applications were received
  - New applicants, using the mental health portion of the HPSA database to rank eligible rural and underserved applications, giving priority to those in the areas with the highest degree of shortage (score) for that applicant's profession. If multiple applicants receive the same score, applications will be given consideration in the order in which they were received.
    - If an applicant works for an organization located in an HPSA mental health discipline that has satellite clinics and the applicant more than one of the clinics, the highest HPSA score where the applicant works will apply.
    - If an applicant works for different employers in multiple HPSA mental health disciplines having different degrees of shortage, the location having the highest HPSA mental health discipline score will apply.



# **CBHCPLR Program Awarding**

- The award amount is based on the applicant's remaining balance on eligible education loans, not to exceed:
  - \$35,000 per year for a psychiatrist
  - \$15,000 per year for an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant
  - \$12,000 per year for a psychologist who holds a doctoral degree
  - \$6,500 per year for a licensed clinical social worker or a licensed clinical professional counselor and
  - \$2,500 per year for a substance abuse professional.
- Proceeds will be remitted directly to the holder of the loan(s) to be repaid.



# **CBHCPLR Program Processing**

- In order to confirm that applicants meet the occupational and employment criteria of the program, certification will be completed in GAP Access by a staff member from the eligible, qualified facility
  - The appropriate staff member will need to register and set up an account to access the GAP system



# Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)

- The goal of the NESP Scholarship Program is to increase the number of nurses available for employment in Illinois
- Students pursuing a certificate in practical nursing, an associates degree in nursing, a hospital-based diploma in nursing or a bachelor's or graduate degree in nursing are encouraged to apply
- Students who demonstrate the greatest financial need among qualified applicants, may be qualified to receive the Nursing Education Scholarship
- This scholarship provides financial aid anywhere from one to four years
- If awarded, you must begin full- or part-time employment as a licensed practical or registered nurse in Illinois within six months of graduating and remain employed for a period equivalent to the educational time supported by the scholarship.



# Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)

- If a student terminate studies, or fails to become employed, they
  will be required to repay the full scholarship amount, plus sevenpercent interest per year.
- The scholarship pays for coursework within the nursing curriculum
- It does not pay for pre-requisite coursework
- Applicants who have other scholarship or loan funds that require a service commitment that prevents them from meeting the obligation requirements of the program are ineligible to receive scholarship funds



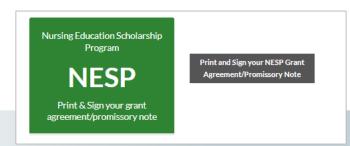
# Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)

- Eligibility requirements
  - A student must:
    - be a <u>U.S. citizen or an eligible non citizen</u> or meet the <u>"undocumented student" criteria of the RISE Act</u>
    - o be an Illinois resident
    - be enrolled or accepted for enrollment to a nursing program in Illinois that is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or the Illinois Board of Higher Education.
    - o demonstrate financial need
    - sign a Grant Agreement/Promissory Note promising to fulfill the employment commitment or repay funds received plus interest.
- The 2022-23 application period is closed
- The 2023-24 application is expected to be available on March 1, 2023



## 2022-23 NESP Awarding

- Applicants received notification of their eligibility status from IDPH earlier in the 2022 year
  - Eligible recipients should refer to the awarding statement received from IDPH for award details, including the award amount
- IDPH and ISAC have worked in partnership to build the needed systems to transfer required documentation and integrate program administration into ISAC processing
  - Unfortunately, this resulted in a delay obtaining signed grant agreements from recipients and disbursing funds
- In late November, NESP recipients were sent an e-mail message from ISAC containing information about the transition of the program to ISAC, along with next steps and the expected timeline for disbursements
- In early December, NESP recipients received e-mail from ISAC which contained instructions for signing and submitting the required Grant Agreements/Promissory Notes.
  - Disbursement of NESP funds cannot occur until a recipient's signed Grant Agreement/Promissory Note is in place
  - Recipients may access and sign agreements through the Program Applications & Status Checks area of the <u>ISAC Student Portal</u> at <u>studentportal.isac.org</u>





#### 2022-23 NESP Disbursements

- Disbursements of fall term benefits are underway for those recipients who have signed their Grant Agreement/Promissory Note
- Stipends are being sent directly to the students
- Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school
  - The check from the Comptroller's office is made co-payable to the school and the student
  - This is consistent with the IDPH process that schools have been following in previous years
- Spring and summer term processing will utilize GAP Access, where schools will certify eligibility and request subsequent term payments
  - Similar to how processing works for other ISAC programs
- Student information page:
  - <u>isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-</u> <u>aid/scholarships/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html</u>



#### isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/nursingeducation-scholarship-program.html

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#### Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)

The administration of NESP is transitioning from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to ISAC. Scroll to "Processing Updates" below for information about the current status.

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#### Eligibility

- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non citizen or meet the "undocumented student" criteria of the RISE Act
- · be an Illinois resident
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment to a nursing program in Illinois that is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or the Illinois Board of Higher Education
- demonstrate financial need
- sign a Grant Agreement/Promissory Note promising to fulfill the employment commitment or repay funds received plus interest.

#### How to Apply

The 2023-24 application is expected to be available on March 1, 2023

#### Grant Agreement/Promissory Notes, ISAC has beg being released. Scholarship funds are disbursed di

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#### How Funds are Disbursed

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Recipients should refer to the awarding statement received from IDPH for award details, including the award amount.

**Processing Updates** 

For the 2022-23 Academic Year

(last updated January 13, 2023)

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#### Paying For College

Applying For Financial Aid

#### Types Of Financial Aid

Illinois And Federal Financial Aid Programs

Work-Study Programs

Grants

Loans

#### Scholarships

Minority Teachers Of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program

Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program

Early Childhood Access Consortium For Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program

Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

Post-Master School Social Work Scholarship Program

Golden Apple Scholars Of

Deceased, Disabled, And MIA-POW Veterans' Dependents Scholarship

**Nursing Education** Scholarship Program

### 2022-23 NESP – Next Steps

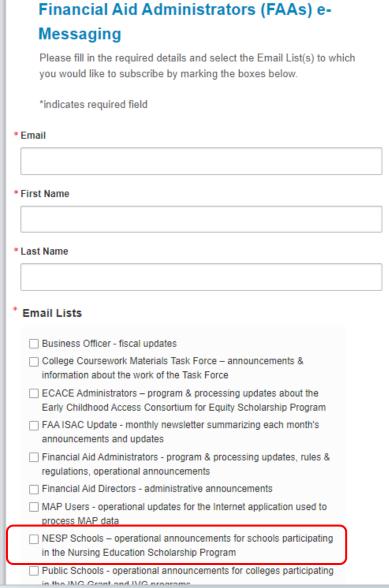
- ISAC will be working on three key activities, starting this month
  - Onboarding of the program into ISAC's GAP Access portal, in which schools will administer the program moving forward
  - Spring term awarding cycle
  - Development of the 2023-24 application
- Additional guidance and resources will be provided for FAAs as these activities progress and when the program becomes available in GAP Access
- See the December 8, 2022 e-message for some additional information and sign up for the NESP e-messaging group for future updates
  - <u>isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-faa-2022-1208.html</u>



#### www.isac.org/emessaging/emsg-cc-faas.html

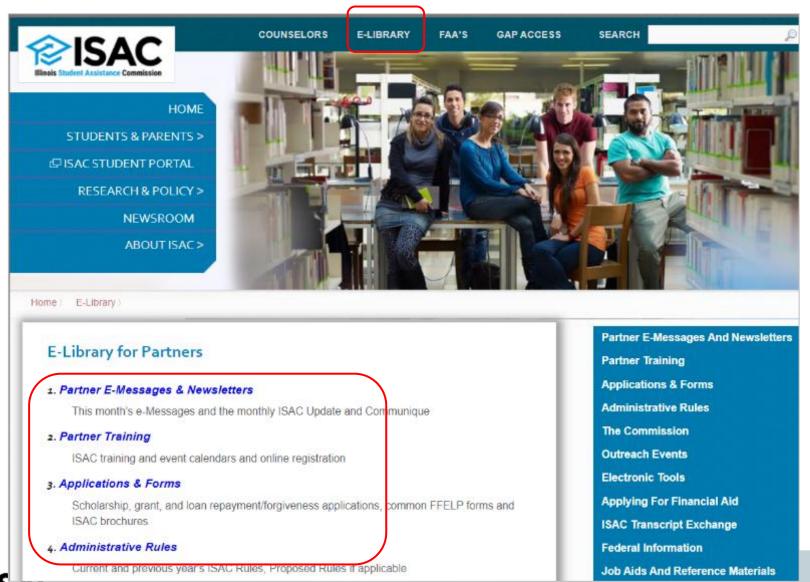


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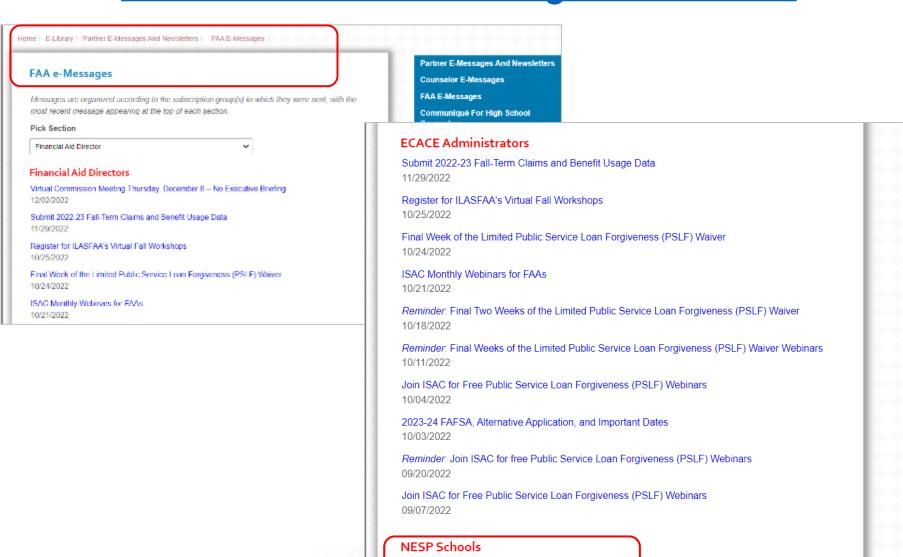




#### isac.org/e-library/



# <u>isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/index.html</u>



12/08/2022

NESP Transition Updates - December 13 Webinar

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

Home E-Library Partner Training Partners' Training Calendar **Partner Training Recorded Webinars** Manuals And Handbooks Find training calendars within this section, as well as the PowerPoint presentations from recent training sessions. ILASFAA Virtual Fall Workshops - November 1 and 22, 2022 Download the Agenda To participate: Workshop Attendee Link for November 22, 2022: https://illinois2.webex.com/illinois2/onstage/g.php? MTID=e920c922031d4a75b74fe0ccff451b165 Link for Sector Meeting Breakout Session and Wrap-Up Session, 2-3:15 p.m.: https://illinois2.webex.com/meet/kimberly.eck Download ILASFAA Fall Workshop Presentations: ISAC Legislative Update · ISAC Program & Operational Update IDVA/VA Update ILASFAA Legislative Committee Update Review of the Monetary Award Program (MAP) Best Practices for Supporting Undocumented Students Webinar: ISAC Operational Update and Program News Wednesday, November 23, 2022 - 10 a.m. Download the Presentation To participate: Click on this link: https://illinois2.webex.com/meet/kimberly.eck When prompted, enter the meeting number: 804 330 463



### **IDPH Program Information Page**

<u>dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html</u>



Home > Topics & Services > Life Stages & Populations > Rural & Underserved Po... > Nursing Education Schol..

#### Rural & Underserved Populations

Allied Health Care Professional Scholarship Progra...

Illinois National Health Service Corps State Loan ...

Illinois Underserved Physician Workforce Program (...

J-1 Visa Waiver Program

National Interest Waiver

Medical Student Scholarship Program

#### Nursing Education Scholarship Program

Podiatric Medicine Scholarship Program

Shortage Designations

Program Participation Eligibility

#### Nursing Education Scholarship Program

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#### Purpose

The goal of the Nursing Education Scholarship Program is to increase the number of nu available for employment inlllinoisby offering scholarships to overcome financial barrier education. The program provides financial assistance to qualified individuals pursuing a practical nursing, an associate degree in nursing, a hospital-based diploma in nursing, a baccalaureate degree in nursing, or a graduate degree in nursing.

#### General Program Information

The application submission period is March 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021. Applications accepted after the submission deadline.

The scholarship pays for coursework within the nursing curriculum for which the recipie it does not pay for pre-requisite coursework. The expense for coursework applied to an will not be paid nor will it be considered when determining eligibility for a stipend.

Applicants who have other scholarship or loan funds that require a service commitment the applicant from meeting the nurse employment or nurse educator employment oblic

#### Number of Years of Scholarship Funding

The number of years a recipient is eligible to receive funding is based on the certificate, diploma, or degree being pursued. The maximum years are:

YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING		
CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, OR DEGREE	YEAR(S) OF SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE	
Certificate in Practical Nursing	One Academic Year	
Associate Degree in Nursing	Two Academic Years	
Hospital-based Diploma in Nursing	Three Academic Years	
Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing	Four Academic Years	
Graduate Degree in Nursing	Five Academic Years	
Graduate Degree in Nursing (to become a Nurse Educator)	Three Academic Years	

#### **Scholarship Amounts**

Full-time students may receive the following for an academic year:

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS				
INSTITUTION	TUITION AND FEES (ESTIMATE)	STIPEND (ESTIMATE)	TOTAL (ESTIMATE)	
Public Colleges or Universities	\$12,249.75	\$4,875.00	\$17,124.75	
Community College, Hospital-based School of Nursing, or School of Practical Nursing	\$3,449.25	\$4,875.00	\$8,324.25	

Note: Actual awards may be less depending on other forms of financial aid students receive.

Students attending private colleges and universities receive the same amount of assistance as

### **IDPH Program Information Page**

<u>dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html</u>

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#### Laws & Rules

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#### Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 77: PUBLIC HEALTH
CHAPTER I: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
SUBCHAPTER g: GRANTS TO DENTAL AND MEDICAL STUDENTS
PART 597 NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The General Assembly's Illinois Administrative Code database includes of that have been permanently adopted. This menu will point out the Section rule (valid for a maximum of 150 days, usually until replaced by a perma. The emergency rulemaking is linked through the notation that follows the menu.

#### SUBPART A: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Section 597.10 Definitions
- Section 597.20 Referenced Materials
- Section 597.30 Administrative Hearings

#### SUBPART B: ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

- Section 597,100 Eligibility
- Section 597.105 Notification
- Section 597.110 Application
- Section 597.115 Scholarship Renewal (Repealed)

#### SUBPART C: AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- Section 597,200 Scholarship Description
- Section 597.210 Determination of Financial Need
- Section 597.220 Selection Criteria for Award of Scholarships
- Section 597,230 Student Enrollment and Institutions' Obligations
- Section 597,235 Deferment of Continuous Attendance Requirement
- Section 597.240 Waiver of Continuous Attendance Requirement

#### SUBPART D: TERMS OF PERFORMANCE

- Section 597.300 Grant Agreement
- Section 597.310 Repayment of Scholarship

#### HIGHER EDUCATION (110 ILCS 975/) Nursing Education Scholarship Law.

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(110 ILCS 975/1) (from Ch. 144, par. 2751)
Sec. 1. Short title.
This Article shall be known and may be cited as the Nursing
Education Scholarship Law.
(Source: P.A. 86-1467.)
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(110 ILCS 975/2) (from Ch. 144, par. 2752) Sec. 2. Legislative finding and declaration of policy.

(a) The General Assembly finds and hereby declares that the provision of a higher education leading to an associate degree in nursing, an associate degree in applied sciences in nursing, a hospital-based diploma in nursing, a baccalaureate degree in nursing, a graduate degree in nursing, or a certificate in practical nursing for persons of this State who desire such an education is important to the health, welfare and security of this State and Nation, and consequently is an important public purpose. Many qualified and potential nurses are deterred by financial considerations from pursuing their nursing education, with consequent irreparable loss to the State and Nation of talents vital to health, welfare and security. A system of scholarships, repayment of which may be excused if the individual is employed as a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse after obtaining an associate degree in nursing, associate degree in applied sciences in nursing, hospital-based diploma in nursing, baccalaureate degree in nursing, graduate degree in nursing, or certificate in practical nursing, will enable such individuals to attend approved institutions of their choice in the State, public or private.

(b) The General Assembly finds that there is a critical shortage of nursing instructors in this State, and such a shortage will only worsen the shortage of available nurses in this State and jeopardize the quality of healthcare citizens of this State have every right to enjoy. In order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this State, the General Assembly declares that there is a need for an increase in skilled nurse educators in this State. (Source: P.A. 96-805, eff. 10-30-09.)

(110 ILCS 975/3) (from Ch. 144, par. 2753)

Sec. 3. Definitions. The following terms, whenever used or referred to, have the following meanings except where the



- Designed to encourage LSWs and LCSWs to work as social workers in Illinois preschools, elementary schools and high schools.
- Promote the diversity in the profession to meet the diversity of the parents and students they will serve
- Providing minority students with greater access to positive minority role models
- Each scholarship pays tuition and mandatory fees for an academic year (including summer) at Illinois Public Universities
- A total of 250 scholarships may be awarded each year
- Student information page:
  - https://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financialaid/scholarships/P-MSSWSP.html



- To be eligible for the program, applicants must:
  - Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
  - Hold a valid Illinois clinical social work license or social work license
  - Have obtained a master's degree in social work from an approved program
  - Taken courses to obtain an Illinois Professional Educator License with an Endorsement in School Social work



- To be eligible for the program, continued:
  - Enroll or be accepted for enrollment, on a full or part-time basis ( at least 3 hours), at the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University or Western Illinois University
  - Establish satisfactory repayment arrangements if the student is in default on any federal student loan
  - Qualified minority students that apply by deadline date may be given priority during the awarding process
  - All scholarship recipients must commit to a specific agreement requiring them to work as a social worker at an Illinois school



- How to apply:
  - The application/promissory note is available now in the student portal.
  - The application can be accessed in the student portal via the Program Applications & Status Check page:
    - <a href="https://studentportal.isac.org/web/guest/student">https://studentportal.isac.org/web/guest/student</a>



- The online application has built-in edits to prevent errors and will send an immediate e-mail to the applicant when their application has been received
- An e-mail will also be sent from ISAC for incomplete applications, explaining the reasons and how to resolve the issue





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Apply for and check the status of your financial aid programs. Find applications and information for Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and other State of Illinois programs here.

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- College will certify student eligibility and submit payment requests in GAP Access on behalf of the student
  - Payment will be provided to the college from the State Comptroller's Office
- Student information page:
  - isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/P-MSSWSP.html



# Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program – *Application Now Available*

The Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program provides scholarship assistance to licensed social workers with master's degrees in social work who wish to obtain an Illinois Professional Educator License with an Endorsement in School Social Work. The program was designed to encourage students to work as social workers in Illinois schools and to provide minority children with access to a greater number of positive minority role models, more reflective of the diversity of Illinois students. Each scholarship pays tuition and mandatory fee costs for an academic year (including summer) at Illinois public universities, with priority given to minority applicants. A total of up to 250 scholarships may be awarded each year.

As part of the application process, you must agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the Application/Promissory Note. By receiving this scholarship, you must work as a social worker in an Illinois school. If this commitment is not fulfilled, the scholarship converts to a loan, and you must repay the entire amount, plus interest.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible, you must:

- · be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
- · hold a valid Illinois clinical social work license or social work license
- have obtained a master's degree in social work from an approved program
- take courses to obtain an Illinois Professional Educator License with an Endorsement in School Social Work
- enroll or be accepted for enrollment, on a full- or part-time basis (at least 3 hours), at the
  University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois
  University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University,
  Northern Illinois University or Western Illinois University (providing the institution offers postmaster social work courses leading to an Illinois Professional Educator License with an
  Endorsement in School Social Work. Access the list of participating schools here.)
- · maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by your college

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Nursing Education Scholarship Program

#### How to Apply - Application Now Available

The 2022-23 Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program Application/Promissory Note is accessed online via the Program Applications & Status Checks area of the Student Portal. The online application has built-in edits to prevent errors, and we will send immediate confirmation to your e-mail address that your application has been received. If your application, including required documentation, is incomplete, you will receive a letter from ISAC explaining the reason(s) and advising how to resolve the issue. Qualified applicants will be sent a Notice of Eligibility letter from ISAC.

For priority consideration, your complete application must be electronically submitted on or before February 28, 2023. The 2022-23 application allows students to apply for awards to cover the entire 2022-23 academic year.

#### How Funds Are Disbursed

ISAC works with the college to disburse funds for this program. The college certifies student eligibility and then – after the application deadline has passed for each term – submits a payment request on behalf of the student. ISAC processes the payment request and submits the information to the State Comptroller's Office. Dependent on the level of State of Illinois funding at the time of the request, the amount of time it takes for funds to arrive at the college can vary anywhere from a few weeks to a few months.

Depending on the college, students may be responsible for payment until program funds are received. Qualified applicants who are awaiting receipt of funds from this program should contact the Financial Aid Office or Business Office to determine the college's policy.

#### **Processing Updates**

Note that ISAC routinely updates this section as new information becomes available. Be sure to check back periodically for the current processing status.

#### For the 2022-23 Academic Year

(last updated on January 12, 2023):

The application for the 2022-23 Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program is available online via the Program Applications & Status Checks area of the ISAC Student Portal

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- Provides scholarship assistance to children (including adopted and stepchildren) of eligible displaced energy workers
- Designed to support students who are deterred from attending or completing an educational program at an Illinois institution due to a parent's layoff from a retiring power plant or a closing coal mine
- Pays tuition and fee costs at a public college or community college for the equivalent of one calendar year, including summer, for undergraduate or graduate study
- Student information page:
  - isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financialaid/scholarships/DEWDTSP.html



- To be eligible for the program, applicants must:
  - Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
  - The natural child, legally adopted child or stepchild of an energy worker who has lost employment due to reduced operation or closure of a fossil fuel power plant or coal mine
  - Enrolled or accepted for enrollment on a full or part-time basis (at least 3 credit hours) at an Illinois public university or community college, and
    - In the absence of transition scholarship assistance, will be deterred by financial considerations from completing an education program at the Illinois public university or community college of choice, as shown by there being unmet need in your financial aid package



- To be eligible for the program, continued:
  - An applicant does not need to be a resident of Illinois at the time of enrollment
    - However, the award is limited to the cost of in-district and in state tuition and fees.
  - Student must be meeting satisfactory academic progress towards a degree or certificate



- How to apply:
  - An application must be submitted each time the student is requesting an award
    - A FAFSA must also be completed
  - First time applicants will include biographical information regarding the eligible displaced energy worker
    - Once eligibility is established regarding the displaced worker, it is established for all subsequent applications
  - The application deadline dates will be:
    - October 1 for consideration for all terms
    - March 1 for the second semester/third quarter and summer term
    - June 15 for consideration for summer term only
- ISAC is currently working on the application process and will provide more information when the application becomes available



- The scholarship are applicable toward tuition and fees
- The student cannot receive funds that exceed the cost of tuition and fees for that institution
  - This includes the difference between in-district and out of district tuition.
- A student who receives funds but is found to be ineligible are responsible to pay the institution the total amount of funds received while they were ineligible
- A student must notify ISAC in writing, within 15 days of any change affecting enrollment status, name or address



- How funds will be disbursed:
  - ISAC will send funds directly to the school
  - If the student is eligible for the MAP grant, the Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship must be factored into the financial aid package prior to awarding MAP
  - The school can request MAP funds for any tuition and mandatory fees not paid for by the scholarship



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## Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program – **Coming Soon**

Below is information about the Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program, anticipated to be launched later this year. This page will be updated when the application is available, and as more details about the program are finalized. When the application becomes available, students will be able to apply for awards to cover the entire 2022-23 academic year.

The Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program provides scholarship assistance to children (including adopted and stepchildren) of eligible displaced energy workers. The program was designed to support students who are deterred from attending or completing an educational program at an Illinois institution because of a parent's layoff from a retiring power plant or a closing coal mine. The scholarship pays tuition and fee costs at public colleges or community colleges for one calendar year, for undergraduate or graduate study.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible, you must:

- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen;
- the natural child, legally adopted child or stepchild of an energy worker who has lost employment due to the reduced operation or closure of a fossil fuel power plant or coal mine;
- enrolled or accepted for enrollment, on a full- or part-time basis (at least 3 credit hours) at an Illinois public university or community college; and
- in the absence of transition scholarship assistance, will be deterred by financial considerations from completing an educational program at the Illinois public university or community college of choice, as shown by there being unmet need in your financial aid package.

An applicant does not need to be a resident of Illinois at the time of enrollment, however, the award is limited to the cost of in-district and in-state tuition and fees. The award amount will not exceed the equivalent of the cost of one calendar year of full-time enrollment, including summer terms, at the University of Illinois.

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#### How to Apply - Application Coming in the Fall

Once the application is available – anticipated for the fall of 2022 – it will be accessed via the Program Applications & Status Checks area of the Student Portal. The online application has built-in edits to prevent errors, and we will send immediate confirmation to your e-mail address that your application has been received. If your application, including required documentation, is incomplete, you will receive a letter from ISAC explaining the reason(s) and advising how to resolve the issue. Qualified applicants will be sent a Notice of Eligibility letter from ISAC.

Deadline dates, by which applications must be submitted, will be established for each term.

#### **How Funds Are Disbursed**

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### **Other Reminders**

- Enrollment Status Verification
  - Submission of 2021-22 enrollment verification data for students who previously received funds from the SETTW and MTI programs was due to ISAC on November 30, 2022
  - If you have not already completed that process, which can be done in GAP Access, please do as soon as possible
  - ISAC relies on this data to monitor recipients' fulfillment of the program requirements
  - See the October 18, 2022 e-message for more information on how to complete the process
    - isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-faa-2022-1018.html



### **Other Reminders**

- MAP Advising Data
  - Collection of MAP Advising data typically occurs in late spring, however, the collection of 2022 data was delayed until the fall 2022
  - The data reporting process, which is done in GAP Access, opened in October 2022 and was due to ISAC on December 9, 2022
  - If you have not already provided the required data to ISAC, please do so as soon as possible
  - See the October 7, 2022 e-message for more information
    - isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-faa-2022-1007.html
  - ISAC expects to return to the usual timeframe of collecting data in late spring/early summer for the 2023 collection process



# 2023-24 Award Year



# 2023-24 Applications Available

- Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW)
  - The 2023-24 application for SETTW is available
  - Priority application consideration date is March 1, 2023
  - Application can be accessed online in the ISAC Student Portal
- Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program
  - The 2023-34 application for the MTI Scholarship Program is available
  - The priority consideration date is March 31, 2023
    - The 2023-24 FAFSA or, if applicable, the 2023-24 Alternative Application must also be received by March 31, 2023 to be considered timely
  - Application can be accessed online in the ISAC Student Portal



### 2023-24 NESP

- The application process will be made available in ISAC's Student Portal
  - Program administration for 2023-24 and beyond will take place in ISAC's GAP Access system.
  - The application is expected to be open March 1, 2023

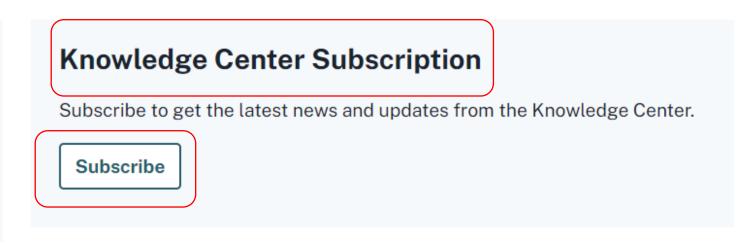


# **Federal Student Aid News**



### **FSA Partner Connect**

- Are you getting e-mails from FSA Knowledge Center regarding FSA Updates?
- The following link will take you to the FSA Knowledge Center page
- https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center
- At the bottom of the home page, you will find "Knowledge Center Subscription"

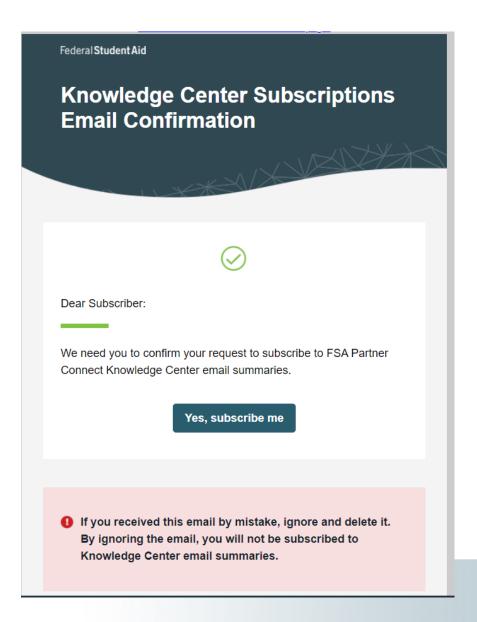




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## **Confirmation of E-Mail from FSA**





## **Federal Student Aid Handbook**

- In an Electronic Announcement (ID: General-23-03) published on January 11, 2023, ED announced that the 2023-24 Federal Student Aid Handbook will be reorganized
- There will be 3 new volumes for a total of 9 volumes
- New volumes 7, 8 & 9 are being designed to consolidate information found in two or more handbook volumes into one central location for easier use
  - Volume7: The Federal Pell Grant Program and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants
  - Volume 8: The Direct Loan Program
  - Volume 9: The Teach Grant Program
- The changes will be implemented as each volume of the 2023-24 FSA Handbook is released



# **FSA Wednesday Webinar Series**

- Dear Colleague Letter ANN-22-09
  - https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleagueletters/2022-12-13/live-internet-webinars-wednesday-webinar-serieswinter-spring-2023
- The webinar is free to attend
- Registration is not required, but the webinars are limited to 10,000 attendees each session
- The DCL provides information about each webinar and also provides guidance on how to add each webinar to your calendar as a reminder



Wednesday Webinar Series Schedule and Links, Winter–Spring 2023  All sessions are scheduled for 1–3 p.m. Eastern time (ET). There may be a difference between your local time and Eastern time. To determine local time and its Eastern time zone equivalent, go to time.gov				
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# Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Adminstrators (ILASFAA)

- The 2023 ILASFAA Annual Conference will be held March 13-15 in Champaign, IL at the I-Hotel
- Registration for the conference is open at
  - www.ilasfaa.org/2023\_ilasfaa\_annual\_conference.php
  - Early bird registration rate is \$225 if registered on or before 2/14/23
  - The registration rate on or after 2/15/23 is \$240
- A conference rate is available at the hotel and a reservation link can be found on the conference page at the link above
  - Room Block Code is: ILASFAA2023, Password is: Z%2hY





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# Questions



