



ISAC Operational Update and Program News

May 29, 2024

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2023-24 Award Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2024



Monetary Award Program (MAP)

- ISAC continues to accept MAP claims for all terms
- The third quarter claim deadline date was Friday, May 3, 2024
- At this time initial claims and increases to previously-submitted claims continue to be held as late
- ISAC is in the process of making a determination on paying late claims

 Colleges are encouraged to continue to submit all claims and adjustments in the event that late claims are able to be paid
- Reminder when submitting claims: ISAC suspended the announcement of 2023-24 MAP awards for students whose initial 2023-24 FAFSA[®] or Alternative Application was received on or after September 23, 2023



Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

- Summer term (term 4) claims are now being accepted
- Priority claim deadline date for the summer term will be announced once it has been determined
- Schools are encouraged to submit any outstanding claims for all terms as soon as possible, as the end of the fiscal year approaches
- Timely submission of claims and cancellations/adjustments allows ISAC staff to monitor remaining funds and award other students



Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship

- Payment requests for the summer term are now being accepted and held
- To be considered timely, claims for the summer term must be submitted on or before **Friday**, **June 7**, **2024**
 - Claims will be held and processed only once all claims are submitted and analysis of claim data has taken place
- Although the fall, winter, and spring term payment request deadline dates have passed, ISAC is continuing to accept and pay claims for these terms through **Wednesday**, **May 29**, **2024**
 - Claims for these terms submitted after the May 29 due date will be held as late and are unlikely to be paid
- Details were provided in an e-Message on May 20

• <u>e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-</u> 2024-0520.html



ISAC Military Programs

• Benefit usage data priority claim date is Friday, May 31, 2024, for:

o Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant

- Schools may submit benefit usage data for the 2nd term (spring)
- Colleges are encouraged to continue to submit benefit usage data and adjustments for the fall term

Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)

- Schools may submit benefit usage data for the 3rd term (spring)
- Colleges are encouraged to continue to submit benefit usage data and adjustments for the summer and fall terms
- Although ISAC is not able to reimburse institutions for 2023-24 ING Grant or IVG awards, reporting of benefits used must still take place so that usage can be accurately reflected on students' accounts



Other Gift Assistance Programs

- ISAC continues to accept and pay claims for these programs:
 - **o** Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship
 - Golden Apple (GA) Scholars of Illinois
 - Submit claims for 2nd term (spring semester & winter quarter) and 3rd term (spring quarter)
 - Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License (SWSP) Scholarship
 - Submit claims for fall and spring terms

o Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers (PFC)

- Summer term applications must be received on or before June 15, 2024
- Application is available on isac.org to download and print to complete
- Colleges that have not submitted their Certification of Enrollment for Payment Rosters yet are encouraged to complete and submit as soon as possible

o Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship

- Summer term applications must be received on or before June 15, 2024
- Application is available through the ISAC Student Portal



Payment Processing

- The timely submission of claims and cancellations/adjustments allows ISAC to monitor remaining funds and award other students, as applicable
- Claims submitted after a term's priority claim date will be paid only if funds remain after all timely claims have been paid
- By submitting a payment request, schools are certifying that the student meets all eligibility criteria
- If an awarded student becomes ineligible, schools will need to provide an ineligible reason from the drop-down menu
- All payment records should be completed/submitted regardless of whether the student is eligible or ineligible
- Use the Filter, Sort and Report functions in GAP Access to help identify outstanding payment records that may still need to be submitted



Payment Offset & Reconciliation Processing Reminder

- The Payment Offset and Reconciliation procedures apply to the:
 - Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program
 - Golden Apple (GA) Scholars of Illinois Program
 - Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Program
 - Monetary Award Program (MAP)
 - Nursing Education Scholarships (NES), and
 - Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program.
- Institutions are required to reconcile payments and submit all necessary corrections to student records on a timely basis
- Any funds determined to be owed to ISAC as a result, are to be held until the end of the regular school year



Payment Offset & Reconciliation Processing Reminder

- As part of this process, 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
 Link to User Guides for Result Codes: isac.org/gap-access/index.html#guide
- Cancellations of prior payments will be deducted from any future payments until the end of the academic year, when refunds must be identified and returned to_ISAC no later than 60 days after the term ends
- 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>



2023-24 Close Out

- Due to the payment offset process, only data reconciliation activities should take place at this time
- After ISAC determines that all payment processing is final, colleges with an outstanding amount owed to ISAC will receive an e-mail notice indicating the total amount to be returned
 Until then, no funds should be sent to ISAC
 - Until then, no funds should be sent to ISAC
- Specific details regarding close-out of 2023-24 ISAC gift assistance programs will be provided via a separate e-Message as we move closer to July 1
- In the meantime, continue to visit the Program News sections for individual gift assistance programs for status updates and operational details





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
 Link to User Guides: isac.org/gap-access/index.html

Home) ISAC Gift Assistance Programs

ISAC Gift Assistance Programs

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) provides financial aid for college education through the many gift assistance programs that it administers. Gift assistance is awarded in the form of scholarships, grants, tuition waivers and loan repayment programs. As an approved participant in any of the gift assistance programs administered by ISAC, postsecondary institutions may receive funds on behalf of eligible students.

Important Reminders

May 2024 – Calendar June 2024 – Calendar

The monthly calendars offer at-a-glance reminders of important operational dates concerning the gift assistance programs. It does not replace the need to stay current with individual "Program News" pages for each program, but serves as a supplement.

How to Use this Section

For more detailed information about each of the Gift Assistance programs, select a specific program from the right-margin menu. Each program section contains a "Program News" page with up-to-date operation information. You can also find additional information such as the annual appropriation, application procedures, eligibility requirements and payment procedures.

Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

Early Childhood Access Consortium For Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program

Golden Apple Scholars Of Illinois Program

Grant Programs For Dependents Of Police-Fire-Correctional Officers

Grant Program For Exonerees

Higher Education License Plate (HELP) Program

Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program

Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program

Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program

Minority Teachers Of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program

Monetary Award Program (MAP)

Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

Optometric Education Scholarship Program (OESP)

Post-Master Of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program

State Scholar Program

GAP Access User Guides

User Guides for all GAP Access functionality are below. General questions, user name and password maintenance, and technical information about GAP Access are answered in the Activating and Authentication User Guides.

- Activating GAP Access Administrator Accounts
- Activating GAP Access User Accounts 1
- AIM HIGH Data Collection
- Budget Reporting Process User Guide
- Deceased, Disabled, and MIA-POW Veterans' Dependents Scholarship
- 🔹 ECACE Scholarship Program User Guide 🔼
- Enrollment Status Verification for the Teacher Programs User Guide
- Financial Aid Application Completion Initiative Access and Agreement User Guide 🔽
- GAP Access Two-Factor Authentication User Guide
- GAP Access User Verification 12
- Golden Apple Scholarship User Guide D
- ING Grant User Guide 🔁
- IVG Program User Guide D
- MAP Advising Data Collection User Guide
- MAP Eligibility User Guide
- MAP Payment User Guide
- MTI User Guide
- Nursing Education Scholarships (NES) User Guide 12
- Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship
 Program User Guide
- Registration of GAP Access Account Guide (for community mental health centers) (Updated guide coming soon)
- SETTW Certification Process User Guide
- SSP File Upload Guide 🔁
- SSP GAP Access User Guide 12



Returning Program Funds to ISAC

- As previously noted, funds should be returned to ISAC only after a final reconciliation has been completed at the end of the regular school year.
- 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.
- When it is necessary for schools to return scholarship and grant program funds to ISAC, a Gift Assistance Programs Refund Check Form should be completed and submitted along with the payment.



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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 <u>multiple</u> 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 \$										
REASON FOR REFUND										
[] Returning Amount Due at End of Year: Per ISAC's letter indicating total amount owed.										
 Current and/or Prior Year Refund: Provide the students' names and Social Security numbers (last 4-digits); Indicate actual credit hours enrolled; List dollar amount refunded for each term; and State the institution's reason for the refund. 										
	nance & Accounting Division will forward a copy of the the appropriate internal department.									
[] Other Refund: Provide Explanat	Other Refund: Provide Explanation									



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 will suspend announcing all NEW program reviews through June 2024

Program Review Extensions – CURRENT Reviews

- ISAC will work with the 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 Award Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2025



Timeline -- Preparing for 2024-25 MAP

• April 2024

- o 2024-25 MAP eligibility was made available in the MAP system in GAP Access
- Collection of 2024-25 budget data from MAP-approved colleges began on April 1

• May 2024

- Legislative session continues, with the hope that there will be a finalized state budget by end of the month
- ILASFAA MAP Formula Committee Meeting plans to meet to discuss recommendations for the Recompute Formula

• June 2024

- Schools' 2024-25 budget data due by June 1
- Finalized state budget, including ISAC appropriations for FY25
- MAP Recompute Formula recommendations to be presented to ISAC Commissioners for approval at the June 20th Commission Meeting
- Approved maximum annual award amount for the 2024-25 award year announced
 - Cannot exceed maximum in statute
- Recompute Formula implemented
 - Late June/early July (dependent on budget being final, if formula changes are needed, etc.)



2024-25 MAP Processing Cycle

- The 2024-25 MAP processing cycle began April 5
- Student eligibility information is available in the MAP system
 - This includes students who have submitted a 2024-25 FAFSA or a 2024-25 Alternative Application
- Visit our website for more information:
 - isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/map/



2024-25 MAP Start-Up Formula

• ISAC Commissioners approved the 2024-25 MAP Start-Up formula in Sept. 2023

Monetary Award Program (MAP)

Program Overview Applying

Award Announcements

2023-24 MAP Formula

2024-25 MAP Formula

Hand Calculation Forms

Calculating MAP Awards

MAP Electronic Processing

Special Enrollment Circumstances

MAP Paid Credit Hours

Budget Reporting

Reconciliation

Payment

Suspense

Eligibility

Formula

- It is the same as the 2023-24 Recompute Formula, using
 - 2021-22 reported tuition and fees
 - 2021-22 Pell Grant Payment Schedule
 - a \$5,200 living allowance, and
 - an \$8,400 maximum award
- Replaces the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) with the Student Aid Index (SAI)

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2024-25 MAP 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 rounded to the nearest whole dollar upward from .500 and downward from .499. Students who have been paid for 135 or more MAP Paid Credit Hours are not eligible for MAP.

2024-25 Start-up Formula

On September 21, 2023, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission approved the 2024-25 (FY25) MAP start-up formula. Following the FY24 recompute formula, the start-up formula for 2024-25 MAP grants – which is outlined in Table One of Agenda Item 5 from the September 21, 2023 Commission meeting – uses:

- · 2021-22 reported tuition and fees;
- · the 2021-22 Pell Grant Payment Schedule;
- a \$5,200 living allowance; and,
- an \$8,400 maximum award.

In addition, as necessitated by FAFSA Simplification, the 2024-25 MAP start-up formula replaces



September 21, 2023 1:00 p.m.
Deerfield Office 3 rd Floor – Room 3030 1755 Lake Cook Road Deerfield, Illinois
Springfield Office 3 rd Floor Conference 500 W. Monroe Springfield, Illinois
 Announcements (Action) A. Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates and Locations – Commission (Action: Commission) Action Taken: Approved
B. Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates and Locations – Investment Committee (Action: Investment Committee) Action Taken: Approved
 Approval of the Commission and Investment Committee Meeting Minutes (Action) A. Approval of Minutes of the June 22, 2023 Investment Portion of the Joint Meeting of the Commission and Investment Committee (Action: Investment Committee) Action Taken: Approved
B. Approval of Minutes of the June 22, 2023 Joint Meeting of the Commission and Investment Committee (Action: Commission) Action Taken: Approved
 Approval for the Destruction of Open Meeting Verbatim Records (Action) Approval of Investment Committee Open Meeting Verbatim Records for Destruction (Action: Investment Committee) Action Taken: Approved
B. Approval of the Commission Open Meeting Verbatim Records for Destruction (Action: Commission) Action Taken: Approved
4. Executive Director's Report (Information)
5. Monetary Award Program (MAP) Start-Up Formula (Action) Action Taken: Approved

2024-25 Alternative Application

- Changes have been made to the application to be consistent with the 2024-25 FAFSA to collect all data elements required to calculate an SAI
- Students may login to their application and make corrections, as needed
- FAAs may use the functionality in the MAP system for Alternative Application student records to make corrections or a professional judgment determination
- A 2024-25 Operational Guide for Alternative Application Processing is available to assist FAAs with processing question

MAP	Student	Detail:	Eligibilit	y	
Home	Student	Budget	Reports	File Extraction	IS
List	Eligibility				
			Profess	sional Judgment	Application Correction

isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/pdf/2425-FAA-AltApp-OpsGuide-Jan24.pdf



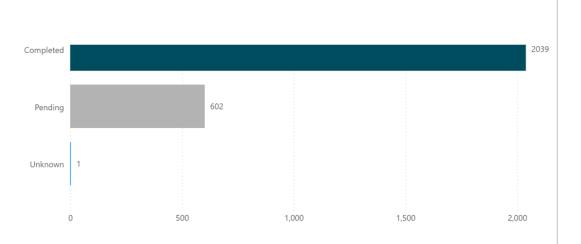
2024-25 Alternative Application

Alternative Applications for 2024-2025

As of 05/27/2024

Total Number of Applications Started





English
Total Number of Applications Completed
Spanish
I73
50
1,00
1,500



2024-25 MAP Award Notification Language

- Other than award year reference, there are no changes to the required MAP award notification language for 2024-25
- An updated version of the language has been posted in the MAP section of the FAA area at isac.org
- isac.org/isac-giftassistance-programs/ map/media/2425MAPRqrd AwdNotifLang.pdf

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

- An updated version of the document has been posted in the MAP section of the FAA area at isac.org
- The document outlines a student's use of the MAP grant, and that the student understands and agrees to maintain all eligibility requirements
- Schools may want to provide students with a copy of this document or the link <u>isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-</u> programs/map/media/2425-<u>MAP-RR.pdf</u>



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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 college'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 advisor 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.

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE SHEET AND KEEP IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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, references to the FAFSA also apply to the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

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

MAP 160-Byte File Layout Specifications

- The final file layout for 2024-25 MAP processing has been posted to the Electronic Tools section of the E-Library
- For 2024-25, these data elements are no longer included on the file:
 - Student Social Security number (SSN)
 - Student Last Name (previously an optional field)
 - Original SSN
 - Name ID
- These Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data elements were removed to protect student identity when transmitting files between ISAC and colleges
- The student's Person Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) that is assigned to the student by the Department of Education (ED) by the FAFSA Processing System (FPS) replaced the SSN on the file
 - The Person UUID field is 36 characters in length, and the total number of characters removed was 36, so the length of the file did not change
 - The Person UUID stays the same for the student across FAFSA cycles
 - ISAC will generate a Person UUID for Alternative Application applicants
 - It will always begin with "ISAC" to be easily identified as an ISAC-assigned number



2024-25 MAP File Layouts

	Specifications											
F	F) The following 160 byte record layout will be used for transmitting data between schools and ISAC.											
					Туре	School to ISAC	ISAC to School					
	Position		Field #	Data Element	(Length)	Payment or Cancellation Request	Elig File	Payment Results				
	Start	End				MAP Only	MAP	MAP				
	160 Byte Format											
Ш	1	3	1	Applicable MAP School Code	9(03)	X	×	X				
Π	4	4	2	Record Type	X(01)	4	7	5/6				
	5	5	3	Term Enrolled	9(01)	=1, 2, or 3		=1, 2, or 3				
Π	6	7	4	College Year	9(02)	25	25	25				
	8	8	5	Payment Request Code (valid values = P or C)	X(01)	×		X				
	9	14	6	Title IV School Code	X(06)	X	X	X				
Ш	15	50	7	Person UUID	X(36)	X	X	X				
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2024-25 MAP 160 Byte File Layout

160-byte file layout specifications

ISACPLL3YyRh5E8EohuN58wgGndxcXdQPGKM ISACPwHoPtRKMQxELuxwUCON0grXZKdeJjT6 ISACPXPGkpacsIF8iOROjPDzjjvzYN6N2wTN

Sample ISAC UUIDs

Field #	Start Position	End Position	Length	Field Name	Populated when Applicable	Data Format (same values and formatting as ISIR unless otherwise noted)
1	1	1	1	Year Indicator	Yes	
2	2	37	36	FAFSA UUID	Yes	Will always start with ISAC
3	38	73	36	Transaction UUID	Yes	Will always start with ISAC
4	74	109	36	Person UUID	Yes	Will always start with ISAC
5	110	111	2	Transaction Number	Yes	The second second second second
6	112	112	1	Dependency Model	Yes	

Alternative Application Student Record School File Layout Specifications

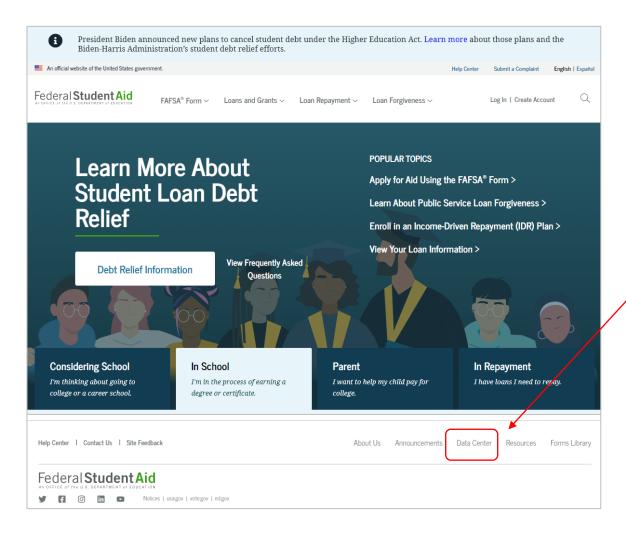


Survey Outcome for 2024-25 Financial Aid Awarding

- Thank you to those who completed the ISAC survey on financial aid awarding
 - Sent to all MAP-approved schools earlier this month
- Data was gathered to get an update on where schools are in the awarding process
- 57 schools participated in the survey -- a response rate of close to 50%
- Schools that indicated they have sent out financial aid offers to new students $_{\circ}~$ Yes 62% / ~ No 38%
- 49% of schools indicated they have already begun processing returning students
- Some of the current challenges schools commented on were:
 - the submission of FAFSA corrections and the inability for schools to make FAFSA corrections from the school side
 - several ISIRs being received with blank SAIs and no comment codes explaining why,
 - short staffed or inadequate resources,
 - technical issues loading/importing ISIRs, software configurations

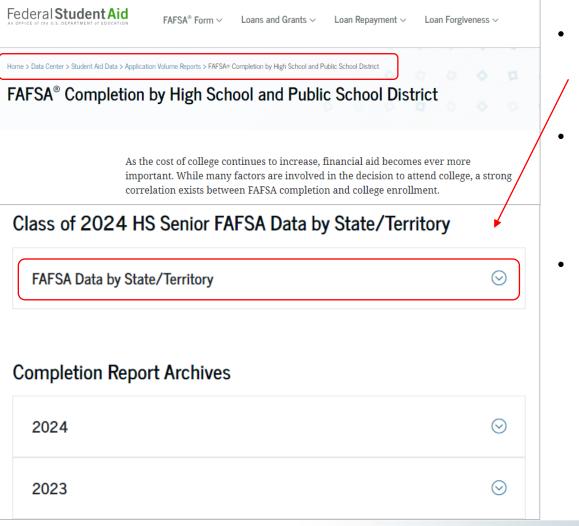


FAFSA Completions by IL High Schools



- How to locate the data report for the 2024-25 FAFSA Completions by IL High Schools on FSA's website
- Go to <u>studentaid.gov/</u>
- Scroll to the bottom of the
 Home page and click on
 Data Center
- Then click on:
 - Student Aid Data
 - Application Volume Reports
 - FAFSA Completion by High School and Public School District

FAFSA Completions by IL High Schools



- Once you're on this webpage, scroll down to FAFSA Data by
 / State/Territory and select Illinois
- After selecting Illinois, an excel spreadsheet report will be created for you to download and view
- The FAFSA Submissions by High School Applications processed report also provides data information for:
 - IL School Level Data
 - IL District Level Data
 - MAP IL 2023-24 Cycle 15 Mos
 - MAP IL 2024-25 Current Data



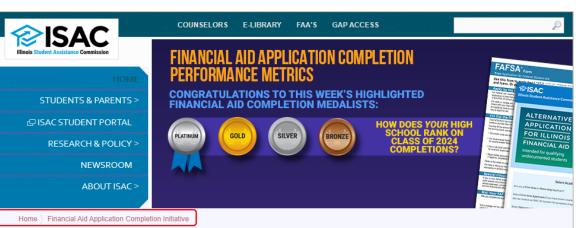
FAFSA Completions by IL High Schools

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Submissions by High School Applications processed through May 17 of the first 15 months of each cycle

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Financial Aid Application Completion Initiative

- ISAC provides resources regarding the Financial Aid Application Completion
- FAFSA completion workshops, FAFSA Communication Toolkit & more
- More information is provided on ISAC's website: <u>isac.org/home/fafsa/in</u> <u>dex.html</u>





ISAC can help support financial aid application completion at your school—contact us to support a workshop at your school and check out our FAFSA[®] Communication Toolkit!

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION COMPLETION PERFORMANCE METRICS

Completing a financial aid application is often considered the first step in making education after high school possible for Illinois students. An Illinois student who completes a financial aid application may be eligible to receive as much as \$15,795 if they qualify for the Federal Pell Grant and the Illinois Monetary Award Program—funding that can make the difference for thousands of low-income students statewide.

Financial Aid Application Completion Requirement

State law requires all Illinois public high school seniors to complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) or the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative Application) as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma. Additionally, high schools are expected to provide students and their families with any support or guidance necessary to comply with the requirement. For students who choose not to file an application, a Financial Aid Application Nonparticipation Form may be signed by a parent or guardian. The 2023-24 Nonparticipation Form (used to opt-out of the 2024-25 FAFSA) can be submitted online on ISAC's Student Portal. See the Financial Aid Application Nonparticipation Form Instructions for details on how to complete the electronic form. If the student is an emancipated minor, they will need to complete the paper Nonparticipation Form which can be requested by emailing fafsa@isbe.net. For questions regarding the waiver/opt-out form, you can email ISBE at fafsa@isbe.net.





2024-25 Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

- 2024-25 NES application is no longer being accepted
 - 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

- ECACE program has been federally-funded for the last three academic years, however, federal dollars will be unavailable after the 2023-24 academic year
- Proposed Illinois legislation <u>House Bill (HB) 5024</u> -- would amend the Higher Education Student Assistance Act to include a state-funded program
 - Here is part of the bill's synopsis:
 - … Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall implement and administer an early childhood educator scholarship program, to be known as the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program. Provides that under the Program, the Commission shall annually award scholarships to early childhood education students enrolled in the institutions of higher education participating in the Consortium. Provides for rulemaking and consultation. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to provide for emergency rulemaking for the Program. Effective immediately.
- If a state program is created and the Illinois General Assembly approves state funding for the 2024-25 academic year, ISAC will provide more information as it becomes available



2024-25 Teacher Program Updates

• Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program

- The 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
 - The 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

- The deadline application date was April 1, 2024
- Applications for the program are processed by the Golden Apple Foundation goldenapple.org/scholars



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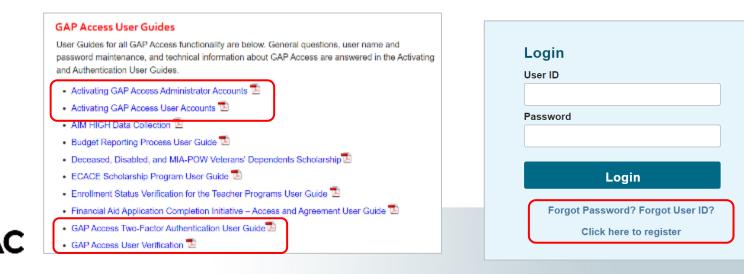
- The process to collect 2024-25 budget data for MAP, IVG & ING opened on April 1, 2024
 - Colleges will continue to report main tuition and fee rates, and can report differential rates as needed
- The due date to submit budget data is June 1, 2024
 - o If school budgets won't be final by then, estimated data may be submitted
 - Schools should notify School Services by e-mail if estimated data is being provided and will need to be updated during the summer months
 - $_{\circ}~$ All budget data must be submitted before MAP payment processing can begin
 - ISAC provided a webinar on the Budget Reporting process; you may download the presentation at the Partner Training page
 - isac.org/e-library/partner-training/index.html

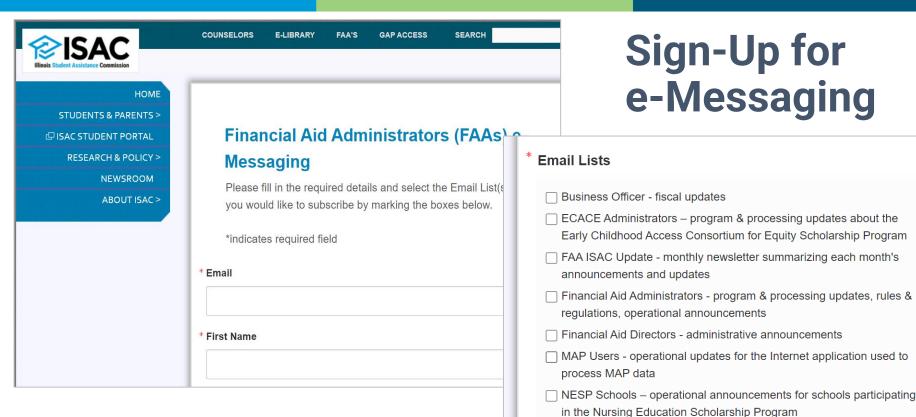
Please remember to submit 2024-25 budget data on or before this upcoming Saturday, June 1, 2024



Enhancements to the GAP Access Registration Process

- Primary Administrators are now able to more easily provide access to new Administrators
- GAP Access User Guides have been updated
- Reminder -- Password resets can be done by the school
 please see the prompt under the GAP Access Login Box
- See the April 17 e-Message more information: <u>isac.org/e-library/partner-e-</u> <u>messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0417-2.html</u>





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Federal Updates



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2024-25 FAFSA Information from ED

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FAFSA Simplification Q&As

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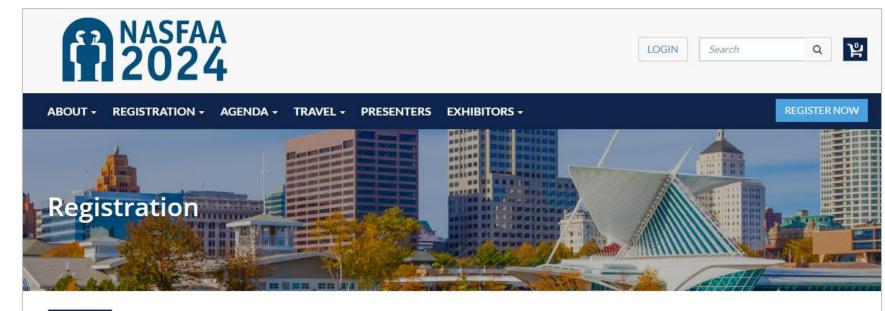
NASFAA Upcoming Webinars

Sessions are scheduled for 1-2:30 p.m.

- In Case You Missed It: New Regulations Effective July 1, 2024 -- May 29
- Top AskRegs Questions: FAFSA Simplification -- June 5
- nasfaa.org/Webinars_Live_and_On_Demand

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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.
 - ✤ June 26
 - ✤ July 31
 - ✤ Aug 28

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.
 - ✤ June 11 ISAC Terms, Definitions and Processes

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



Important ISAC Dates

- Commission Meeting Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 1 p.m.
 - In-person meeting may attend at ISAC's Deerfield Office or Springfield Office
- Executive Briefing Monday, June 24, 2024, at 11 a.m.
 - Visit the Partner Training page of the e-Library, where instructions for joining the call will be provided
 - isac.org/e-library/partner-training/index.html
- ISAC staff will be unavailable for these upcoming holidays:
 - Wednesday, June 19 Juneteenth
 - Thursday, July 4 Independence Day
- Information regarding the all of these events/dates were provided in an e-Message on May 21
 - isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-emessages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0521.html



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- Provides training, program information and support to schools and other ISAC partners
- Partners with ILASFAA and other professional organizations
- Responds to school inquiries, both colleges and high schools

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