

ISAC Operational Update and Program News

October 30, 2024



Agenda

- 2024-25 Operational Update
- 2025-26 Operational Update
- Dates and Events to Remember
- ISAC Contact Information
- Questions

2024-25 Award Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2025

2024-25 Monetary Award Program (MAP)

- Fall term claim deadline date is **Friday, December 6, 2024**
 - See the August 28 e-Message for more details
 - isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0828.html
- ISAC suspended the announcement of 2024-25 MAP grants for all students whose initial 2024-25 FAFSA or Alternative Application was received on or after **August 21, 2024**
 - MAP records in suspense status are identified with a MAP Suspend Code of "S" in the MAP system and in the MAP Eligibility File Extraction
 - See the August 15 e-Message for more information
 - isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-FAA-2024-0815.html

2024-25 MAP Payment Processing

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

2024-25 MAP Payment Processing: Dependent Residency Override

Term 1

MAP Code: 064

Request: [dropdown]

Enrollment Hours: [input]

Short-Term Certificate Program:

Request Amount Override: \$4,200.00

Current Eligible Amount: \$4,200.00

Original Eligible Amount: \$4,200.00

User Defined: [input]

Dependent Residency Override:

NSLDS Override: [input]

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

2024-25 MAP 160 Byte File Layout Specifications

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

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

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

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

Selection Criteria for all eligible records


Term: 1

User Defined: [input]

Include Ineligible

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

2024-25 MAP Payment Processing

- When requesting MAP payment for a student in an eligible certificate program, report the number of credit-based hours in which the student is enrolled for the term.
 - If the student is enrolled in additional coursework, the number of enrollment hours reported should be the combination of the certificate program hours and other coursework the student may be enrolled in.
- When submitting a MAP payment request for a student in a certificate program, the Short-Term Certificate Program indicator should be checked in the MAP system.
 - The certificate box should be checked even if the hours are mixed (a combination of traditional and certificate program courses).
 - Help text is provided to clarify when the indicator should be checked. 
- For payment requests submitted via File Transfer Protocol, a “Y” indicator should be provided in Field #24 in the FTP file, per the file specifications.

Check this box if some or all of the term MAP award will be used for a credit-based Occupational or Career and Technical Certificate program at a public institution, and it is a program that is not currently eligible for federal Title IV financial aid.

2024-25 MAP Payment Processing: Certificate Programs

- If requesting payment in the MAP system in GAP Access, the indicator can be provided on the:
 - Student Payment Detail screen – for individual reporting
 - Input Enrollment screen – for batch reporting, will apply to all students entered on the screen
 - Payment Generation screen – for batch processing; will apply to all students selected (and saved) on the Student Payment List

Term	Term 1	Term 2
MAP Code	064	064
Request	Payment	
Enrollment Hours		
Short-Term Certificate Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Request Amount Override		\$3,000.00
Current Eligible Amount		\$3,000.00
Original Eligible Amount		\$3,000.00
User Defined		
NSI DS Override		<input type="checkbox"/>
Transaction #		03
Activity Date		
Status		
Results		
Expanded Reject Reason		
Invoice #		
Transaction #		
MAP Code	064	064
Results		

Save Changes

Home Student Payment Budget Reports File Extractions

List Filter Sort Columns Input Student Enrollment Hours Payment Generation Submit Payment Request

Term	MAP Code	Request	Short-Term Certificate Program	User Defined
1	064	Payment	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Check this box if some or all of the term MAP award will be used for a credit-based Occupational or Career and Technical Certificate program at a public institution, and it is a program that is not currently eligible for federal Title IV financial aid.

Reset Save

Home Student Payment Budget Reports File Extractions

List Filter Sort Columns Input Student Enrollment Hours Payment Generation Submit Payment Request

Term: 1

MAP Code: 064

Request: Payment

Enrollment Hours:

Short-Term Certificate Program:

User Defined:

MAP Payment Processing Reminders

- If a payment request has been submitted for a term and the MAP code needs to be corrected or updated:
 - First, cancel the original request (just as you would do a cancellation for other reasons, such as a withdrawal)
 - Once the cancellation has processed, submit a new request using the alternate budget code
- This can be done in GAP Access in the MAP system for individual adjustments to a student's record or it may be done using FTP
 - In either case, this would be a two-step process of cancelling the request and letting it process, and then submitting a new request after the cancellation has processed.
- **Keep in mind claim deadline dates when making this kind of adjustment to ensure plenty of time to cancel and then submit a new claim**

2024-25 MAP Resources

- 2024-25 MAP 160-Byte File Layout Specifications:
 - isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/map/media/2425-MAP-160byte-File-Layout.pdf
- Eligibility chapter of MAP User Guide:
 - isac.org/faas/processes/documents/MAP-EligibilityUserGuide-Aug2024.pdf
- Payment chapter of MAP User Guide:
 - isac.org/faas/processes/documents/MAP-PaymentUserGuide-Aug2024.pdf

Monetary Award Program (MAP)

Program News

(last updated September 23, 2024)

- [2025-26 Start-up Formula](#)
- [2024-25 Program Funding](#)
- [Suspension of 2024-25 Award Announcements](#)
- [2024-25 Payment *\(first-term claims due December 6, 2024\)*](#)
- [2024-25 Recompute Formula](#)
- [2024-25 Start-up Implementation](#)
- [2024-25 Alternative Application Student Record School File Layout Specifications](#)
- [2024-25 Operational Guide for Alternative Application Processing](#)
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- [2023-24 Reconciliation – Due to ISAC Notifications](#)
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Application Procedures for MAP

{ISAC Rules, Section 2735.30}

[Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA®\)](#)

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA®\)](#) serves as the application for the MAP grant. Each student who reports Illinois as their state of legal residence automatically applies for MAP when completing the FAFSA annually. The FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible after it becomes available* for the academic year for which assistance is being requested. Returning MAP recipients (i.e., students who received MAP funds during the prior academic year and continue to meet all [eligibility requirements](#)) who submit their FAFSAs by that academic year's priority deadline date (set by ISAC annually) will receive priority access to appropriated MAP funds.

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2024-25 ECACE Scholarship Program

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

2024-25 ECACE Student Payment: View Screen

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

ECACE 2024-2025: Student Payment List: View

Select School and School Code:

Home Application Student Certification **Payment** Reports

List Filter Sort Columns Payment Request Entry Submit Payment Requests

Entries displayed 100

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

2024-25 ECACE Student Detail: Payments Screen

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

The screenshot shows the 'ECACE 2024-2025: Student Detail: Payments' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Application, Student, Certification, Payment, and Reports. Below these, there are sub-tabs: List, Eligibility, and Payment (which is highlighted in green). A 'Current SSN' field with a 'Go' button is visible, along with an 'Annual Award Amount' of 7500.00.

The main content area is a table with columns for 'Terms', '1-Fall', and '2-Spring'. The rows include: School Code, Request, Enrollment Status, Academic Level, Program/Degree Pathway, Ineligible Reason, and Requested Amount. The 'Request' and 'Requested Amount' rows have input fields. The 'Enrollment Status', 'Academic Level', 'Program/Degree Pathway', and 'Ineligible Reason' rows have dropdown menus.

Two callout boxes provide details for the dropdown menus:

- Select:**
 - **Payment** – to request a payment
 - **Cancel** – to cancel a previously requested award
 - **Ineligible** – to be completed for students who are ineligible
 - **Delete** – to remove payment request before submitting
- Enrollment Status** (Full time, Half time, at least 3 credit hrs)
- Academic Level** (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)
- Program/Degree Pathway**
- Ineligible Reason**
- Requested Amount** (enter dollar amount)

Two additional callout boxes show the content of the dropdown menus:

- Program/Degree Pathway** dropdown:
 - Associate of Applied Science
 - Associate Transfer Degree
 - Bachelor's Degree
 - Certificate
- Ineligible Reason** dropdown:
 - Not enrolled this term
 - Not a US citizen/eligible non-citizen
 - Not a HS grad/no GED
 - Defaulted student loan
 - Not pursuing an early childhood education major
 - Not making satisfactory academic progress
 - Enrolled less than 3 credit hours
 - Student is not accepting ECACE Scholarship
 - No remaining unmet cost

2024-25 ECACE Ineligible Reasons

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

2024-25 ECACE Submit Payment Requests Screen

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

ECACE 2024-2025: Submit Payment Requests

Home Student Certification **Payment** Reports

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

Selection Criteria for all eligible records

Term 1-Fall

Submit Reset

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

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

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

- Online application remains available.
 - Priority consideration date was March 31, 2024 to be considered Timely
- Each institution that participates in the MTI Scholarship Program must:
 - Host an annual information session about the program for teacher candidates of color
 - In an effort to facilitate on-time completion of each student's educator preparation program, require that all program recipients enrolled at the institution meet with an academic advisor at least once per academic level.

2024-25 Golden Apple (GA) Scholars

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

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

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

Ways to View Students Awarded GA, SETTW & MTI

Administration School Programs

MTI Student List Eligibility: View

Select School and School Code


Home Student Certification Payment Reports File Extrac

List Filter Sort Columns

Entries displayed: 100

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

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries

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

Administration School Programs

MTI Student Detail: Eligibility

Home Student Certification Payment Reports File Extrac Enrollment Status Verification

List Eligibility Application Update Student Update School Update Payment

Person Details

Current SSN

Address

Date of Birth

Terms	1-Fall	2-Spring
School Code		
Enrolled	Y	Y
DFG	38204	38204
Wage or Distribution	N	N
Academic Level	Technician	Technician
Transfer	N	N
Indigible Reason		
Award Amount	0.00	0.00
Term Payment Amount	0.00	0.00
Term Units	0	0
Residual Mont	0	0

Award Date: 01/19/2023

Annual Award Amount: 0.00

Award Defers Date: 02/01/2023

Eligibility

Application Received Date: 03/07/2022

Application Complete Date: 03/07/2022

Default: No

Male: No

Applicant Category	Timely Narr	Ethnicity	Asian American
Application Withdrawn Date	---	Residence	Y
Certification Date	07/18/2022	Citizenship	U.S. Citizen
Last Update	02/14/2023	Alias ID	---
Total Units	0	Awarded GA	Y
Bilingual Application	---	Awarded SETTW	---
Bilingual educator preparation program	---		

MTI Student Eligibility List: Sort

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

List Filter **Sort** Columns

Unselected

Applicant Category

Application Complete

Award Amount

Award Date

Awarded GA

Awarded SETTW

Certified Date

DOB

Default

Male

Selected

Last Name

First Name

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

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

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

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

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

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

Administration School Programs

MTI Student List Eligibility: View

Select School and School Code

Student Certification Payment Reports File Extraction Enrollment Status Verification

Filter Sort Columns

Entries displayed: 100

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

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries

Dual-Awarding Students with MTI & Golden Apple

MTI Student Detail: Payments

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

List Eligibility **Payment**

Current SSN **Go**

Annual Award Amount 7500.00

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

GA Student Detail: Payment

Home Student Certification File Upload **Payment** Reports

List Eligibility **Payment**

Annual Award Amount 0.00

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

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

2024-25 Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

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

NES Certification Details Screen

Certification Details

Student Name

Eligible:

Program of Study:

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

SAI from most recent valid ISIR transaction:

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

Ineligible Reason:

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

Ineligible Reason:

---Select Program of Study---

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

---Select Ineligible Reason---

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

2024-25 Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

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

2024-25 Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

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

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

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

2024-25 IVG & ING Grant programs

- ISAC's FY25 state appropriation includes funding of \$6 million to reimburse public universities for tuition and fees that are waived on behalf of students receiving Illinois Veteran Grants and Illinois National Guard Grants
 - ISAC is currently working on the details for how the funds will be disbursed to schools and will provide more information once it becomes available
- The state's FY25 budget also included a little more than \$4.2 million for the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) to reimburse Illinois community colleges for the costs associated with the IVG and ING Grant programs

2024-25 Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant

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

2024-25 Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)

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

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

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

2024-25 iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

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

2024-25 iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

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

2024-25 iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

Resources

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

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

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

- The 2024-25 online application is available in the ISAC Student Portal
- The priority application consideration date was **September 30, 2024**
- Complete applications submitted after that date will be considered only if available funding remains after all timely complete applicants have been awarded
- Payment requests for the fall term can be completed online and submitted electronically via the SWSP system.
- The priority payment request deadline for the fall term is Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

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

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

2024-25 Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship

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

2024-25 Grant Program for Exonerees

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

2025-26 Award Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2026

2025-26 MAP Start-Up Formula

- The 2025-26 MAP Start-Up Formula was approved at the September 19, 2024, Commission Meeting
 - FY26 Start-up formula remains the same as FY25 Recompute formula:
 - 2021-22 reported tuition and fees
 - the 2021-22 Pell Grant Payment Schedule
 - a \$5,200 living allowance
 - an \$8,400 maximum award
 - Commission Meeting Agenda Book: isac.org/about-isac/commissioners/2024-agenda-books/agenda-book-09-19-24.html
- The Alternative Application for the 2025-26 academic year will coincide with the launch of the 2025-26 FAFSA
 - 2025-26 FAFSA is expected to be available by December 1, 2024
 - fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/electronic-announcements/2024-08-07/2025-26-fafsa-processing-timeline-update

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.
 - ❖ November 27 at 10 a.m., due to the holiday
 - ❖ December 18, due to the holiday

Tuesday Training - Policies & Procedures

- These webinars focus on policies and procedures for ISAC programs and processes
 - Second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.
 - ❖ November 12 – A Review of the Illinois National Guard Grant and Illinois Veteran Grant

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

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

Enrollment Status Verification Process

- Each year, colleges are required to verify the enrollment statuses for recipients in programs with teaching requirements and practice agreements
 - This is done for enrollment in the previous academic year
- The Enrollment Status Verification process to confirm 2023-24 enrollment for recipients of the Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program and the Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver Program will begin the week of November 4
 - Colleges will be asked to complete the verification by December 31
- This process is completed in the GAP Access system
- Watch for an e-message with more details, and a user guide that explains the process is also available at:
 - isac.org/gap-access/media/ESV-UserGuide-Oct2021.pdf

ISAC's Student Engagement & Support Services

For inquiries from students, parents, and the general public

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

Fax: 847-831-8549

E-mail: isac.studentservices@illinois.gov

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

ISAC's Partner Services Department

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

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