

**AGENDA ITEM 5.**

**PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE  
RULES AND AMENDMENTS**

**Submitted for:      Action**

**Summary:**

Legislation from the spring session of the Illinois General Assembly made changes in the types of programs for which the Monetary Award Program (MAP) will pay benefits. As part of the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Budget Implementation Act, MAP grant eligibility was extended to students who enroll in a public institution of higher learning in a program that will culminate in the award of an occupational or career and technical certificate. The following administrative rules are being amended to be consistent with those statutory amendments:

- Ill. Adm. Code 2700 General Provisions
- Ill. Adm. Code 2735 Monetary Award Program (MAP)

Additionally, a new program - the Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program - was created and funded for awards beginning in the 2022-23 academic year. The program's aim is to encourage participation in the school social work field at the preschool, elementary and secondary school levels. The following administrative rules are being established for the program:

- Ill. Adm. Code 2747 - Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program

**Emergency Rules and Amendments:** Public Act 102-0699 extended MAP benefits to students enrolled in short-term certificate programs at public institutions, and was signed into law on April 19, 2022, effective on July 1 as part of the FY23 state budget. To facilitate implementation of this expansion of benefits for the current 2022-23 academic year, ISAC filed with the Secretary of State emergency rules that became effective on August 8, 2022, and will expire on January 4, 2023, 150 days from the effective date. The amendments reflect the expansion of benefits to students enrolled in certificate programs at public institutions, ensuring that all qualified applicants will be considered for eligibility in the current academic year.

Likewise, the scholarship program is effective for the 2022-23 academic year and requires emergency administrative rules to provide the framework for administering the program. The effective and expiration dates for these rules are the same as noted above.

**Proposed Rules and Amendments:** As is customary, the proposed (non-emergency) administrative rules and amendments were filed simultaneously with the emergency rules and amendments. The amended language and the newly established language for the new program in both filings is the same, but the proposed rules and amendments will not expire and will become effective only after being subject to the entire administrative rules process including, but not

limited to, Commission approval, two public comment periods and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) review.

Text of the foregoing proposed rules and amendments was first published in the *Illinois Register* on August 19, 2022 (46 Ill. Reg. 14535), initiating a 45-day public comment period that will end on October 2, 2022. As of the writing of this agenda item, no public comments have been received. The full text and Notices are included in this item.

Following acceptance of the proposed rules and amendments by the Commission, the Executive Director may direct staff to submit the rules to JCAR for its review, initiating a second 45-day review period, followed by final consideration by JCAR.

**Action requested:**

That the Commission approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission accepts the proposed program rules and amendments cited in this agenda item for submission and consideration by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR); and, barring any material modification (unless the material modification is made to ensure compliance with any prospective amendments to the Statute(s) governing these rules), or unresolved objection by JCAR, the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to proceed with adopting the program rules as written and amended.”

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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

- 1) Heading of the Part: General Provisions
- 2) Code Citation: 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2700
- 3) Section Number: 2700.20      Emergency Action: Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947]; Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq, as amended by P.L. 105-244); and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act.
- 5) Effective Date of Rule:
- 6) If these emergency rules are to expire before the end of the 150-day period, please specify the date on which it is to expire: None
- 7) Date Filed with the Index Department:
- 8) A copy of these emergency rules, including any material incorporated by reference, is on file in the agency's principal office and is available for public inspection.
- 9) Reason for Emergency: Public Act 102-0699 expanded the Monetary Award Program (MAP) to allow program awards to be made to students enrolled in programs that grant short-term certificates, beginning with the 2022-23 academic year. In order to fully administer the expanded program, and fund students' higher education during the upcoming academic year, the rules require immediate revision to the definition of approved programs and institutions.
- 10) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: Effective April 19, 2022, upon signature by the governor of the FY23 Budget Implementation Act (P.A. 102-0699), the Monetary Award Program was expanded to include students who enroll in programs that grant short-term certificates. Because the expansion of benefits is effective for the 2022-23 academic year, in order to be compliant with the law, ISAC's administrative rules governing the program must be updated to reflect this change.
- 11) Are there any proposed rulemakings to the Part pending? No

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- 12) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not create or expand a state mandate as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)] and does not necessitate a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.
- 13) Information and questions regarding this emergency rulemaking shall be directed to:

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The full text of the Emergency Amendment begins on the next page:

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- 3) Section Number: 2700.20      Proposed Action: Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947]; Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 USC 1070 et seq., as amended by P.L. 105-244); and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act.
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: This Part is being revised to incorporate new definitions necessary to allow for the payment of MAP grants to students enrolled in short-term, credit-bearing certificate programs, in adherence with P.A. 102-0669.
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will this proposed rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? Yes
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this proposed rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not create or expand a state mandate as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)] and does not necessitate a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

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- 12) Time, Place, and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking: Persons who wish to comment on this proposed rulemaking may submit written comments no later than 45 days after the publication of this notice to:

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- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:
- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: None
  - B) Reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures required for compliance: None
  - C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None
- 14) Small Business Impact Analysis: None
- 15) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: July 2022

The full text of the Proposed Amendment is identical to the text of the Emergency Amendment for this Part, and begins in this issue of the Illinois Register on page:

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TITLE 23: EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

SUBTITLE A: EDUCATION

CHAPTER XIX: ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

PART 2700

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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- 2700.10 Summary and Purpose
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- 2700.30 General Institutional Eligibility Requirements
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- 2700.90 Consumer Protection Requirements PART 2733

**AUTHORITY:** Implementing the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947]; Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 USC 1070 et seq., as amended by P.L. 105-244); and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/20(f)].

**SOURCE:** Adopted at 9 Ill. Reg. 20783, effective January 1, 1986; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 3167, effective January 29, 1987; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 14099, effective August 10, 1987; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 11510, effective July 1, 1988; amended at 13 Ill. Reg. 8626, effective July 1, 1989; transferred from Chapter IX, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1700 (State Scholarship Commission) to Chapter XIX, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2700 (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) pursuant to P.A. 86-168, effective July 1, 1989, at 13 Ill. Reg. 17854; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 10538, effective July 1, 1990; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 11206, effective July 1, 1992; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 10541, effective July 1, 1993; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 10282, effective July 1, 1994; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 8343, effective July 1, 1995; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 9170, effective July 1, 1996; amended at 21 Ill. Reg. 11066, effective July 18, 1997; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 11072, effective July 1, 1998; amended at 23 Ill. Reg. 7550, effective July 1, 1999; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 9121, effective July 1, 2000; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 8383, effective July 1, 2001; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 9980,

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effective July 1, 2002; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 10320, effective July 1, 2003; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 9884, effective July 1, 2005; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 11600, effective July 1, 2006; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 9478, effective July 1, 2007; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 10269, effective July 1, 2008; amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 9742, effective July 1, 2009; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 8543, effective July 1, 2010; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 9497, effective July 1, 2013; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 13356, effective July 1, 2014; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 8390, effective July 1, 2015; amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 1963, effective January 7, 2016; amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 7269, effective July 1, 2019; amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 15003, effective January 1, 2020; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 20164, effective January 1, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 8430, effective July 1, 2021; preemptory amendment at 45 Ill. Reg. 10794, effective August 16, 2021; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. 12048, effective July 1, 2022; emergency amendment at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 2700.20 Definitions**

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"Academic Level" – The classification of a student as a freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student.

"Academic Year" – In relation to scholarship and grant programs, a 12 month period of time, normally from August or September of any year through August or September of the ensuing year. In relation to the Federal Family Education Loan Program, academic year is defined at section 481(d)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), and at 34 CFR 668.3.

"Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid" or "Alternative Application" – The FAFSA substitute application for State student aid and benefits under the Retention of Illinois Students and Equity (RISE) Act that may be used only as an alternative to the FAFSA, when appropriate, and shall be substituted accordingly for the FAFSA when FAFSA is referenced in ISAC rules. This application is appropriate for use by an applicant *who is an Illinois resident and who is not otherwise eligible for federal financial aid, including, but not limited to, an eligible noncitizen applicant* as defined in this Section.

"Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid Receipt Date" – The date upon which ISAC receives an applicant's initial Alternative Application for an academic year. For a paper Alternative Application sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the receipt date will be the postmark date.

"Alternative Loan" – Any educational loan made or purchased by ISAC other than a loan made pursuant to Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended



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(20 U.S.C. 1071), or any other federal statute providing for federal insurance of education loans to borrowers.

"Applicant" – Any individual who requests ISAC consideration for a scholarship, grant, tuition waiver, or guaranteed or alternative loan.

"Approved High School" – *Any public high school located in this State; and any high school, located in this State or elsewhere (whether designated as a high school, secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise) which in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and maintains standards of instruction substantially the equivalent of those public high schools located in this State.* (Section 10 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/10])

"Armed Forces" – The United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

"Blanket Certificate of Loan Guaranty" – A process that permits an eligible lender to make loans without receiving prior approval from ISAC for individual loans to eligible borrowers enrolled in eligible programs at eligible institutions, as authorized by section 428(n) of the HEA.

"Chargeback" – Payment of tuition by the community college district of a student's residence to the community college district of a student's attendance. (See 110 ILCS 805/6-2.)

"Citizen" – One who, under the Constitution and laws of the United States, is a native-born or naturalized citizen of the United States of America.

"College Savings Bond" – A State of Illinois general obligation, zero coupon bond, issued pursuant to the Baccalaureate Savings Act [110 ILCS 920] as a long-term education savings instrument.

"Co-maker" – One of the 2 individuals who are joint borrowers either on a Federal PLUS Loan (parent borrowers) that was certified prior to January 1, 1995 or on any Federal Consolidation loan (married borrowers) and who are equally liable for repayment of the loan. (See 34 CFR 682.200.)

"Commission" – The 10 member Illinois Student Assistance Commission created by Section 15 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947].

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"Compound Accreted Value" – An amount equal to the original amount plus an investment return accrued to the date of determination at a semiannual compounding rate that is necessary to produce the yield at maturity indicated on the Official Statement that was issued when the college savings bonds were sold. The "Compound Accreted Value at Maturity" will be equal to \$5000 or an integral multiple thereof.

"Concurrent Registration" – The simultaneous enrollment at 2 or more higher education institutions.

"Consolidation" – A federal program under which a borrower may receive a single new loan that refinances one or more outstanding qualified education loans under new terms and conditions, as authorized by section 428C of the HEA.

"Consortium Agreement" – The written agreement between two or more ISAC-eligible institutions whereby the host institution provides part of the education program of students enrolled at the home institution, as codified in Section 2700.80.

"Consumer – *Any person who purchases or contracts for the purchase of educational planning services.* [815 ILCS 616/15]

"Contractual Agreement" – The written agreement between an eligible institution and a school or organization that is not eligible for participation in ISAC-administered programs whereby the non-eligible institution serving as the host institution provides part of the education program of students enrolled at the ISAC-eligible home institution, as codified in Section 2700.80.

"Correctional Officer" – An employee of the Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC) who is assigned to a security position with the Department, and who has responsibility for inmates of any correctional institution under the jurisdiction of the Department.

"Correspondence Course" – A home study course provided by an institution under which the institution provides instructional materials, including examinations on the materials, to students who are not physically attending classes at the institution, as defined at 34 CFR 600.2.

"Co-signer" – A person who is secondarily liable for the repayment of an Alternative Loan.

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"Cost of Attendance" – For the purposes of ISAC's rules, this term is defined at section 472 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1087*l*).

"Cumulative Grade Point Average" – The average grade earned throughout a student's applicable secondary or postsecondary educational program. The calculation shall be consistent with the institution's established policy or practice and shall be the same as that completed for admission, placement or other similar purposes.

"Default Status" – The failure of a borrower or endorser (if any) to make an installment payment when due or to meet other terms of the promissory note as defined at 34 CFR 682.200.

"Delinquency" – For the purposes of ISAC's rules, this term is defined at 34 CFR 682.411(b).

"Dependent Student" – A scholarship, loan, tuition waiver or grant applicant or recipient who is not classified as an independent student.

"Disbursement" – In relation to scholarship and grant programs, a disbursement occurs on the payment voucher date. In relation to the Federal Family Education Loan Program, disbursement is the process of transferring loan proceeds as defined at 34 CFR 682.200.

"Displaced Energy Worker" – *An energy worker who has lost employment due to the reduced operation or closure of a fossil fuel power plant or coal mine.* [20 ILCS 735-10/30]

"Distance Education" – A learning and teaching mode characterized by the separation of place or time between instructor and student, which includes programs and courses offered by correspondence and telecommunications.

"ED" – The acronym for the United States Department of Education.

"Educational Institution" – Unless otherwise qualified, any secondary or postsecondary educational organization that enrolls students who participate in ISAC programs.

"Educational Lender" – An institution that meets the lender eligibility criteria outlined in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2720.25 for FFELP Loans and 2721.40 for alternative

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loans.

*“Educational Planning Service Provider” – Any person or entity engaging in or holding itself out as engaging in the business of providing educational planning services in exchange for any fee or compensation or any person who solicits or acts on behalf of any person or entity engaging in or holding itself out as engaging in the business of providing educational planning services in exchange for any fee or compensation. “Educational Planning Service Provider” does not include any of the following:*

*A not-for-profit or public institution of higher learning, as defined in the Higher Education Student Assistance Act, and the individuals employed by that institution where educational planning services are provided as part of the financial aid or career counseling services offered by the institution,*

*Public entities and their officers while acting in their official capacities, or*

*Persons acting on behalf of a consumer under court order or as a legal representative. [815 ILCS 616/15]*

*“Educational Planning Services” – College and career preparatory planning services, including, but not limited to, advice regarding and assistance with college and career searches; college application preparation or submission; financial aid application planning, preparation, or submission; and scholarship searches and applications. [815 ILCS 616/15]*

"EFT" – The acronym for electronic funds transfer.

"Eligible Noncitizen" – A noncitizen who is eligible for federal student assistance pursuant to section 484 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091); or a noncitizen or person who is not a permanent resident of the United States, who does not meet the eligibility criteria for federal student assistance pursuant to section 484 of the HEA but who meets all of the following criteria:

the individual resided with a parent or guardian while attending a public or private high school in this State;

the individual graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State;

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the individual attended school in this State for at least 3 years as of the date the individual graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State;

the individual provides an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so; and

the individual has not established a residence outside of this State.

"Endorser" – A person fitting the definitions found at 34 CFR 682.200 or 34 CFR 685.102(b) who is secondarily liable for the repayment of a federal student loan.

"Enrolled" – The status of a student who has completed the institution's registration requirements and is attending classes.

"Executive Director" – The chief executive officer of ISAC.

"Expected Family Contribution" – The amount the student and the student's family may be reasonably expected to contribute toward the student's postsecondary education. Expected Family Contribution as defined at section 474 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1087nn) is used to determine a student's eligibility for need based programs administered by ISAC.

"FAFSA" – The acronym for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

"FAFSA Receipt Date" – The date reported by ED's processor as the date upon which it receives an applicant's initial FAFSA for an academic year. For paper FAFSA's sent through the U.S. Postal Service, this is the date of physical receipt at the processor, not the postmark date.

"Federal Regulations" – Refers to regulations promulgated by ED and codified at 34 CFR 600.

"FFELP" – The acronym for the Federal Family Education Loan Program, as authorized by section 421 of the HEA, including subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Federal PLUS Loans, Federal SLS Loans and Federal Consolidation Loans.

"Fire Officer" – For the purposes of ISAC's rules, this term means a firefighter who

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is employed by, or in the voluntary service of, this State or any public entity in this State.

"Foreign Missionary" – An individual who is assigned duty outside of the United States by an organization that engages in educational, philanthropic, humanitarian or altruistic works. The missionary organization must be exempt from the payment of federal taxes and must have been engaged in placing foreign missionaries for at least 5 years. Examples of such missionary organizations include, but are not limited to, the following: Peace Corps, Evangelical Alliance Mission, etc.

"Full-time Student" – In relation to scholarship and grant programs, an individual enrolled for 12 or more credit hours, for either a semester or quarter term. In relation to the Federal Family Educational Loan Program, full-time student is defined at 34 CFR 668.2(b).

"Gift Assistance" – Student assistance funds in the form of a scholarship, grant or tuition waiver, including, but not limited to, federal, State, institutional and private aid.

"Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois" – A private, not-for-profit program under the auspices of the Golden Apple Foundation that recruits, prepares and provides financial assistance to high school graduates to pursue postsecondary education for careers as teachers for particular Illinois schools.

"Good Moral Character" – An applicant is of good moral character if the applicant will benefit from postsecondary instruction and is allowed to enroll at an approved postsecondary institution.

"Graduating Class" – The students who will complete the high school's program of instruction and graduate within an academic year.

"Guaranteed Loan" – Loan assistance through the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) that includes the subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan, the Federal PLUS Loan, the Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS), and the Federal Consolidation Loan programs.

"Half-time Student" – In relation to scholarship and grant programs, an individual enrolled for 6 or more credit hours (but fewer than 12 credit hours) for either a semester or quarter term. In relation to the Federal Family Education Loan Program, half-time student is defined at 34 CFR 668.2(b).

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"HEA" – The acronym for the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1070).

"High School Equivalency Certificate" – A certificate received after successfully completing a high school equivalency examination as defined in Section 3-15.12 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5].

"Holder" – An organization authorized by ED and ISAC to purchase or retain possession of guaranteed loans. These organizations operate as commercial and educational lenders or secondary markets and may purchase ISAC-guaranteed loans from approved lenders.

"Home Institution" – The institution of higher learning where the student is enrolled in a degree or certificate program and is the institution of record in a consortium or contractual agreement.

"Host Institution" – The institution where part of a student's program requirements is being taken through either a consortium or contractual agreement with a home institution.

"IBHE" – The acronym for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the administrative agency created by the Board of Higher Education Act [110 ILCS 947/205].

"IDAPP" – The acronym for ISAC's Illinois Designated Account Purchase Program as authorized by the Education Loan Purchase Program Law [110 ILCS 947/125 through 170].

"Independent Student" – For the purposes of ISAC's rules, this term is defined at 34 CFR 668.2(b).

"Institution" – Unless otherwise qualified, any secondary or postsecondary educational organization that enrolls students who participate in ISAC programs.

"Institution of Higher Learning" – An educational organization whose main campus is physically located in Illinois that provides:

~~provides at least a 2-year program of collegiate study in liberal arts or sciences, or associate degree or both, directly applicable toward the attainment of a baccalaureate degree;~~

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an associate degree directly applicable toward the attainment of a baccalaureate degree;

a program that is directly applicable toward the attainment of a certificate or other credential; or

~~or~~, a program in health education directly applicable toward the attainment of a certificate, diploma, or an associate degree; and

is operated:

by the State; or

publicly or privately, not for profit; or

for profit, provided it:

offers degree programs that have been approved by the IBHE for a minimum of 3 years under the Academic Degree Act [110 ILCS 1010];

enrolls a majority of its students in these degree programs; and

maintains accredited status with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

For otherwise eligible educational organizations that provide academic programs for incarcerated students, the term "institution of higher learning" shall specifically exclude academic programs for incarcerated students (Section 10 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act). For eligible institutions with campuses in multiple states, the term "institution of higher learning" shall include only those campuses located in Illinois.

"Institution of Record" – The postsecondary institution at which a student is enrolled and seeking a degree or certificate. This institution assumes primary responsibility for certification of eligibility for ISAC-administered programs and for requesting payment from ISAC.



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"ISAC" – The acronym for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the administrative agency created by Section 15 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947] to administer student assistance programs.

"ISBE" – The acronym for the Illinois State Board of Education, the administrative agency created by the School Code [105 ILCS 5].

"Lender" – An organization authorized by ISAC to make educational loans to students.

"Mandatory Fees" – The charges assessed by an institution that are required to deliver educational services to students for each term, regardless if a student is attending either on campus or through distance education. Application, graduation, laboratory, breakage, and add/drop fees, as well as program administrative fees for out-of-state or foreign study are specifically excluded. For the purposes of ISAC's rules, tuition is not a mandatory fee.

"MAP" – The acronym for the Monetary Award Program administered by ISAC, as authorized by Section 35 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act and codified at 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2735.

"Master Check" – A single check representing the loan proceeds for more than one borrower.

"Minority Student" – *A student who is either Black (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups in Africa); Hispanic (a person of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race); Asian American (a person with origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, including Pakistan, and the Pacific Islands, including, among others, Hawaii, Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia); or Native American (a person who is a member of a federally or state recognized Indian tribe, or whose parents or grandparents have such membership) and to include the native people of Alaska (Section 50(a) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act).*

"Occupational or Career and Technical Certificate – A credit award for satisfactory completion of a prescribed curriculum intended to prepare an individual for employment in a specific field.

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"Parent" – For the purposes of ISAC's rules, this term is defined at 34 CFR 668.2(b).

"Pell Grant" – A federal gift assistance program administered by ED in accordance with section 401 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1070a).

"PLUS" – The federal program that provides loans to graduate students or parents of certain undergraduate students, as authorized by section 428B of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1078-2) and Sections 80 through 175 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947].

"Police Officer" – For the purposes of ISAC's rules, this term means a law enforcement officer who is employed by, or in the voluntary service of, this State or any public entity in this State.

"Qualified Applicant" – An individual who meets the eligibility requirements of the gift assistance program for which the applicant is applying.

"Qualified Bilingual Minority Applicant" – *A qualified student who demonstrates proficiency in a language other than English by*

*receiving a State Seal of Biliteracy from the State Board of Education or*

*receiving a passing score on an educator licensure target language proficiency test (Section 50(a) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act).*

"Regular School Year" – An 8 to 9 month period of time that includes 2 semester terms or 3 quarter terms. The regular school year excludes summer terms. Terms that begin after April 15 and end before September 16 are considered summer terms.

"Remedial Courses" – The course work that prepares a student for study at the postsecondary level and is necessary for the student to pursue the eligible postsecondary program.

"Resident of Illinois" –

A dependent student is a resident of Illinois if the parent of the dependent-applicant, who is required by the instructions to complete the FAFSA or the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, physically resides within the State of Illinois, and Illinois is the parent's true, fixed and permanent

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An independent student is a resident of Illinois if the applicant physically resides within the State of Illinois (at the time of application), and has so resided for a period of 12 continuous, full months immediately prior to the start of the academic year for which assistance is requested and Illinois is their true, fixed and permanent home.

When an applicant does not qualify as a resident of Illinois under the preceding 2 paragraphs and the applicant is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a foreign missionary, or is the dependent or the spouse of an individual who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a foreign missionary, then the applicant's residency shall be determined in accordance with the following:

An applicant who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces will be a resident of Illinois if the applicant physically resided in Illinois immediately prior to entering the U.S. Armed Forces, returned (or plans to return) to Illinois within 6 months after and including the date of separation and can demonstrate (pursuant to Section 2700.50(f) and (g)) that the applicant's domicile was the State of Illinois throughout such enlistment.

An applicant who is a foreign missionary will be a resident of Illinois if the applicant physically resided in Illinois for 6 continuous months immediately prior to entering missionary service, returned (or plans to return) to Illinois within 6 months after the conclusion of missionary service, and can demonstrate (pursuant to Section 2700.50(f) and (g)) that the applicant's domicile was the State of Illinois throughout the missionary service.

The dependent-applicant shall be a resident of Illinois notwithstanding the parents' temporary physical absence from Illinois provided the parents would be a resident of Illinois under the preceding 2 paragraphs.

The spouse-applicant shall be a resident of Illinois immediately upon physically occupying a dwelling within the State of Illinois provided it can be demonstrated that the applicant's absence from the State was the result of residing with the spouse during enlistment or missionary service outside of Illinois and that the spouse-

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applicant's domicile continues to be the State of Illinois.

"Rules" – The rules of ISAC codified at 23 Ill. Adm. Code: Subtitle A, Chapter XIX.

"Satisfactory Academic Progress" – An institutional policy that establishes minimum standards of academic performance. For purposes of ISAC-administered programs, the standards must be at least as stringent as those required by ED pursuant to section 484 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091).

"Service Academy" – *The U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the U.S. Military Academy or the U.S. Naval Academy* (Section 30(a) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act).

"SLS" – The acronym for the federal Supplemental Loans for Students Program, as authorized by section 428A of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1078-1). No SLS loans have been made for periods of enrollment beginning on or after July 1, 1994.

"Special Education" – A postsecondary educational program designed to teach persons how to meet the needs of all children designated as physically disabled, with specific learning disabilities, or requiring extraordinary special education services and facilities. (See 105 ILCS 5/14-1.02 and 7.20a.) These programs prepare persons for meeting the needs of children who exhibit disabilities or exceptional characteristics ranging from very mild to very severe. (See 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226, Special Education.) Such a program prepares a student to teach children with disabilities or children with learning disabilities. (See 105 ILCS 5/14-1.02 and 1.03a.)

"Stafford" – The federal subsidized and unsubsidized loan programs as authorized by sections 427, 428 and 428H of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1078).

"Student Beneficiary" – An individual designated as the recipient of a College Savings Bond Bonus Incentive Grant.

"Teacher Education Program" – An undergraduate postsecondary course of study that, upon completion, qualifies a student to be certified as a pre-school, elementary or secondary teacher by a state board of education or its equivalent (including the Illinois State Board of Education). For a student who has completed less than 4 semesters/6 quarters of postsecondary study, this includes a postsecondary course of study that leads to a teacher education program.

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"Teacher Shortage Discipline" – An academic discipline in which a shortage of teachers exists in Illinois, as designated by the Illinois State Board of Education.

"Telecommunications Course" – A course offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission, including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable microwave, satellite, audio conferencing, computer conferencing, and video cassettes or disks, as defined at 34 CFR 600.2.

"Term" – A unit of time for student attendance, including, but not limited to, a quarter or semester.

"Tuition" – The charge for instruction assessed by an institution.

"Verification" – Procedures implemented by postsecondary institutions to verify the eligibility of applicants. The procedures are established by subpart E of 34 CFR 668 and by ISAC's rules.

(Source: Emergency amendment at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for a maximum of 150 days)

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- 1) Heading of the Part: Monetary Award Program (MAP)
- 2) Code Citation: 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2735
- 3) Section Number: 2735.20      Emergency Action: Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing Section 35 and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/35 and 20(f)].
- 5) Effective Date of Rule:
- 6) If these emergency rules are to expire before the end of the 150-day period, please specify the date on which it is to expire: None
- 7) Date Filed with the Index Department:
- 8) A copy of these emergency rules, including any material incorporated by reference, is on file in the agency's principal office and is available for public inspection.
- 9) Reason for Emergency: Public Act 102-0699 expanded the Monetary Award Program (MAP) to allow program awards to be made to students enrolled in programs that grant short-term certificates, beginning with the 2022-23 academic year. In order to fully administer the expanded program, and fund students' higher education during the upcoming academic year, the rules require immediate revision.
- 10) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: Effective April 19, 2022, upon signature by the governor of the FY23 Budget Implementation Act (P.A. 102-0699), the Monetary Award Program was expanded to include students who enroll in programs that grant short-term certificates. Because the expansion of benefits is effective for the 2022-23 academic year, in order to be compliant with the law, ISAC's administrative rules governing the program must be updated to reflect this change.
- 11) Are there any proposed rulemakings to the Part pending? No
- 12) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not create or expand a state mandate as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)] and does not necessitate a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

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- 13) Information and questions regarding this emergency rulemaking shall be directed to:

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The full text of the Emergency Amendment begins on the next page:

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 1) Heading of the Part: Monetary Award Program (MAP)
- 2) Code Citation: 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2735
- 3) Section Number: 2735.20      Proposed Action: Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing Section 35 and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/35 and 20 (f)].
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: This Part is being revised in response to P.A. 102-0699, which expands MAP eligibility to students enrolled in short-term credit-bearing certificate programs.
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will this proposed rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? Yes
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this proposed rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not create or expand a state mandate as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)] and does not necessitate a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.



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- 12) Time, Place, and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking: Persons who wish to comment on this proposed rulemaking may submit written comments no later than 45 days after the publication of this notice to:

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- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:
- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: None
  - B) Reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures required for compliance: None
  - C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None
- 14) Small Business Impact Analysis: None
- 15) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: July 2022

The full text of the Proposed Amendment is identical to the text of the Emergency Amendment for this Part, and begins in this issue of the Illinois Register on page:

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2735.APPENDIX A Advance Payment Formula

**AUTHORITY:** Implementing Section 35 and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/35 and 20(f)].

**SOURCE:** Adopted at 9 Ill. Reg. 20857, effective January 1, 1986; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 3225, effective January 29, 1987; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 14134, effective August 10, 1987; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 11546, effective July 1, 1988; transferred from Chapter IX, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1735 (State Scholarship Commission) to Chapter XIX, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2735 (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) pursuant to P.A. 86-168, effective July 1, 1989, at 13 Ill. Reg. 17864; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 7242, effective May 1, 1990, amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 11296, effective July 1, 1992; emergency amendment at 16 Ill. Reg. 19237, effective November 23, 1992, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired on April 22, 1993; emergency amendment at 17 Ill. Reg. 6672, effective April 15, 1993, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired on September 18, 1993; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 10596, effective July 1, 1993; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 22576, effective January 1, 1994; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 8369, effective July 1, 1995; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 9227, effective July 1, 1996; old Part repealed, new Part adopted at 21 Ill. Reg. 11184, effective July 18, 1997; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 11149, effective July 1, 1998; amended at 23 Ill. Reg. 7592, effective July 1, 1999; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 9187, effective July 1, 2000; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 8424, effective July 1, 2001; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 10024, effective July 1, 2002; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 10349, effective July 1, 2003; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 10043, effective July 15, 2004; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 9920, effective July 1, 2005; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 11654, effective July 1, 2006; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 9432, effective July 1, 2012; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 9528, effective July 1, 2013; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 8434, effective July 1, 2015; amended

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at 43 Ill. Reg. 7281, effective July 1, 2019; amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 15025, effective January 1, 2020; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 11032, effective July 1, 2020; emergency amendment at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 2735.20 Applicant Eligibility**  
**EMERGENCY**

- a) A qualified applicant shall be:
  - 1) a citizen or eligible noncitizen;
  - 2) a resident of Illinois;
  - 3) maintaining satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution;
  - 4) enrolled in an eligible degree or certificate program (34 CFR 668.8), or in an eligible credit-bearing Occupational or Career and Technical Certificate program, for a minimum of three credit hours, for either a semester or quarter term, throughout the institution's tuition refund/withdrawal adjustment period; and
  - 5) enrolled at an ISAC-approved institution of higher learning.
- b) MAP grant eligibility is based on the relative financial eligibility at an ISAC-approved institution of higher learning of the applicant's choice, and is reevaluated if the student's choice of institution changes.
- c) Eligibility is restricted to undergraduate students.
  - 1) MAP recipients must not have received a baccalaureate degree.
  - 2) Graduate students are not eligible for MAP assistance. For purposes of this Part, an institution of higher learning shall classify as a "graduate student" any student who:
    - A) is enrolled in an academic program or course above the baccalaureate level which leads to any degree above the baccalaureate level; and
    - B) is not eligible to receive federal financial assistance (34 CFR 674.2,

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675.2, 676.2) as an undergraduate student; and

C) has completed the equivalent of at least three years of full-time postsecondary study, either prior to entrance into the academic program or as part of the academic program itself.

d) MAP grants may be awarded for applicants in programs that will culminate in the award of an occupational or career and technical certificate.

(Source: Emergency amendment at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for a maximum of 150 days)

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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULES

- 1) Heading of the Part: Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program
- 2) Code Citation: 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2747
- 3) Section Numbers:      Emergency Actions:  
2747.10                      New Section  
2747.20                      New Section  
2747.30                      New Section  
2747.40                      New Section
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing Section 65.110 and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/65.110 and 20(f)].
- 5) Effective Date of Rule:
- 6) If these emergency rules are to expire before the end of the 150-day period, please specify the date on which it is to expire: None
- 7) Date Filed with the Index Department:
- 8) A copy of these emergency rules, including any material incorporated by reference, is on file in the agency's principal office and is available for public inspection.
- 9) Reason for Emergency: Public Act 102-0621 created this new program that is effective for the 2022-23 academic year. These new rules need to be in place to provide the framework for ISAC to begin administering the program for the upcoming academic year.
- 10) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: Effective August 27, 2021, the Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program was created to provide awards beginning with the 2022-23 academic year. Rules have been established for this new program, which will allow ISAC to begin administering the program for the upcoming academic year.
- 11) Are there any proposed rulemakings to the Part pending? No
- 12) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not create or expand a state mandate as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)] and does not necessitate a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

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The full text of the Emergency Rules begins on the next page:

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

- 1) Heading of the Part: Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional License Scholarship Program
- 2) Code Citation: 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2747
- 3) Section Numbers: Proposed Actions:  
2747.10 New Section  
2747.20 New Section  
2747.30 New Section  
2747.40 New Section
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing Section 65.110 and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/65.110 and 20 (f)].
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: This Part was created in response to a new program established through P.A. 102-0621.
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will this proposed rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? Yes
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this proposed rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not create or expand a state mandate as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)] and does not necessitate a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

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- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:
- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: None
  - B) Reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures required for compliance: None
  - C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None
- 14) Small Business Impact Analysis: None
- 15) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: July 2022

The full text of the Proposed Rule is identical to the text of the Emergency Rule for this Part, and begins in this issue of the Illinois Register on page:



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**AUTHORITY:** Implementing Section 65.110 and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/65.110 and 20(f)].

**SOURCE:** Emergency rule adopted at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for a maximum of 150 days; adopted at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 2747.10 Summary and Purpose**

**EMERGENCY**

- a) The Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship encourages Illinois students to work as social workers in public and not-for-profit Illinois preschool, elementary and secondary schools. The program aims to provide minority children with access to a greater number of positive minority role models more reflective of the diversity of the students attending Illinois schools.
- b) This Part establishes the rules which govern the Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program. Additional rules and definitions are contained in General Provisions, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2700.

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**Section 2747.20 Applicant Eligibility**  
**EMERGENCY**

- a) A qualified applicant shall:
- 1) hold a valid Illinois clinical social work license or social work license;
  - 2) have obtained a master's degree in social work from an approved program;
  - 3) be a citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States;
  - 4) submit an application and agree to take the courses at approved Illinois institutions to obtain an Illinois Professional Educator License with an Endorsement in School Social Work.
  - 5) enroll or be accepted for enrollment, on a full- or part-time basis (at least 3 credit hours), at the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University or Western Illinois University.

**Section 2747.30 Program Procedures**  
**EMERGENCY**

- a) An application for the scholarship must be submitted annually and, in order to receive priority consideration for an award, must be completed and received by a date established each year by the Commission that will precede the academic year for which the scholarship is being requested.
- 1) The application is available on ISAC's website.
  - 2) If the scholarship application is incomplete, ISAC will notify the applicant. The applicant will then have an opportunity to furnish the missing information; however, the application will only be considered for processing as of the date when the application is complete and received by ISAC.
- b) Up to 250 scholarships may be awarded annually to qualified students, with priority given to minority applicants.

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- c) When an appropriation for the program for a given fiscal year is insufficient to provide scholarships to all qualified students, ISAC will allocate (based on the order of the earliest date of application receipt) the available scholarship funds for that fiscal year to qualified students who submit a complete and timely application, as specified in subsection (a) based on the following order of priority:
- 1) to students who received the scholarship in the prior academic year and who remain eligible for the scholarship.
  - 2) to new, qualified applicants who are minority students
  - 3) to the extent allowed by the amount of funding that remains after awarding to those applicants in the priority categories in subsections (c)(1) and (2), ISAC may award the remaining funds to other qualified new applicants.
- d) Within the constraints of annual appropriation levels, two semester or three quarter term payments and one summer term payment are made directly to the institution. Summer term is considered the final term of the academic year.
- e) Prior to receiving scholarship assistance under this Part, the qualified applicant must sign an Agreement/Promissory Note that is submitted to ISAC. The Agreement/Promissory Note shall include the following stipulations:
- 1) for each year or any portion of a year for which scholarship aid is received, the recipient pledges to work as a school social worker, on a full-time equivalent basis, for two years of the 5 years immediately following graduation or termination from the program for which the recipient received assistance under this Part;
  - 2) the recipient shall begin working within one year after completion of the program for which the recipient received assistance under this Part, and shall work on a continuous basis for the required period of time;
  - 3) the social work requirement will be fulfilled at a nonprofit Illinois public, private or parochial preschool, elementary school or secondary school;
  - 4) if the social work requirement is not fulfilled, the scholarship converts to a loan and the recipient must repay the entire amount of the scholarships

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prorated according to the fraction of the teaching obligation not completed, plus interest at a rate of interest equal to five percent and, if applicable, reasonable collection fees; and

- 5) the recipient agrees to provide ISAC with evidence of compliance with program requirements (e.g., responses to annual follow-up questionnaires, etc.).
- f) A recipient of a scholarship awarded under this Part will not be in violation of the agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (f) during periods in which the recipient:
- 1) serves, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces;
  - 2) is temporarily totally disabled, for not more than three years, as established by the sworn affidavit of a licensed physician;
  - 3) is actively seeking but unable to find full-time employment as a school social worker at a school that satisfies the criteria set forth in subsection (e)(3), and is able to provide evidence of that fact;
- g) If a recipient is required to repay any portion of the scholarship, the repayment period shall be completed within 10 years after the scholarship converts to a loan. This 10-year period may be extended if the recipient:
- 1) is pursuing a graduate course of study in a field related to social work and is enrolled on a full-time basis at a qualified Illinois institution of higher learning;
  - 2) is serving, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces;
  - 3) is temporarily disabled, for not more than three years, as established by the sworn affidavit of a licensed physician;
  - 4) is actively seeking and unable to find full-time employment as a school social worker in a at a school that satisfies the criteria set forth in subsection (e)(3) and is able to provide evidence of that fact.

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- h) During the time a recipient qualifies for any of the extensions listed in subsection (g), the recipient shall not be required to make payments and interest shall not accrue.
- i) A recipient shall enter repayment status on the earliest of the following dates:
  - 1) the first day of the first calendar month after the recipient has ceased to pursue a course of study leading to licensure as a school social worker at the preschool, elementary or secondary level, but not before six months have elapsed after the cessation of at least half-time enrollment in such a course of study;
  - 2) the date the recipient informs ISAC that the recipient does not plan to fulfill the school social work obligation; or
  - 3) the day after the latest date upon which the recipient must have begun working as a school social worker after completing the postsecondary education for which the scholarship was awarded.
- j) A recipient shall not be required to repay the amount of the scholarships received if the recipient becomes permanently totally disabled as established by the sworn affidavit of a qualified physician (see, e.g., 34 CFR 682.402(c)), or if the recipient's representative provides ISAC with a death certificate or other evidence that the recipient has died.

**Section 2747.40 Institutional Procedures**

**EMERGENCY**

- a) The institution shall submit eligibility information for qualified applicants in sufficient time for ISAC to make award announcements.
- b) Scholarship awards are paid directly to the approved institution of record that certifies to ISAC that the applicant is an eligible recipient.
  - 1) ISAC will annually establish priority claim dates for the submission of payment requests and inform schools of the required priority dates.
  - 2) Late payment requests will result in delayed processing of payments. Payment requests are processed in the sequence of receipt by ISAC and as funds are available.

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- 3) Institutions may submit their payment requests beginning 10 days prior to the start of classes for the term for which payment is being requested.
- c) ISAC shall disburse scholarship funds in two or three installments, depending on the number of terms financed by the scholarship, except those multiple disbursements shall not be required in cases where the applicant's eligibility is not determined until the final term of the academic year for which the scholarship is being awarded or when a student is attending only one term and the maximum award does not exceed the student's cost of attendance.
- d) Funds shall be remitted by ISAC to institutions on behalf of the recipients.
- e) Upon receipt of scholarship funds, the institution shall verify the recipient's enrollment status for the term for which the award was intended. If enrolled, the institution may credit the scholarship funds to the recipient's account for expenses due and payable. The balance of the disbursement shall be released to the recipient.
- f) Upon receipt of the scholarship funds, if the recipient has withdrawn from enrollment for the terms for which the award was intended, the institution shall return the amount of the scholarship payment to ISAC.
- g) The scholarship is applicable only toward tuition and mandatory fees. The total amount of scholarship assistance awarded to a qualified applicant in an academic year, when added to other financial aid available to the qualified applicant for that year, cannot exceed the cost of attendance.
- h) To provide sufficient time for processing and vouchering through the State Comptroller's Office in Springfield, all payment requests must be received by ISAC no later than July 1.