



A Review of:

**Illinois Graduate and Retain Our
Workforce (iGROW) Tech
Scholarship**

**Grant Programs for Dependents of
Police, Fire and Correctional
Officers (PFC)**

**Displaced Energy Worker
Dependent Transition (DEWDT)
Scholarship**

October 8, 2024



Agenda

- Illinois Graduate and Retain Our Workforce (iGROW) Tech Scholarship Program
- Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire and Correctional Officers (PFC)
- Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition (DEWDT) Scholarship Program

iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

- This program was designed to recruit and retain individuals to work in technology jobs that have a high demand for new employees
- Provides scholarship assistance to undergraduate students enrolled in qualified programs of study that will prepare them to pursue careers in Information Technology (IT) and related careers
- Scholarship funds that may be used for tuition and fees and room and board costs at qualified institutions
 - ISAC will annually determine a maximum award amount based on appropriated funds
- Priority will be given to students who demonstrate academic excellence, students who demonstrate financial need, and minority students
- Recipients agree to work in Illinois in a qualifying job for a period of no less than one year
 - Must begin employment within one year following completion of their program
 - If the commitment is not fulfilled, the scholarship converts to a loan

iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

Definitions

- Qualifying degree -- an associate or a bachelor's degree granted by a qualified institution in the field of 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.
- Qualified institution -- an educational organization located in Illinois that meets the requirements outlined in the Higher Education Student Assistance and in the General Provisions part of ISAC's Administrative Rules under the definition of Institution of Higher Learning
- Qualifying job -- a job with an employer in the State of Illinois performing work that is directly related to the field of study that qualified the candidate for assistance.
- Minority student -- has the same meaning as the term is defined under in the Higher Education Student Assistance Act and in the General Provisions part of ISAC's Administrative Rules

iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

- To be eligible, an applicant must:
 - Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen or meet the "undocumented student" criteria of the RISE Act
 - Be an Illinois resident
 - Have graduated from high school or have received a State of Illinois High School Diploma and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
 - Pursue or intend to pursue a qualifying degree;
 - computer information sciences
 - information technology
 - information science
 - computer science
 - computer systems networking and telecommunications
 - computer and information systems security or information assurance, including cybersecurity; or management information systems
 - Be enrolled at an ISAC-approved institution of higher learning, on at least a halftime basis, in a course of study necessary to obtain a qualifying degree;
 - Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the institution

iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

- Application process
 - To be considered for the scholarship, an applicant must submit a complete Application/Work Agreement/Promissory Note and FAFSA or Alternative Application for the same year
 - Requires that a valid Student Aid Index (SAI) be calculated
 - When a submitted application is incomplete, ISAC will notify the applicant, who will have an opportunity to furnish any missing information
 - The application will only be considered for processing as of the date the application is complete and received at ISAC's Deerfield office.
- Certification process
 - Colleges will be asked to complete a certification process in GAP Access to confirm that applicants at their institution are enrolled in a qualified program and are meeting the eligibility criteria that must be confirmed by the school
- Award determination
 - The program is designed to give priority to renewal applicants who continue to meet the eligibility requirements, then those applicants who demonstrate academic excellence, demonstrate financial need, and are minority applicants
 - Once renewal applicants have been awarded, the awarding methodology will consider academic excellence, financial need and minority status as evenly-weighted separate values that will be summed to determine an overall priority score

iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

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

2024-25 iGROW Tech Scholarship Program

- \$2 million was appropriated for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025
- The online application is currently available in the ISAC Student Portal
- The priority application consideration date is **November 30, 2024**
- A certification process will take place prior to awarding, and will be made available to institutions later this month.
- Scholarships will pay up to \$7,500 for tuition and fees, and room and board costs
- All applicants will be considered new applicants for this year, as this is the first year that program benefits will be provided to qualified, eligible students

iGROW Resources at isac.org

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

The screenshot displays two pages from the isac.org website. The top page is titled "Illinois Graduate and Retain our Workforce (iGROW) Tech Scholarship Program". It features a navigation menu at the top with options: "Before College - Planning", "During College - Paying" (highlighted in red), "After College", "Parents", and "Español". Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Students & Parents > During College - Paying > Types Of Financial Aid > Scholarships". The main content area includes a heading for the scholarship program and a list of links: "Program Description", "Eligibility", "Participating Schools", "How to Apply", "Changes to Application Data", "How Funds Are Disbursed", and "Processing Updates". A red box highlights this list of links. To the right is a blue sidebar menu with options: "Paying For College", "Applying For Financial Aid", "Types Of Financial Aid", "Illinois And Federal Financial Aid Programs", "Work-Study Programs", and "Grants".

The bottom page is titled "ISAC Administrative Rules". It has a breadcrumb trail: "Home > E-Library > Administrative Rules". The main content area contains the text: "This section contains the current version of ISAC's Administrative Rules for the 2023-24 academic year, as well as archived versions from previous years. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission promulgates rules in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100].". To the right is a blue sidebar menu with options: "2024-25 Proposed Rules Amendments", "2023-24 ISAC Rules", "2022-23 ISAC Rules", "2021-22 ISAC Rules", and "2020-21 ISAC Rules". A red box highlights the "2024-25 Proposed Rules Amendments" option.

Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire, & Correctional Officers (PFC)

- Grant programs for the spouse and children of Illinois police, fire and correctional officers killed or at least 90% disabled in the line of duty
- For students enrolled at least half-time in undergraduate or graduate studies
- Provides payment toward tuition and mandatory fees for 8 semesters/ 12 quarters/4 years
- Must be factored into award package prior to MAP

- [Grant Program for Dependents of Correctional Officers \[Part 2731\]](#)
- [Grant Program for Dependents of Police or Fire Officers \[Part 2732\]](#)

Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire, & Correctional Officers (PFC)

- To be eligible, a student:
 - Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
 - Must be enrolled on at least a half-time basis at an institution that is approved for participation in MAP
 - Must be making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or certificate;
 - Need not be a resident of Illinois at the time of enrollment; and
 - Does not have to demonstrate financial need to receive the grant.
- An applicant is ineligible if he or she is:
 - Either a spouse who remarries after an Illinois police, fire or correctional officer is killed in the line of duty, or is a spouse who divorces a permanently disabled Illinois police, fire or correctional officer; or
 - A stepchild who is not in the legal custody or legally adopted by the Illinois police, fire, or correctional officer.

PFC Application Process

- A PFC application must be submitted each year
- Deadline dates are:
 - October 1 for consideration for all terms
 - March 1 for consideration for second semester/second and third quarter
 - June 15 for consideration for summer term
- Payment request rosters are sent to schools each term after the application deadline has passed
- Announcements of eligibility are made to students as applications are received and processed



1755 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL 60015-5209
800.899.ISAC (4722)
E-mail: ISAC.student.services@illinois.gov

GRANT PROGRAMS FOR DEPENDENTS OF POLICE, FIRE OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS APPLICATION 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR – FALL 2024 THROUGH SUMMER 2025

You may contact an ISAC Student Engagement Representative via telephone at 800.899.4722 or e-mail us at ISAC.student.services@illinois.gov regarding information on this application and/or visit our website at isac.org. Mail pages 1 and 2 of this application to the address above.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: that your Social Security number is needed for identification, verification and processing purposes in furtherance of your request for financial aid.

Apply Early/Check Applicant Status

Complete applications received by ISAC after the deadline dates listed below will be processed only for subsequent terms, with June 15, 2025 as the final date of acceptance for the summer term of the 2024-25 academic year. Allow at least four weeks for the processing of this application. Visit our website at isac.org for processing updates.

It is the applicant's responsibility to allow sufficient mailing time in order for complete applications to be received at ISAC on or before the applicable deadline date, based on the 2024-25 term for which funds are expected to be received. It is also the applicant's responsibility to retain documentation that the application was mailed. ISAC is not responsible for misdirected or illegible applications.

Deadline dates for applying: **October 1, 2024** – Full Year Consideration; **March 1, 2025** – Only 2nd Semester (2nd/3rd Quarter) and Summer Consideration; **June 15, 2025** – Only Summer Term Consideration

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN INK OR TYPE. The applicant is to answer each of the items below, sign the certification statement, date the application and send it to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to the address above. Incomplete applications may result in the delay of payment or disqualification. Applicants must read page 3 of this form regarding eligibility, benefits, and application procedures.

SECTION I: APPLICANT'S INFORMATION (Applicant must reapply each academic year)

STUDENT'S RELATIONSHIP TO POLICE, FIRE OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER (check only one):

Spouse Natural born child Legally adopted child (as of MM/DD/YYYY) Child in legal custody (as of MM/DD/YYYY)

Social Security Number	Last Name	First Name	MI
____ - ____ - ____	_____	_____	_____
Prior Last Name, if applicable	Date of Birth		
_____	____/____/____		
Permanent Address	Area Code and Phone Number		
_____	____ - ____ - ____		
City	State	ZIP Code	
_____	_____	____ - ____	
E-Mail Address	_____		

New (First Time Applicant) Renewal (Prior Qualified Applicant)

Citizen Eligible noncitizen
 Not a citizen or eligible noncitizen

College applicant will attend (College name): _____ ISAC College Code (optional) _____

A listing of Illinois 2 or 4 year colleges approved to participate in the Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers, including each college's 3-digit ISAC College Code, is available online at isac.org.

Check the terms that the applicant plans to attend:

1st Semester/Quarter 2024 2nd Semester/Quarter 2025 3rd Quarter 2025 Summer 2025

SECTION II: OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Once eligibility has been established for one member of the family, it is established for all qualified applicants in the family. Only the first family member to apply who is subsequently determined to be a qualified applicant for this grant must supply the officer's certified death certificate or the certified statement of a licensed physician. The physician's statement, on their letterhead, must certify that the officer has a mental or physical condition that is reasonably certain to continue throughout the lifetime of the officer, resulting in a 90% to 100% incapacity from performing substantial and material duties previously discharged. Separate documentation must be submitted to prove that the death or permanent disability occurred in the line of duty (usually from the officer's pension board or employer).

Has the applicant or qualified family member been determined eligible for this grant?

Yes. Name of Qualified Family Member: _____ Prior name of Qualified Family Member (if applicable): _____

No.

Name of Officer: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Permanent Address at time of death or disability: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Officer is: Deceased Disabled Date Deceased/Disabled (month, day, year): _____

Police Fire Correctional Employer at time of death or disability: _____ Position held by Officer: _____

GRANT PROGRAMS FOR DEPENDENTS OF POLICE, FIRE OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS APPLICATION 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR – FALL 2024 THROUGH SUMMER 2025

SECTION II: (continued)

Please provide information regarding natural children, legally adopted children, or children in the legal custody of the officer.

Name	Date of Birth	If in High School or older, plan to attend an Illinois college? Indicate Yes or No or Not Sure	Anticipated Graduation Date from College (month/day/year)

Section III: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify, under the penalties of perjury as provided by law, that all information on this application and the required documentation submitted with the application is true and correct and that I meet the eligibility requirements itemized on page 3 of this application. I certify that I am not in default on an educational loan nor do I owe a refund on a federal or state grant. I have read all pages of this application before signing it. Further, I give my consent to the college I attend to release information to ISAC concerning my eligibility for the Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers. I certify that this is a true and original application form provided by ISAC.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

GRANT PROGRAMS FOR DEPENDENTS OF POLICE, FIRE OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS APPLICATION ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:**
- A qualified applicant shall be:
 - either:
 - the natural born or legally adopted child or a child in the legal custody of an Illinois police, fire or correctional officer who was killed or disabled in the line of duty (children of disabled police, fire and correctional officers need not have been born, legally adopted or in the legal custody of the officer before the disability occurred in order to receive these grants); or
 - the husband or wife of the Illinois police, fire or correctional officer at the time the officer was killed in the line of duty or at the time a permanently disabling injury occurred in the line of duty; and
 - a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen; and
 - enrolled on at least a half-time basis at an institution that is approved for participation in the Monetary Award Program (MAP) (see isac.org).
 - An applicant need not be a resident of Illinois at the time of enrollment.
 - An applicant does not have to demonstrate financial need to receive this grant.
 - A spouse who remarries after an Illinois police, fire or correctional officer is killed in the line of duty, or who divorces a permanently disabled Illinois police, fire or correctional officer, is not eligible. Common law partners are not eligible.
 - A step-child who is not in the legal custody or legally adopted by the Illinois police, fire or correctional officer is not eligible.
- BENEFITS:**
- Grant payment is subject to sufficient annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the governor.
 - In the event funds are insufficient to make awards to all timely qualified applicants, award amounts may be prorated.
 - Recipients attending approved public colleges in Illinois shall receive full payment of tuition and mandatory fees on their behalf. The grant will cover the difference in cost for courses taken at an out-of-district college that are not offered at a recipient's in-district college. Recipients attending approved private colleges in Illinois shall receive payment of tuition and mandatory fees in an amount not to exceed the maximum grant payable to a student enrolled in the most expensive comparable program of study at a public college in Illinois.
 - The grant may be used at any public or private college approved for participation in the Monetary Award Program (MAP). Benefits are limited to the full-time enrollment equivalent of eight semesters or twelve quarters of payment. See isac.org for a listing of approved colleges.
 - The applicant may receive benefits for undergraduate or graduate enrollment.
- APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**
- Complete applications received by ISAC after the deadline dates (see page 1) will be processed only for subsequent terms, with June 15, 2025 as the final date of acceptance for the summer term of the 2024-25 academic year.
 - The applicant must apply for the educational benefits and must supply all required documentation. In order to receive benefits, **one application must be on file for each academic year**, which begins with the fall term and concludes the following summer term. No payments will be made on behalf of an eligible student unless a current and complete application is on file.
 - Section I: Applicant's Information portion must be filed annually for each applicant.
 - Section II: Officer's Biographical Information needs to be completed only on the initial application. Once eligibility has been established for one member of a family, it is established for all qualified applicants in the family. The applicant's initial application must be accompanied by the officer's certified death certificate or, for disabled officers, the certified statement of a licensed physician. The physician's statement, on their letterhead, must certify that the officer has a mental or physical condition that is reasonably certain to continue throughout the lifetime of the officer, resulting in a 90% to 100% incapacity from performing substantial and material duties previously discharged. Please note: If the doctor does not state the percentage of disability, the application is incomplete. Separate documentation must be submitted to prove that the death or permanent disability of the officer occurred in the line of duty (usually from the officer's pension board or employer).
 - Section III: Certification Statement must be completed annually.
 - If required by the college, the applicant should present a copy of the eligibility letter to the college's financial aid office at the time of enrollment. If the applicant is already enrolled when the eligibility letter is received, the letter should be presented to the college financial aid office immediately. Payments are made directly to the college at which the student is enrolled. The college also has deadlines for requesting payment on a student's behalf. Failure to present the eligibility letter and/or to notify ISAC of a college choice change, as required, may result in the loss of benefits.
 - Allow at least four weeks for the processing of this application. Visit the ISAC website at isac.org for processing updates or call ISAC at 800.899.ISAC (4722).
- Note: Proof that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements (such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, court documents, etc.) may be required before or after the applicant's initial eligibility is determined.**
- Mail pages 1 and 2 of the completed application to the address on page 1.



PFC Student Notification

- ISAC sends all eligible grant recipients a notification letter, which may be provided to the school at the time of enrollment
 - If the student's college choice or address changes during the academic year, the student must notify ISAC in writing
- Ineligible applicants will also be sent written notification

PFC Benefits

- Benefits can be used for undergraduate or graduate study
- Pays tuition and mandatory fees
 - At a public institution, a student may receive a grant that does not exceed its cost of tuition and mandatory fees
 - At a private institution, a student may receive a grant that does not exceed the maximum amount payable to a student enrolled in the most expensive comparable program of study at a public institution

PFC Awarding

- The PFC grant must be factored into the financial aid package prior to receiving MAP gift assistance
 - The institution, however, may request a MAP grant to cover tuition and mandatory fee expenses not paid by PFC
- If a PFC recipient receives other assistance targeted specifically for tuition and fees, the combined assistance shall not exceed the total tuition and fee expenses incurred by the student
 - If it does, the institution shall reduce one of the awards accordingly
 - Any excess gift assistance is considered an over award, and the institution is required to notify ISAC to reduce the grant and/or other gift assistance to prevent an over award

PFC Payment Processing

- Certification of Enrollment for Payment Rosters are sent to schools each term after the application deadline has passed
- Colleges must return the roster even if a student isn't eligible
 - Must provide the reason for ineligibility
- Funds are disbursed in multiple installments, depending upon the number of terms financed by the grant
 - If the applicant's eligibility is not determined until the final term of the academic year multiple disbursements will not be required
 - If a student is attending only one term and the maximum award does not exceed the student's cost of attendance, the grant proceeds will be awarded in one single disbursement



Certification of Enrollment for Payment
 Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers
 Academic Year

Return to:
 School Services
 1755 Lake Cook Road
 Deerfield IL 60015-0209
 800.247.2172
 ISAC.SchoolServices@illinois.gov

 School Name

 School Code

Term:			Due Date			
Applicant's Name	*Academic Level	Maximum Term Award Amount	Requested Amount	Total Hours Enrolled	*Enrollment Status	Eligibility Units Used Through
			\$	HOUR		

I certify that each student for whom payment is requested meets the following:

- Enrolled on at least a half-time basis;
- Making satisfactory academic progress for the term in which payment is being claimed;
- Amount does not exceed the tuition and mandatory fees charged for this term; and
- Not in default on any student loan, nor owe a refund on any state or federal grant.

If not eligible, list reason: _____

 Signature & Title of Certifying Official

 Date

 Telephone Number

 E-mail Address

* Key - Academic Level:
 1 = Freshman
 2 = Sophomore
 3 = Junior
 4 = Senior
 5 = Graduation

*Enrollment Status:
 1 = Full-Time
 2 = At least Half-Time
 3 = Less than Half-Time
 4 = Not Enrolled

Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers...



ISAC.SchoolServices

To



SCHOOL NAME

Dear Colleague:

Attached is the *Payment Voucher* for your institution's Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers (PFC) payment request(s). The actual disbursement of funds for this payment will be processed by the [State of Illinois Comptroller's office](#). Visit the Comptroller's Web page to check on the status of your institution's payment.

If you have any questions concerning this e-mail or any of the attachments, do not hesitate to contact ISAC at isac.schoolservices@illinois.gov or call a School Services Representative at 866.247.2172.

School Services Department
Illinois Student Assistance Commission

INVOICE - VOUCHER

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ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
IL STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISS
1755 LAKE COOK ROAD
DEERFIELD, IL 60015

PAYMENT OF INTEREST MAY BE AVAILABLE IF THE STATE FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE ILLINOIS PROMPT PAYMENTS ACT, 30 ILCS 540

1. Vendor Identification Number

2a. TR Type

4. Voucher No. 5142

5. Voucher Date

6. Appropriation Account Code

7. Invoice Number P&F 0001

8. Invoice Date

DISPOSITION OF COPIES

- 1. Comptroller
- 2. Agency
- 3. Agency
- 4. Remittance Copy
- 5. Agency
- 6. Agency
- 7. Retained By Vendor

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14. One Complete Description of Article/Service Rendered or Agent Limited Model Invoice	11. Quantity	12. Units	13. Unit Price	14. Amount
CONTROL # /VENDOR INVOICE #/INV DATE /DOC 00000 'P&F 0001				\$6,895.00
07012021 06302022 3700				
POLICE, FIRE & CORRECTIONS OFFICERS GRANT PMT FOR RECIPIENTS				
ACADEMIC YEAR TERM: FALL				
SY 2				

18. Exp. Obj 4475	19. Exp. Amount \$6,895.00	22. Obligation No. 00	23. FIP \$6,895.00	24. Payment Amount \$6,895.00	15. Subtotal \$6,895.00
					16. Discount/Debit \$0.00
					17. Total Amount \$6,895.00
20. Total Exp. \$6,895.00		25. Total Payment Amount \$6,895.00			

26. For Agency Use Only

REF DOC #
SUBA #
SUB SUBA #
BLANKET OBL #

Approved for Payment _____

Receiving Office _____ Date _____ Clerk _____

Head of Unit or Authorized Agent _____ Date _____

Certificate of Receiving Agency

I certify that the goods or services specified on this voucher were for the use of this agency and that the expenditure for such goods or services was authorized and lawfully incurred, that such goods or services meet all the required standards set forth in the purchase agreement or contract to which this voucher relates, and that the amount shown on this voucher is correct and approved for payment. If applicable, the reporting requirements of Section 5.1 of "An Act to create the Bureau of the Budget and to define its powers and duties and to make an appropriation, approved April 17, 1995, as amended, have been met.

Agency Head (Signature) _____ Date _____

PFC Resources at isac.org

- Students & Parents section (During College-Paying):
 - isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/grants/grnt-prgm-dep-p-f-ofcrs.html
- FAAs section:
 - isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/grant-programs-for-dependents-of-police-fire-correctional-officers/
- Administrative Rules:
 - isac.org/e-library/administrative-rules/index.html
 - isac.org/e-library/documents/administrative-rules/2023-24-isac-rules/2731-CorrectionalOfficers.pdf
 - isac.org/e-library/documents/administrative-rules/2023-24-isac-rules/2732-PFO.pdf

Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

- Provides scholarship assistance to children (including adopted and stepchildren) of eligible displaced energy workers
 - Displaced Energy Worker is defined in ISAC's General Provisions as: an energy worker who has lost employment due to the reduced operation or closure of a fossil fuel power plant or coal mine
- Designed to support students who are deterred from attending or completing an educational program at an Illinois institution due to a parent's layoff from a retiring power plant or a closing coal mine
- Pays tuition and fee costs at public colleges or community colleges for the equivalent of an academic year, including summer, for undergraduate or graduate study
- Applicant does not need to be a resident of Illinois at the time of enrollment; however, the award is limited to the cost of in-district and in-state tuition and fees
- The 2025 fiscal year appropriation is \$1,100,000.

Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

- To qualify, an applicant must:
 - Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen or meet the "undocumented student" criteria of the RISE Act
 - Be the natural child, legally adopted child or stepchild of an energy worker who has lost employment due to the reduced operation or closure of a fossil fuel power plant or coal mine
 - Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment, on a full- or part-time basis (at least 3 credit hours) at an Illinois public university or community college
 - In the absence of transition scholarship assistance, be deterred by financial considerations from completing an educational program at the Illinois public university or community college of choice
 - Be meeting satisfactory academic progress towards a degree or certificate, as determined by the college

DEWDT Application Process

- The application may be submitted online via the ISAC Student Portal
- An application must be submitted for each year that assistance is requested
 - A FAFSA or Alternative Application must also be completed
- An application must be submitted by these deadline dates to be considered
 - October 1 – full year consideration or first term only
 - March 1 – second semester/third quarter only or second semester/third quarter and summer
 - June 15 – summer term only
- First-time applicants must include biographical information about the displaced energy worker and upload proof of the worker's loss of employment due to the reduced operation or closure of a fossil fuel power plant or coal mine that occurred on or after September 15, 2016
 - Specific instructions are provided on the application
 - Once eligibility is established for one member of a family regarding the displaced worker, it is established for all qualified applicants in the family
- The online application has built-in edits to prevent errors, and a confirmation email will be sent to the applicant upon receipt by ISAC
 - If the application is incomplete or missing required documentation, the applicant will receive a letter from ISAC explaining the reason and how to resolve the issue

DEWDT Awarding & Payment Process

- Awards are made in multiple disbursements
 - For full-year awards,
 - semester schools may receive three disbursements (fall, spring, summer);
 - quarter schools may receive four disbursements (fall, winter, spring, summer).
- Multiple disbursements are not required in cases where the recipient's eligibility is not determined until the final term of the award year for which the scholarship is being awarded
- Schools may request a payment (claim) for any amount in the term(s), as long as it does not exceed the maximum awarded amount to the student and does not exceed the cost of attendance

DEWDT Payment Process

- A Certification of Enrollment for Payment Roster will be sent to your college to be completed as part of the payment request process
- Colleges will receive the Certification of Enrollment for Payment Roster each term following each term's application deadline date
- ISAC will then authorize a voucher in the amount of the payment claim and submits it to the State Comptroller's Office
- If a recipient withdraws from enrollment after the expiration of the tuition refund/withdrawal adjustment period, the recipient may receive the scholarship for costs incurred

DEWDT Resources at isac.org

- Students & Parents section (During College-Paying):
 - isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/DEWDTSP.html
- FAAs section:
 - isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/DEWDTSP/index.html
- Administrative Rules:
 - isac.org/e-library/documents/administrative-rules/2023-24-isac-rules/2746-DisplacedEnergyWorker.pdf
- Applications:
 - isac.org/students/during-college/applying-for-financial-aid/applications/

Downloadable Applications (Printable PDF)

Grant Program for Dependents of Correctional Officers

If recent trends in the volume of qualified applicants and available funding continue for the 2024-25 academic year, this program may not cover full benefits for each term.

The latest information regarding this program, including application deadline dates, can be found at the "Grant Program for Dependents of Correctional Officers" page, located under "Grants" in the Types of Financial Aid section.

- [2024-25 Application](#)

Interactive Applications (Apply Online)

- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA®\)](#)
- [Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program Application](#)
The latest information regarding this program can be found at the "Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program" page, located under "Loan Forgiveness Programs" in the After College section.
- [Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program Application](#)
The latest information regarding this program - including dates by which applications must be submitted, depending on the first term for which funds are requested - can be found at the "Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program" page, located under "Scholarships" in the Types of Financial Aid section.

ISAC's Student Engagement & Support Services

For inquiries from students, parents, and the general public

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ISAC's Partner Services Department

- Provides training, program information, policy guidance and support to schools and other ISAC partners
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ISAC Webinars for FAAs

Tuesday Training – Program 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 – ISAC’s Military Programs: Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) and Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant
 - ❖ December 10 – ISAC Loan Repayment Programs

Monthly Operational Update & Program News

- These webinars provide operational updates about ISAC programs along with any federal or state updates and announcements
 - Last Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.
 - ❖ October 30
 - ❖ November 27 (at 10 a.m., due to the holiday)
 - ❖ December 18

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

Questions/Comments

