



ISAC Operational Update and Program News

June 26, 2024

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2023-24 Award Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2024



2023-24 Year-End Close Out

- All 2023-24 payment requests, including initial claims and increases to previously-submitted claims, for ISAC-administered gift assistance programs must be received on or before July 1, 2024
- Adjustments to cancel or reduce previously-submitted claims will continue to be accepted for all terms through (and including) Friday, August 2 for these programs:
 - Monetary Award Program (MAP)
 - Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship
 - Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois
 - Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program
 - Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)
 - Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program (SWSP)
 - Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant
 - Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)
- For more information on 2023-24 close out, see the June 18 e-Message:
 - isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0618-2.html



2023-24 Year-End Close Out

- As payment requests are processed and funds received, schools are expected to reconcile student records and make any necessary adjustments in GAP Access
- As we close out the 2023-24 award year, schools should be completing all outstanding requests, making all necessary adjustments, and ensuring that everything is reconciled for all ISAC programs
- For programs administered through the offset process, funds owed to ISAC should not be returned until after a final reconciliation has been completed for each program
- Once all payment processing and adjustments are final, colleges with outstanding amounts owed to ISAC will receive an e-mail notification indicating the amount due back to ISAC, and the due date to submit



Payment Offset Process

- The payment offset process applies to the:
 - Monetary Award Program (MAP)
 - Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program
 - Golden Apple (GA) Scholars of Illinois Program
 - Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program
 - Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)
 - Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program (SWSP)
- As part of this process:
 - Cancellations of prior payments are deducted from any future payments until the end of the academic year
 - New payment requests are compared to outstanding amounts owed to ISAC, and payment is made accordingly
- Review your payment results reports in GAP Access after submitting your program claims to ensure everything processed as expected
- For more information about Payment Offset and Reconciliation, visit:
 - <u>isac.org/faas/processes/refunds-and-unpaid-claims/payment-offset-and-reconciliation-map.html</u>



Returning Program Funds to ISAC

- When schools need to return funds owed to ISAC, a Gift Assistance Programs Refund Check Form should be completed and submitted along with the payment
 - For more information: <u>isac.org/faas/processes/refunds-</u> <u>and-unpaid-claims/returning-</u> <u>program-funds-to-isac/</u>
 - Link to the form: <u>isac.org/faas/processes/documen</u> <u>ts/Check_Return_Form.pdf</u>
- All schools with an outstanding amount owed to ISAC at the end of the school year will receive a notice indicating the total amount to be returned



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GIFT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS REFUND CHECK FORM

Please report the dollar amount refunded for each program/year if submitting a single check with funds for **multiple** programs or academic years.

Mail Refund Checks to:

Finance & Accounting Division - J10 Illinois Student Assistance Commission 1755 Lake Cook Road Deerfield, IL 60015-5209

To ensure refunds are credited to the correct account (both school and/or student) and the appropriate ISAC gift assistance program, please complete the requested information below.

DATE SENT TO ISAC	
SCHOOL NAME	
MAP CODE /ED CODE/IVG CODE	
PROGRAM(S)	
ACADEMIC YEAR(S)	
VOUCHER NUMBER (specific to the above academic year)	
TERM(S)	
CHECK NUMBER	
CHECK DOLLAR AMOUNT	\$
REAS	ON FOR REFUND
[] Returning Amount Due at End owed.	of Year: Per ISAC's letter indicating total amount
[] Current and/or Prior Year Refur Provide the students' nar Indicate actual credit hou List dollar amount refund State the institution's rea	nes and Social Security numbers (last 4-digits); rs enrolled; led for each term; and
	nance & Accounting Division will forward a copy of the o the appropriate internal department.
[] Other Refund: Provide Explana	tion
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2023-24 Monetary Award Program (MAP)

- Payment of 2023-24 MAP held late claims has been processed for:
 - first-term initial claims and increases that were received from December 9, 2023 through (and including) March 11, 2024, and
 - second-term initial claims and increases that were received from March 23, 2024
 through (and including) June 17, 2024, and
 - third-term initial claims and increases that were received from May 4, 2024
 through (and including) June 18, 2024
- The additional late claim payments were announced in an e-Message sent on June 7 and a message was posted on the FAA Message Board on June 21
- Future payment of additional held claims will be dependent upon ongoing analysis of institutions' claims and adjustments and remaining appropriation
- Continue submitting cancellations and/or adjustments to decrease previouslysubmitted claims for all terms through (and including) **Friday**, **August 2**, **2024**



2023-24 Monetary Award Program (MAP)

- Effective **Monday, August 5, 2024** Data for the 2023-24 award year in the MAP system will become available for historical view only
- June 5, 2024, was the last date on which:
 - 2023-24 ISIR data was received from the FAFSA Processing System (FPS) and reflected in the MAP System, and
 - 2023-24 Alternative Application was available for student to complete and submit



Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

- Summer term (term 4) claims continue to be accepted
- To be considered timely, claims for the summer term must be submitted on or before Monday, July 1, 2024
- ISAC is continuing to accept 2023-24 NES initial claims and increases to previously-submitted claims for all terms through (and including) Monday, July 1, 2024
- Adjustments to cancel or reduce previously-submitted NES claims will continue to be accepted for all terms through (and including) Friday, August 2, 2024
- Effective **Monday, August 5, 2024**, 2023-24 data in the NES system will become available for historical view only



Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship

- Summer term payment requests were processed on Thursday, June 20 and results are now available in the ECACE system in GAP Access
 - Another round of processing will take place this week
- ISAC will continue to accept ECACE initial claims and increases to previouslysubmitted claims for the summer term through (and including) Monday, July 1, 2024
- As announced in a May 20 e-Message, May 29, 2024, was the last day on which claims for the fall, winter, and spring terms were accepted
 - <u>e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-</u> 2024-0520.html
- Adjustments to cancel or reduce previously-submitted ECACE claims will continue to be accepted for all terms through (and including) Friday, August 2, 2024
- Effective Monday, August 5, 2024, 2023-24 data in the ECACE_system will become available for historical view only



ISAC Military Programs

• Benefit usage processing for:

Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant

- No longer accepting applications for the summer term
- Summer term benefit usage data must be submitted on or before Monday, July 1, 2024, to be considered timely
- ISAC will continue to accept benefit usage data for all terms through (and including) Friday, August 2, 2024

Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)

- ISAC will continue to accept benefit usage data for all terms through (and including) Friday, August 2, 2024
- Effective **Monday, August 5, 2024**, 2023-24 data in the ING and IVG systems will become available for historical view only



Other Gift Assistance Programs

- Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers (PFC)
 - No longer accepting applications for the summer term
 - Certification of Enrollment for Payment Rosters for the summer term were emailed to the financial aid directors to colleges that had eligible students last Friday and are due back to ISAC
 Friday, July 5, 2024



Flexibilities in ISAC Program Administration

MAP Award Adjustments

- To provide some administrative relief for colleges for the remainder of the 2023-24 award year, ISAC is:
 - Temporarily suspending the expectation to submit enrollment hour adjustments for students at 15 hours or above if their award amount remains unchanged
 - Temporarily suspending the expectation to edit a student's MAP code if a student changes programs during the term if their award amount remains unchanged
 - It is also acceptable to adjust the award amount in the same budget code and not have to cancel the initial claim and submit a new one

MAP Advising Data Collection

 ISAC will delay data collection until late Fall 2024 and will plan to leave it open through the end of the calendar year



Flexibilities in ISAC Program Administration

• Program Reviews – NEW Reviews

 ISAC suspended announcing all NEW program reviews through June 2024

Program Review Extensions – CURRENT Reviews

- ISAC has been working with institutions currently undergoing a review to provide extensions for responses, reports or requests for additional documentation
- Information was provided in an e-Message on April 24 -isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-emessages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0424-2.html



2024-25 ISAC Program Reviews

- ISAC's pause on announcing new program review will end **June 30**, **2024**, consistent with the U.S. Department of Education (ED)
- ISAC plans to start announcing program reviews again on July 1, 2024, and will resume business as usual
- We will continue to provide institutions with flexible deadlines and allow them the time they need
- If ED announces that their pause will be extended, ISAC will provide an update



2024-25 Award Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2025



ISAC State Legislative Update

- Spring session of the 103rd General Assembly concluded on May 29, 2024
- Governor Pritzker has signed <u>SB 251</u> operating budget bill and <u>HB 4959</u> budget implementation bill (BIMP), which together provide funding and statutory authority for Illinois programs and services, including ISAC's programs for FY25
- The overall budget for the upcoming academic year is a positive one for ISAC programs, with most programs receiving funding that is level with last year, while some will see increased funding
- MAP grant funding increased by \$10 million
 - o 2024-25 appropriation is \$711,566,200
 - may allow approximately 2,000 more students to receive MAP than prior year
- Budget includes an appropriation of \$6 million for ISAC to reimburse public universities for the ING Grant and IVG programs for a portion of the tuition and fees waived on behalf of eligible veterans and Guard members



ISAC State Legislative Update

- ECACE program will receive state funding for the first time, after being supported by federal funds for the last 3 years – appropriation of \$5 million
- iGROW Tech Scholarship program became law last year and will receive \$2 million in the FY25 budget, allowing the program to be launched for 2024-25
 o Program will provide scholarships to students in IT and related fields
- With the approval of the budget, program implementation and operational activities for the 2024-25 academic year will begin to move forward
- As always, we will provide updates and processing details regarding each of our programs as we proceed through the year
- ISAC State Legislative Update <u>isac.org/about-isac/documents/2024-Agenda-Books/Agenda-06-20-24-Item-5.pdf</u>
- June 11 e-Message ISAC Program FY25 Funding Budget Bills Approved isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-emessages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0611.html



2024-25 ISAC Program Appropriations

- MAP \$711,566,200 (increase)
- Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois \$10,750,000
- Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship \$8,000,000
- Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment \$7,500,000 (increase)
- IVG and ING Grant reimbursement \$6,000,000 (new funding)
- Social Work Scholarship/Repayment programs (combined appropriation) \$6,000,000
- Human Services Professional Loan Repayment \$5,250,000 (new funding)
- ECACE Scholarship \$5,000,000 (new state funding)
- Nursing Education Scholarships (NES) \$4,000,000
- Illinois Graduate and Retain Our Workforce (iGROW) Tech Scholarship \$2,000,000 (new funding)
- Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers \$1,300,000
- Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship \$1,100,000
- Illinois Teachers Loan Repayment \$975,000
- Nurse Educator Loan Repayment \$500,000
- Grant Program for Exonerees \$150,000
- Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment \$26,400
- AIM HIGH Grant \$50,000,000*

* AIM HIGH Program funds are disbursed in lump sums by ISAC to public universities



2024-25 MAP Recompute Formula - Approved

- The 2024-25 MAP Recompute Formula was approved by ISAC Commissioners at the June 20th Commission Meeting
 - $_{\circ}$ Same as the start-up formula
 - Continues to use FY22 tuition and fees and FY22 Pell (as a student resource) in the formula
 - Maximum award amount of \$8,400
 - Living allowance \$5,200
 - $_{\circ}~$ No changes are required in the MAP system
 - Daily processing of ISIR data continues as usual
- June 24 e-Message <u>isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0624.html</u>



2024-25 MAP Recompute Formula Approved

- Agenda Book June 20, 2024
 - isac.org/about-isac/commissioners/2024-agenda-books/agenda-book-06-20-24.html
- Recompute formula outlined in Table Four of Agenda Item 6
 - isac.org/about-isac/documents/2024-Agenda-Books/Agenda-06-20-24-Item-6.pdf

	1. Announcements
	2. Approval of the joint Commission Meeting Minutes (Action)
Contact Employment Commission Executive Director FOIA Investment Panel Statutes Financial Inform Home About ISAC Commission 2024 Commission Meeting Agenda Books	 A. Approval of the April 18, 2024, Investment Portion of Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Commission/Investment Committee/Investment Advisory Panel Meeting (Action: Investment Committee) Action Taken: Approved
Agenda Book — June 20, 2024 Joint Meeting of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and the Investment	B. Approval of the April 18, 2024 Full Minutes of the Joint Commission/Investment Committee/Investment Advisory Panel Meeting (Action: Commission) Action Taken: Approved
Committee June 20, 2024 1:00 p.m.	C. Approval of the April 22, 2024 Investment Portion of the Special Joint Commission/Investment Committee Meeting (Action: Investment Committee) Action Taken: Approved
Deerfield Office 3 rd Floor – Room 3030 1755 Lake Cook Road Deerfield, Illinois	Action Taken: Approved
Springfield Office 3 rd Floor Conference 500 W. Monroe Springfield, Illinois	A American March March Community March March Down Index Community Inc.
	B. Approval of the Commission Open Meeting Verbatim Records for Destruction (Action: Commission) Action Taken: Approved
	4. Executive Director's Report (Information)
	5 Legislative Update (Information)
ISAC	6. Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Monetary Award Program (MAP) Recompute Formula (Action) Action Taken: Approved

2024-25 MAP Recompute Formula

isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/map/map-formula/2425-map-formula/

isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/map/map-formula/map-hand-calculation-forms.html

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2024-25 MAP Formula

2024-25 MAP Recompute Formula 2024-25 MAP Start-up Formula

Each year the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is responsible for adopting an allocation formula for the Monetary Award Program (MAP). The Commission approves a "start-up" formula that is used to begin making award announcements for students applying for the next academic year. Typically, once the Governor and General Assembly take final action on the budget, the Commission revisits the formula in June or July and takes action to approve a "recompute" formula.

Unless otherwise noted, all calculations should be rou .500 and downward from .499. Students who have be Hours are not eligible for MAP.

2024-25 Recompute Formula

At its June 20, 2024 meeting, the Illinois Student Assis formula – which is outlined in Table Four of Agenda Ite formula, with some additional clarification that is n Home) ISAC Gift Assistance Programs) Monetary Award Program (MAP)) Formula

MAP Hand Calculation Forms

ISAC provides paper-based worksheets by academic year, which can be used to calculate annual MAP awards for dependent and independent students.

2024-25 Hand Calculation Forms - Recompute

2024-25 Hand Calculation Forms - Start-up

2023-24 Hand Calculation Forms - Recompute*



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when schools have access to the expected family contribution (EFC) and parent contribution (PC) via Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) data.

*Includes "Dependent Student Annual Award Hand Calculation Short Form," which may be used

2023-24 Hand Calculation Forms - Start-up

2024-25 MAP Recompute Formula

2024-25 Recompute Formula

At its June 20, 2024 meeting, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission approved a recompute formula – which is outlined in Table Four of Agenda Item 6 – that is essentially the 2024-25 start-up formula, with some additional clarification that is necessary due to FAFSA Simplification allowing for negative SAIs and parent contributions.

Budget

- 1. Use 2021-22 reported tuition and fees at all institutions, assessed at 100 percent.
- 2. Use one living allowance for all applicants, set to \$5,200.

Resources

- Use 80 percent of Pell Grant eligibility as determined by the 2021-22 Pell Grant Payment Schedule, which contains a \$6,495 maximum.
- 2. Calculate the ISAC-adjusted Student Aid Index (SAI) by inflating the SAI:

Adjusted Student Aid Index for Dependent Students:

If SAI <= 0 set the following = 0 to calculate Adjusted SAI: Parent Contribution (PC), Student Contribution from Income (SCI), Student Contribution from Assets (SCA) If SAI > 0 and PC < 0 set PC = 0 to calculate Adjusted Parent Contribution Adjustment Factor = [(Parent Contribution/11,000) +1.10] rounded to 2 decimals places Adjusted PC = PC x Adjustment Factor (round to nearest whole number) Student Contribution (SC) = SCI + SCA Adjusted SC = highest of SC OR self-help expectation

Adjusted SAI = Adjusted PC + Adjusted SC

Adjusted Student Aid Index for Independent Students:

If Student Aid Index (SAI) < 0, set SAI = 0 for calculation of Adjusted SAI Adjustment Factor = [SAI/11,000 + 1.10] rounded to 2 decimal places Adjusted SAI = highest of SAI x Adjustment Factor (rounded to nearest whole number) OR self-help expectation

3. Use a minimum self-help expectation of \$1,800 for all students.

Award Amounts

SAC

- Set maximum award equal to lesser of \$8,400 or the tuition and mandatory fees specified in the budget. Set the minimum award to \$300; round maximum eligibility in \$150 increments to calculate partial awards.
- 2. Applicants with a (Federal) SAI of \$9,000 or above are not eligible.
- If determined necessary after first-term claims are received, either release some suspended applications and/or adjust claims to maximize claims without exceeding the appropriation.
- 4. Students with 135 or more MAP paid credit hours will not be eligible for MAP.

2024-25 MAP Recompute Formula

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Calculating MAP Awards

Rounding of Annual Award Amounts Formula for Calculating Term Awards

The annual award amount displayed on the MAP system at start-up is based on the assumption that a student will be enrolled the equivalent of 15 semester credit hours each term. The annual award represents the maximum amount the student may be paid for the year.

The actual amount a student may be paid is based on the number of credit hours the enrolled each term. Therefore, a student enrolled at a semester school less than 1 term would receive a payment amount less than the annual award. See the Calcul Award links for semester and quarter schools below for examples of how term payr calculated.

Rounding of Annual Award Amounts

In award years when a reduction factor is included in the MAP formula (either at sta time of recompute), it may be necessary for annual MAP award amounts to be rour occurs, the regular annual award amount is calculated using the MAP formula, ther the appropriate percentage and rounded to the nearest dollar (rounding upward fro downward from .49).

Formula for Calculating Term Awards

Schools have a choice in how the term awards are calculated. Awards may be split

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Formula for Calculating Term Awards

Schools have a choice in how the term awards are calculated. Awards may be split evenly between terms (cents option) or be split by whole dollar amounts (no cents option). For example, if a semester school has elected to use the "cents" option, an annual award of \$4,521.00 is split evenly between terms as an award of \$2,260.50. If the school chooses to use the "no cents" option, the annual award of \$4,521.00 would be \$2,260.00 for the first term and \$2,261.00 for the second term.

For a quarter school using the "cents" option, an annual award, for example, of \$3,974.00 is split between the terms as \$1,324.66, \$1,324.67, and \$1,324.67. If the quarter school chooses to use the "no cents" option, the annual award of \$3,974.00 would be split as \$1,324.00, \$1,325.00, and \$1,325.00.

Schools interested in switching from the 'cents' to the "no cents" option (or vice versa) must indicate that choice in the annual budget packet or send an e-mail message to isac.schoolservices@illinois.gov prior to the announced budget data submission deadline for the upcoming academic year (which is typically June 1).

Select one of the links below for examples of the step-by-step process for calculating a term award for either a semester or quarter school. This information is provided for explanatory purposes only; it is not intended for school use in payment request processing.

2023-24

Calculating a Term Award – Semester Schools Calculating a Term Award – Quarter Schools

2024-25

Calculating a Term Award – Semester Schools Calculating a Term Award – Quarter Schools



2024-25 MAP Hand Calculation Form

• <u>isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/map/map-formula/map-hand-calculation-forms.html</u>

2024-	25 Monetary Av	SSISTANCE COMMISSION vard Program Recompute
Dependent	Student Annua	Award Hand Calculation Form
Dependent Student Information 1. Name		Directions 1. Unless stated otherwise, If a field is blank or negative, use zero for computing.
2. ID		 Unless stated otherwise, all calculations are rounded to the nearest whole number upward from 0.500 and downward from 0.499. Students who have used 135 or more MAP Paid Credit Hours are not eligible for MAP.
3. School		 Students with a Federal SAI >= \$9,000 are not eligible for MAP.
Box A: Gather Data from ISIR 1. Student Aid Index SAI (ISIR field 18 col 176-181)		Box E: Look Up Estimated Federal Pell Grant Amount
 Student Ald Index Ski (Kirk neid 16 cor 176-161) Parent contribution PC (ISIR field 312 col 2956-2970) 		1. SAI (A.1)
 Student contribution SC from income (SCI) + from assets (SCA) (ISIR fields 319 col 3061-3075 and 328 col 3163-3174) 		Estimated 2021-22 Pell Grant amount from Table 1
Box B: Calculate ISAC-Adjusted Student Contribution		Box F: Calculate Maximum MAP Eligibility
1. Student minimum contribution ("self help")	\$1,800	1. School 2021-22 tuition and mandatory fees
 Student contribution (A.3); if SAI (A.1) <=0 set B.2=0 		2. Living allowance \$5,200
ISAC-adjusted student contribution (greater of B.1 and B.2)		3. Assessed Pell Grant amount (E.2 x 0.80)
Box C: Calculate ISAC-Adjusted Parent Contribution 1. Parent contribution (A.2); if SAI (A.1) <=0 set C.1=0;		4. ISAC-adjusted SAI (D.3)
if SAI (A.1) >0 and PC (A.2) <0 set C.1=0 2. Base adjustment factor	1.10	5. Maximum eligibility (F.1 + F.2 - F.3 - F.4) If maximum eligibility <\$300, MAP award=0.
3. Progressive adjustment factor (C.1 / 11000 rounded to 2 decimals)		Box G: Determine MAP Award
 ISAC adjustment factor (C.2 + C.3 keeping 2 decimal places) 		Maximum eligibility (F.5) Z. Tuition and fees (F.1)
5. ISAC-adjusted parent contribution (C.1 x C.4)		3. Maximum award \$8,400
Box D: Calculate ISAC-Adjusted Student Aid Index		
1. ISAC-adjusted student contribution (B.3)		4. Lowest of G.1, G.2, and G.3. If this is G.1, round using Table 2.
2. ISAC-adjusted parent contribution (C.5)		5. Annual full-time MAP award* = G.4, round to nearest dollar
3. ISAC-adjusted Student Aid Index (D.1 + D.2)		* Term awards are prorated based on enrollment
Notes:		



2024-25 MAP Award Notifications

- In order to ensure that all MAP recipients receive the same information about their award in a consistent manner, ISAC requires schools to announce MAP awards to the students enrolled at their institution, including the estimated amount of the award.
- Schools are required to clearly identify the estimated awards on the award notification as: **State of IL MAP Grant (Est)**
- ISAC also provides specific language that is required to be included on or with the school-issued award notification.
 - Additional information may be communicated in the award notification as long as ISAC's required language is included exactly as written and the additional language does not conflict with it or break up the text.
- Schools are also expected to notify applicants of changes in their eligibility status, such as students who:
 - are not eligible due to a zero award;
 - become eligible (or ineligible) due to a correction or adjustment to their application;
 - have an incomplete record;
 - have a loan in default; or
 - are considered late applicants.



2024-25 MAP Award Notification Language

- As previously stated, this is the MAP Award Notification Language that is required to be included on or with your school-issued award notifications to students
- For more information on MAP Award Announcements

 School Requirements isac.org/isac-gift-assistanceprograms/map/map-awardannouncements/index.html

2024-25 School-Issued Award Notification Language

All schools are required to announce MAP Grant awards to all eligible students enrolled at their institutions, including students who are only eligible for a second semester/second and third quarter MAP award. Schools are required to clearly identify the awards on the award notification as: **State of IL MAP Grant (Est)**.

Schools are also required to include the following information with the award notification:

By applying for financial aid and agreeing to share that information with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) you have been considered for the State of Illinois (IL) Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant. All MAP-approved institutions are required by the State of Illinois to announce MAP Grant awards to students who are enrolled or intending to enroll at their institution. An award amount is included in your financial aid package if you have met the eligibility criteria.

The MAP Grant award amount is an estimate made by the financial aid office and is identified as a "State of IL MAP Grant (Est)". Please be aware that the number of available MAP Grants is limited by funding levels approved by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor, and reductions to estimated or actual MAP Grants are possible.

There are also limitations to how long you can continue to receive a MAP Grant. Usage is tracked by the number of credit hours for which you've received MAP benefits and is referred to as MAP Paid Credit Hours (MPCHs). The maximum number of MPCHs that can be received is 135, which is equivalent to approximately four and a half years of full-time enrollment. For your reference, and to learn more about MPCH limitations, you may access a record of your MPCHs, as well as other student resources, through the ISAC Student Portal at studentportal.isac.org.

Eligibility for the need-based MAP Grant award may indicate that you are eligible for assistance with expenses such as food, housing, or child care for dependent children. If you have dependent care expenses, ask the financial aid office about the federal dependent care allowance. For eligibility and application information about the <u>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</u> (SNAP) and the <u>Child Care Assistance</u> <u>Program</u>, contact the <u>Illinois Department of Human Services</u> at **800-843-6154** or <u>www.dhs.state.il.us.</u> Contact the <u>Illinois Hunger Coalition</u> Hunger Hotline at **800-359-2163** or <u>www.ilhunger.org</u>.

2024-25 MAP Rights & Responsibilities

- This document outlines a student's use of the MAP grant, and that the student understands and agrees to maintain all eligibility requirements, along with their rights and responsibilities as a MAP grant recipient
- Schools may want to provide students with a copy of this document or the link
 - isac.org/isac-gift-assistanceprograms/map/media/2425-MAP-RR.pdf



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2024-25 Monetary Award Program (MAP) Rights & Responsibilities

The information you reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* for the 2024-25 academic year serves as your application for the need-based Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant through the State of Illinois. MAP grants help Illinois students pay for tuition and mandatory fees at Illinois MAP-approved colleges*. The MAP grant award amount is an estimate made by the colleqe's financial aid office and is identified as a "State of Illinois MAP Grant (Est)" in your financial aid package. Please be aware that the number of available MAP grants is limited by funding levels approved by the Illinois General Assembly and the governor, and reductions to estimated or actual MAP grants are possible. The MAP grant is not a loan, so it does not have to be repaid. Your rights and responsibilities are outlined on this form. Use of this grant means that you understand and agree to maintain all eligibility requirements. If you fail to do so, you may no longer receive grant funds.

TRACKING MAP USAGE

Eligibility for a MAP grant is tracked by the equivalent number of semester credit hours of MAP benefits paid on your behalf. This is called MAP Paid Credit Hours. If you are attending a quarter college, your quarter credit hours will be converted to semester MAP Paid Credit Hours. Please contact your financial aid dvisor if you have questions regarding the quarter college conversion. You may access a record of your MAP Paid Credit Hours through the ISAC Student Portal at https://studentportal.isac.org/MPCH.

Limit for Each Term: Payment for each term is made according to the equivalent number of credit hours eligible for MAP payment, with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 15 MAP Paid Credit Hours. If you are enrolled for the equivalent of 15 or more credit hours, the number of MAP Paid Credit Hours assessed to you will be 15.

Total Limit: The maximum number of MAP Paid Credit Hours is 135.

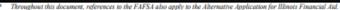
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STUDENT RIGHTS

You have a RIGHT to:

- a fair and objective decision without regard to race, creed, gender, or national origin. We use the federal processing system to collect and update information so that uniform results are produced.
- 2. appeal an ISAC decision. You should be aware that ISAC must adhere to the rules and statutes governing the Monetary Award Program (MAP) in order to be fair and equitable to all applicants. If you feel that there are additional circumstances or documentation to be presented, a letter of appeal, signed by the applicant, should be submitted to: ISAC, Applicant Services/MAP Appeal, 1755 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield IL 60015. Appeals must include the student's Social Security number and be made within 60 days of the administrative decision made by ISAC.
- expect prompt and courteous personal service from ISAC staff. We want to hear from you if you have comments about our customer service.
- 4. call the Federal Student Aid Information Center (800.433.3243) for general information about federal financial aid programs, application procedures, and for ordering a duplicate or corrected *FAFSA Submission Summary*. This number cannot be used to obtain information on ISAC's programs. To obtain information on ISAC's programs, call ISAC at 800.899.ISAC (4722), send an e-mail to isac.studentservices@illinois.gov, or visit ISAC's website at isac.org. Correspondence should be sent to the ISAC office in Deerfield.

- obtain the satisfactory academic progress standards of the college you have chosen and find out what will happen if you fail to meet them. You can obtain your college's standards by contacting your financial aid office.
- know that all MAP grant funds are paid directly to the college on your behalf. The college requests payment in your name. ISAC will not send MAP money directly to you.
- know that your file may be chosen for "verification." Your college or ISAC may ask you to provide supporting documentation for the information reported on your FAFSA Submission Summary. If you fail to provide requested information, you may no longer receive funding from the MAP grant or other aid programs for the 2024-25 academic year.
- 8. know that the MAP grant can only be used to cover tuition and mandatory fees at Illinois MAP-approved colleges. Mandatory fees are those charged to all students each year or term. For community college students, the grant is limited to the in-district tuition and mandatory fees. Out-of-district applicants must make arrangements to pay the additional college costs. The MAP grant does not pay for audit courses, credit-by-examination, life experience, or noncredit courses. Such course work cannot be used to determine enrollment status.



** Throughout this document when a reference is made to "college," it means an Illinois MAP-approved postsecondary institution.



2024-25 Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

- 2024-25 NES application is no longer being accepted
 - $_{\circ}~$ Application period was March 1 through April 30, 2024
 - $_{\circ}~$ Final date was a deadline date, not a priority date
 - Applicants must re-apply each year, along with submitting a FAFSA or Alternative Application
 - The application process is not considered complete until the NES Application/Work Agreement/Promissory Note and FAFSA or Alternative Application have been submitted to ISAC on or before April 30, 2024
 - $_{\odot}~$ Due to issues with the 2024-25 FAFSA, allowances will be provided for applicants who were not able to submit their FAFSA by April 30
 - However, the NES Application/Work Agreement/Promissory Note should have still been submitted by April 30 to be considered a timely applicant



2024-25 Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program

- FY25 budget includes \$5 million for ECACE for award year 2024-25
- The program has been funded for the past three years by federal funds and is now transitioning to a state-funded program for the upcoming school year
- Because the \$5 million FY25 state appropriation is considerably lower than the amount of federal funding that had been available for the program, the number of recipients in 2024-25 will likely be significantly limited, and the program is expected to be able to support only a portion of renewal applicants.
- Legislative Update regarding ECACE
 - o isac.org/about-isac/documents/2024-Agenda-Books/Agenda-06-20-24-Item-5.pdf
- We will share more information once it becomes available



2024-25 Teacher Program Updates

• Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program

- Eligible recipients will receive Notice of Eligibility by July 1, 2024
- Priority application consideration date was March 1, 2024
- Applications continue to be accepted, but will only be considered if available waivers remain after all timely complete applicants have been awarded
- Does not require a FAFSA or Alternative Application to complete the application process

• Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program

- Priority application consideration date was March 31, 2024
- Applications continue to be accepted, but will only be considered if available funds remain after all timely complete applicants have been awarded
- Applicants must also submit a 2024-25 FAFSA or Alternative Application
- Due to issues with the 2024-25 FAFSA, allowances will be provided for applicants who were not able to submit their FAFSA by March 31
- Reminder for Institutions: Participating colleges must host an annual information session about MTI for teacher candidates of color and require that each program recipient meet with an academic advisor at least once per academic year

Golden Apple (GA) Scholars of Illinois Program

- Deadline application date was April 1, 2024
- Application processing, eligibility certification and awarding is performed by the Golden Apple Foundation <u>goldenapple.org/scholars</u>



2024-25 Military Program Applications

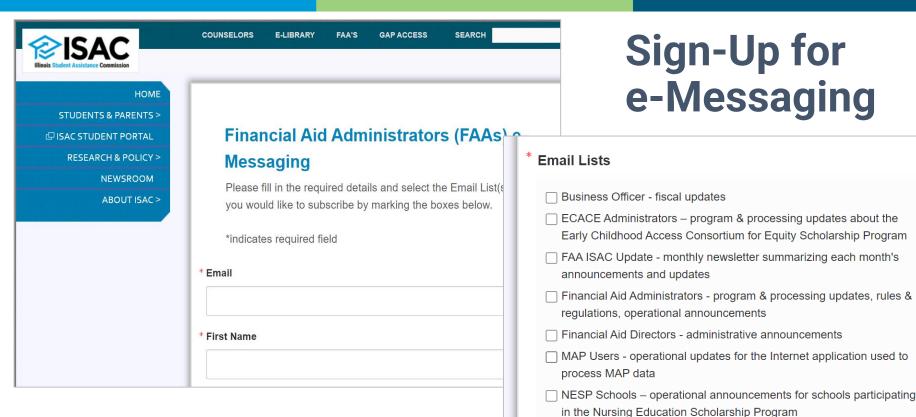
• Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant

- Application is now available online through the ISAC Student Portal
- Reminder there are no longer priority consideration dates by which applications must be submitted each term
 - Applications must be received by ISAC in time for eligibility to be determined
 - Applicant must notify the college about their eligibility no later than the last scheduled day of classes for the first term for which benefits have been requested
- Applicants must reapply each year
- $_{\odot}~$ Student eligibility data is now available in the ING system within GAP

• Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)

- Application is available online through the ISAC Student Portal
 - Application can be submitted any time during the academic year
 - Does 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





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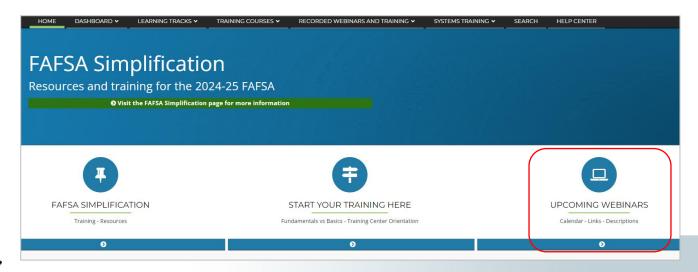
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FSA Webinar

- 2024-25 FAFSA: Demo of FAFSA Partner Portal Corrections
 - This webinar will demonstrate how institutions will use the FAFSA Partner Portal (FPP) to submit corrections, such as:
 - submitting school-initiated corrections electronically by entering the data manually in the FPP
 - performing a dependency override and a professional judgement when federal tax information (FTI) is on the FAFSA
 - Friday, June 28, 2024, 2-3 p.m.
 - o <u>fsatraining.ed.gov/</u>





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ISAC's Upcoming Event

- 2024 College Changes Everything Conference
 - July 18, 2024
 - \circ Registration is \$40
 - only credit card payments accepted via Eventbrite
 - o Space is limited Register now!
 - Located at Tinley Park Convention Center
 - 18451 Convention Center Drive, Tinley Park, IL
 - Connected to the EVEN Hotel Chicago-Tinley Park Convention Center
 - Conference hotel rate \$159 before taxes and fee charges
 - Book reservation by June 26, 2024, online or by phone and mention "ISAC/College Changes Everything Conference" to get the rate
 - Visit the College Changes Everything Conference website for more details and to register:
 - <u>isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0531.html</u> or
 - collegechangeseverything.org/events/2024-cce-conference-information.html





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.
 - ✤ July 31
 - ✤ Aug 28
 - ✤ Sept 25

Tuesday Training - Policies & Procedures

- These webinars focus on policies and procedures for ISAC programs and processes
 - $_{\circ}~$ Second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.
 - ✤ July 9 Review of Hand Calculating MAP Awards

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



ISAC's Student Services Department

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

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- Provides training, program information and support to schools and other ISAC partners
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