

Overview of New ISAC Programs

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New ISAC Programs Implemented in 2022-23

- **Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program**
 - Administered by ISAC with funding from the Department of Human Services
 - This will be the first year the program receives funding (was enacted in 2016)
- **School & Municipal Social Work Shortage Loan Repayment Program**
 - Application coming soon
- **Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program**
 - Application is available online via the ISAC Student Portal
- **Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship**
 - Created last year under Public Act [102-0662](#)
 - Will be administered by ISAC with funding from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
 - Application is available online via the ISAC Student Portal
- **Nursing Education Scholarship Program**
 - Appropriation increased from \$2 million to \$4 million
 - Was transitioned from the Illinois Department of Public Health to ISAC during 2022-23

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This is NOT the Nurse Education Scholarship Program (NESP) that recently transitioned from IDPH to ISAC to administer.



Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment (CBHCPLR) Program

Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment (CBHCPLR) Program

- The 2023 fiscal year (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) appropriation is \$5,000,000
- Provides loan repayment assistance to qualified mental health and substance use professionals
- Intended to encourage recruitment and retention of those who practice in underserved or rural areas
- The amount of the annual award to qualified applicants to repay their student loan debt is based on their position and may be received for up to four years
- For more program information: isac.org/faas/other-programs/loan-repaymentforgiveness-programs/cbhcp.html
- Administrative Rules: isac.org/e-library/documents/administrative-rules/2022-23-isac-rules/2753-CBHCPLRP.pdf

Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment (CBHCPLR) Program

- Eligibility criteria
 - To qualify for the program, applicants must:
 - Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
 - Be an Illinois resident
 - Have an outstanding balance on an eligible educational loan
 - Not be in default on any federal guaranteed educational loan, nor owe a refund on any scholarship or grant program administered by ISAC



Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment (CBHCPLR) Program

- Eligibility criteria, continued

- To qualify for the program, applicants must:
 - Be a qualifying behavioral health professional who meets licensing requirements of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or holds certification as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor from the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association (iaodapca.org/)
 - Psychiatrist
 - Advanced practice registered nurse
 - Physician assistant
 - Psychologist who holds a doctoral degree (Psy.D or Ph.D.)
 - Licensed clinical social worker (LCSW)
 - Licensed clinical professional counselor (LCPC)
 - CADC-certified substance use professional
 - Have worked as a behavioral health professional in a community mental health center in an underserved or rural health professional shortage area (HPSA) mental health discipline for the past 12 consecutive months prior to the date of each application

CBHCPLR Program Application Process

- Application is available in the ISAC Student Portal.
- All applicants must submit a complete Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program application to ISAC each academic year.
- In order to be considered timely, the application must be submitted on or before the priority consideration date, which will be announced when the application is made available each year.
- If the application is incomplete, a letter will be sent to the applicant to request the missing information.
- Processing cannot take place prior to the date a complete application is received in ISAC's Deerfield office.
- Qualified applicants will be sent a Notice of Eligibility letter from ISAC.
- Application is accessible at: isac.org/students/during-college/applying-for-financial-aid/applications/cbhcp/index.html

CBHCPLR Program Application Process

- Applicants must submit a current loan account statement that includes their full name and address and is dated within 30 days of the date of the application.
- Recipients are selected from among qualified new and renewal applicants (in subsequent years).
- The total number of awards each year is contingent on available funding.



CBHCPLR Program Awarding

- The award amount is based on the applicant's remaining balance on eligible education loans, not to exceed:
 - \$35,000 per year for a psychiatrist
 - \$15,000 per year for an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant
 - \$12,000 per year for a psychologist who holds a doctoral degree
 - \$6,500 per year for a licensed clinical social worker or a licensed clinical professional counselor and
 - \$2,500 per year for a substance abuse professional
- Proceeds will be remitted directly to the holder of the loan(s) to be repaid



CBHCPLR Program Processing

- In order to confirm that applicants meet the occupational and employment criteria of the program, certification will be completed in GAP Access by a staff member from the eligible, qualified facility
 - The appropriate staff member will need to register and set up an account to access the GAP system





School and Municipal Social Work Shortage Loan Repayment

School & Municipal Social Work Shortage Loan Repayment Program

- To encourage Illinois students to work, and to continue to work, as social workers in public school districts and Illinois municipalities, the School and Municipal Social Work Shortage Loan Repayment Program provides assistance toward the repayment of student loans
- The program is intended to assist in paying eligible loans as an incentive to participate in the social work field, particularly by minority applicants, who are underrepresented as school and municipal social workers
- A one-time award of up to \$6,500 is available
- 2023 fiscal year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) lump-sum appropriation for the School and Municipal Social Work Shortage Loan Repayment *and* Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship programs will be split between these two programs.
- More information: <https://www.isac.org/faas/other-programs/loan-repaymentforgiveness-programs/SMSWSLRP.html>

School & Municipal Social Work Shortage Loan Repayment Program

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen or meet the “undocumented student” criteria of the RISE Act
- Be an Illinois resident
- Have an outstanding balance due on an eligible educational loan
 - Includes: Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans, Graduate PLUS Loans, consolidation loans, Supplemental Loans for Students, alternative loans, and other types of government and institutional loans used for education expenses
- Be an individual who, on the date of application submission, is currently employed and was employed as a social worker for at least 12 consecutive months by:
 - an Illinois public elementary school,
 - an Illinois public secondary school, or
 - an Illinois municipality where the social worker did not report directly to a police department.
- Not be in default on any federal guaranteed educational loan, nor owe a refund on any scholarship or grant program administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).



School & Municipal Social Work Shortage Loan Repayment Program

Application Coming Soon

- Application will be accessed via the ISAC website
- The online application will have built-in edits to prevent errors, and ISAC will send immediate confirmation to the applicants e-mail address that their application has been received
- If the application, including required documentation, is incomplete, the applicant will receive a letter from ISAC explaining the reason(s) and advising how to resolve the issue
- Qualified applicants will be sent a Notice of Eligibility from ISAC
- A deadline by which applications must be submitted will be established
- Administrative Rules: <https://www.isac.org/e-library/documents/administrative-rules/2022-23-ISAC-Rules/2748-Social-Work-LRP.pdf>

School & Municipal Social Work Shortage Loan Repayment Program

Award Determination and Payment

- Recipients are selected from among qualified new applicants
- The total number of awards each year is contingent upon available funding
- If funding in any given year is insufficient to pay all eligible applicants, awarding will be based on the date the complete application (with all required documentation) is received at ISAC's Deerfield office
- Award amounts are based on the applicant's remaining balance on eligible education loans, not to exceed \$6,500
- Proceeds will be remitted directly from the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office to the holder/servicer/lender of the loan(s) to be repaid



Post-MSW School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program

Post-MSW School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program

- The 2023 fiscal year, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 appropriation is \$600,000,000
- Designed to encourage LSWs and LCSWs to work as social workers in Illinois preschools, elementary schools and high schools
- Promote the diversity in the profession to meet the diversity of the parents and students they will serve
- Providing minority students with greater access to positive minority role models
- Each scholarship pays tuition and mandatory fees for an academic year (including summer) at Illinois Public Universities
- A total of 250 scholarships may be awarded each year
- For more information: <https://www.isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/SWSP/>

Post-MSW School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program

- To be eligible for the program, applicants must:
 - Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
 - Hold a valid Illinois clinical social work license or social work license
 - Have obtained a master's degree in social work from an approved program
 - Take courses to obtain an Illinois Professional Educator License with an Endorsement in School Social work



Post-MSW School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program

- To be eligible for the program, continued:
 - Enroll or be accepted for enrollment, on a full or part-time basis (at least 3 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
 - Establish satisfactory repayment arrangements if the student is in default on any federal student loan
 - Qualified minority students that apply by deadline date may be given priority during the awarding process
 - All scholarship recipients must commit to a specific agreement requiring them to work as a social worker at an Illinois school

Post-MSW School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program

- Application & Agreement/Promissory Note is available in the ISAC Student Portal
- The online application has built-in edits to prevent errors and will send an immediate e-mail to the applicant when their application has been received
- An e-mail will also be sent from ISAC for incomplete applications, explaining the reasons and how to resolve the issue
- Application/Promissory Note is accessible at:
<https://studentportal.isac.org>
- Student information page: isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/P-MSSWSP.html

Post-MSW School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program

- Colleges will certify student eligibility and submit payment requests in GAP Access on behalf of the student
 - Payment will be provided to the college from the State Comptroller's Office
- Administrative Rules:
<https://www.isac.org/elibrary/documents/administrative-rules/2022-23-ISAC-Rules/2747-SWSP.pdf>



Post-MSW School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program

- February 28, 2023 was the priority application consideration date
- Awards will cover all terms of the 2022-23 academic year (*fall 2022, spring 2023, and summer 2023*) for which the applicant is eligible and enrolled
- Complete online applications received after February 28 will be considered only if funds remain after all timely complete applicants have been awarded
- Students who meet the program's eligibility requirements should be encouraged to apply as soon as possible



Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

- The 2023 fiscal year, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 appropriation is \$100,100,000
- Provides scholarship assistance to children (including adopted and stepchildren) of eligible displaced energy workers
- Designed to support students who are deterred from attending or completing an educational program at an Illinois public institution due to a parent's layoff from a retiring power plant or a closing coal mine
- Pays tuition and fee costs at a public college or community college for the equivalent of one calendar 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 award amount will not exceed the cost of tuition and fees at the institution
- For more program information: <https://www.isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/DEWDTSP/>
- Administrative Rules: <https://www.isac.org/e-library/documents/administrative-rules/2022-23-isac-rules/2746-DisplacedEnergyWorker.pdf>

Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

- The scholarship is applicable towards tuition and fees for in-state/in-district charges
- The student cannot receive funds that exceed the cost of tuition and fees for that institution
- A student who receives funds but is found to be ineligible are responsible to pay the institution the total amount of funds received while they were ineligible
- A student must notify ISAC in writing, within 15 days of any change affecting enrollment status, name or address

Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

- How funds will be disbursed:
 - ISAC will send funds directly to the school
 - If the student is eligible for the MAP grant, the Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship would be awarded and student would NOT need to receive the MAP grant



Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

- To be eligible for the program, applicants must:
 - Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
 - The natural child, legally adopted child or stepchild of an energy worker who has lost employment due to reduced operation or closure of a fossil fuel power plant or coal mine
 - 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, and
 - In the absence of transition scholarship assistance, will be deterred by financial considerations from completing an education program at the Illinois public university or community college of choice, as shown by there being unmet need in your financial aid package

Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

- To be eligible for the program, continued:
 - An 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
 - Student must be meeting satisfactory academic progress towards a degree or certificate



Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

How to apply:

- An application must be submitted each time the student is requesting an award
 - FAFSA must also be completed
- First time applicants will include biographical information regarding the eligible displaced energy worker
 - Once eligibility is established regarding the displaced worker, it is established for all subsequent applications
- Applications are available online via the ISAC Student Portal
- Deadline date for the entire 2022-23 academic year will be on or before June 15, 2023
 - Typically, the application deadline would be March 1 for the second semester/third quarter and summer term, but because the application became recently available we are extending the deadline date
- Student information page: isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/DEWDTSP.html

Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program – *Application Now Available*

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The Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program provides scholarship assistance to children (including adopted and stepchildren) of eligible displaced energy workers. The program was designed to support students who are deterred from attending or completing an educational program at an Illinois institution because of a parent's layoff from a retiring power plant or a closing coal mine. The scholarship pays tuition and fee costs at public colleges or community colleges for a period equal to one calendar year, including a summer term, for undergraduate or graduate study.

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Eligibility

To be eligible, you must:

- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen or meet the "undocumented student" criteria of the RISE Act;
- 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 (the reduced operation or closure must have occurred on or after September 15, 2016);
- 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, will be deterred by financial considerations from completing an educational program at the Illinois public university or

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An 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 award amount will not exceed the cost of tuition and fees at the institution.

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How to Apply – Application Now Available

The 2022-23 Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program [application](#) is completed and submitted online via the [Program Applications & Status Checks](#) area of the [Student Portal](#). As part of the process of submitting the application to ISAC via the ISAC Student Portal, you must upload proof of the displaced energy 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 with the application). While an application must be submitted each academic year in order to apply for the scholarship, the "Displaced Energy Worker's Biographical Information" portion of the application 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 2022-23 application, which allows students to apply for awards to cover the entire 2022-23 academic year, must be submitted on or before June 15, 2023. In future years, separate deadline dates by which applications must be submitted will be established for each term.

You must use a Wi-Fi-enabled desktop or laptop computer to complete the application (it cannot be completed using a tablet or mobile device).

ISAC will send immediate confirmation to your e-mail address that your application has been received. If your application, including required documentation, is incomplete, you will receive a letter from ISAC explaining the reason(s) and advising how to resolve the issue.

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Changes to Application Data

Only one application for this program may be submitted per academic year. Consequently, if you need to change your response(s) to any item(s) and/or update any information after the application has been submitted, you will need to provide the information to ISAC. Examples of items that may need to be updated include demographic information (i.e., name, address, telephone number, etc.), your college of record and the impacted terms (e.g., full year, or fall or spring semester). These changes can be submitted to ISAC using one of the below methods, but cannot be done over the telephone.





Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)

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- The 2023 fiscal year, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, appropriation is \$400,000,000
- The goal of the NESP Scholarship Program is to increase the number of nurses available for employment in Illinois.
- Students pursuing a certificate in practical nursing, an associates degree in nursing, a hospital-based diploma in nursing or a bachelor's or graduate degree in nursing are encouraged to apply.
- Students who demonstrate the greatest financial need among qualified applicants, may be qualified to receive the Nursing Education Scholarship.
- This scholarship provides financial aid anywhere from one to four years.
- If awarded, you must begin full- or part-time employment as a licensed practical or registered nurse in Illinois within six months of graduating and remain employed for a period equivalent to the educational time supported by the scholarship.

Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)

- If a student terminates studies, or fails to become employed, they will be required to repay the full scholarship amount, plus seven-percent interest per year
- The scholarship pays for coursework within the nursing curriculum
- It does not pay for pre-requisite coursework
- Applicants who have other scholarship or loan funds that require a service commitment that prevents them from meeting the obligation requirements of the program are ineligible to receive scholarship funds
- For more program information: isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/NESP/



Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)

- Eligibility requirements
 - 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 for at least one year prior to the date of application
 - be enrolled or accepted for enrollment to a nursing program in Illinois that is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or the Illinois Board of Higher Education
 - demonstrate financial need
 - maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the college
 - establish satisfactory repayment arrangements if they are in default on any federal student loan
 - sign an Application/Promissory Note/Grant Agreement promising to fulfill the employment commitment or repay funds received, plus interest
- Student information page:
 - isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html

2022-23 NESP Program

- 2022-23 application for this program is no longer being accepted
- IDPH and ISAC have worked in partnership to build the needed systems to transfer required documentation and integrate program administration into ISAC processing



2022-23 NESP Awarding & Disbursements

- Applicants received notification of their eligibility status from IDPH earlier in the 2022 year
 - Eligible recipients should refer to the awarding statement received from IDPH for award details, including the award amount
- Disbursements of fall term benefits were processed for those recipients who had signed their Grant Agreement/Promissory Note
- Stipends are sent directly to the students
- Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school
 - The check from the Comptroller's office is made co-payable to the school and the student
 - This is consistent with the IDPH process that schools have been following in previous years
- Spring and summer term processing will utilize GAP Access, where schools will certify eligibility and request subsequent term payments
 - Similar to how processing works for other ISAC programs

2023-24 NESP Program

- 2023-24 application became available March 1 in the ISAC Student Portal
- To be considered for funds during the 2023-24 academic year, the NESP Application & Promissory Note/Grant Agreement must be submitted to ISAC on or before Sunday, April 30, 2023
- For 2022-23, the program is being administered using the IDPH Administrative Rules
- For 2023-24, the IDPH Administrative Rules will be transferred 'as is' to ISAC
- All student inquiries should be directed to ISAC at isac.studentservices@illinois.gov or 800-899-4722
- FAA inquiries should be directed to ISAC School Services isac.schoolservices@illinois.gov or 866-247-2172



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Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)

The administration of NESP is being transitioned from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to ISAC during the 2022-23 academic year. Refer to the "Processing Updates" section below for information about the current status.

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If you are pursuing a certificate in practical nursing, an associates degree in nursing, a hospital-based diploma in nursing or a bachelor's or graduate degree in nursing and demonstrate the greatest financial need among qualified students, you may be qualified to receive the Nursing Education Scholarship. If awarded, you must begin full- or part-time employment as a licensed practical or registered nurse in Illinois within six months of graduating, and remain employed for a period equivalent to the educational time supported by the scholarship. If you terminate studies, or fail to become employed, you will be required to repay the full scholarship amount, plus seven-percent interest per year.

The number of years for which you may receive funding from this program is based on the certificate, diploma, or degree being pursued.

Certificate, Diploma, or Degree Pursued:	Maximum Years of Scholarship Assistance:
Certificate in Practical Nursing	One Academic Year
Associate Degree in Nursing	Two Academic Years
Hospital-Based Diploma in Nursing	Three Academic Years
Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing	Four Academic Years
Graduate Degree in Nursing	Five Academic Years

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Nursing Education Scholarship Program

Processing Updates

Note that ISAC routinely updates this section as new information becomes available. Please check back periodically for the current processing updates.

For the 2023-24 Academic Year

(last updated March 1, 2023)

The 2023-24 NESP application is available online in the area of the ISAC Student Portal.

To be considered for funds during the 2023-24 academic year, a Note/Grant Agreement must be submitted to ISAC. Once approved, ISAC will send immediate confirmation to your e-mail. If you do not receive a response, please contact ISAC.

For the 2022-23 Academic Year

(last updated March 1, 2023)

The administration of the NESP is being transitioned from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to ISAC. Ongoing work to build systems and processes is being completed through the academic year.

IDPH Program Information Page

dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html

The screenshot shows the IDPH website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the IDPH logo, "About IDPH", "Select Language", and social media icons. Below this is a search bar. The main navigation menu includes "I Am A...", "COVID-19", "Mpox", "Data & Statistics", "Topics & Services", "Resource Center", "News", and "Events". The breadcrumb trail reads: "Home > Topics & Services > Life Stages & Populations > Rural & Underserved Po... > Nursing Education Schol...".

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The Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP) is now being administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Inquiries about the program can be directed to ISAC at isac.studentservices@illinois.gov or 800.899.4722. Program information is available on ISAC's website.

Purpose

The goal of the Nursing Education Scholarship Program is to increase the number of nurses available for employment in Illinois by offering scholarships to overcome financial barriers to education. The program provides financial assistance to qualified individuals pursuing a certificate practical nursing, an associate degree in nursing, a hospital-based diploma in nursing, a baccalaureate degree in nursing, or a graduate degree in nursing.

General Program Information

The application submission period is March 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021. Applications will not accepted after the submission deadline.

The scholarship pays for coursework within the nursing curriculum for which the recipient is funded. It does not pay for pre-requisite coursework. The expense for coursework applied to another degree will not be paid nor will it be considered when determining eligibility for a stipend.

Number of Years of Scholarship Funding

The number of years a recipient is eligible to receive funding is based on the certificate, diploma, or degree being pursued. The maximum years are:

YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING	
CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, OR DEGREE	YEAR(S) OF SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE
Certificate in Practical Nursing	One Academic Year
Associate Degree in Nursing	Two Academic Years
Hospital-based Diploma in Nursing	Three Academic Years
Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing	Four Academic Years
Graduate Degree in Nursing	Five Academic Years
Graduate Degree in Nursing (to become a Nurse Educator)	Three Academic Years

Scholarship Amounts

Full-time students may receive the following for an academic year:

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS			
INSTITUTION	TUITION AND FEES (ESTIMATE)	STIPEND (ESTIMATE)	TOTAL (ESTIMATE)
Public Colleges or Universities	\$12,249.75	\$4,875.00	\$17,124.75
Community College, Hospital-based School of Nursing, or School of Practical Nursing	\$3,449.25	\$4,875.00	\$8,324.25

Note: Actual awards may be less depending on other forms of financial aid students receive.

IDPH Program Information Page

dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html

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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 77: PUBLIC HEALTH
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SUBCHAPTER g: GRANTS TO DENTAL AND MEDICAL STUDENTS
PART 597 NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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HIGHER EDUCATION

(110 ILCS 975/) Nursing Education Scholarship Law.

(110 ILCS 975/1) (from Ch. 144, par. 2751)
Sec. 1. Short title.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as the Nursing Education Scholarship Law.
(Source: P.A. 86-1467.)

(110 ILCS 975/2) (from Ch. 144, par. 2752)
Sec. 2. Legislative finding and declaration of policy.

(a) The General Assembly finds and hereby declares that the provision of a higher education leading to an associate degree in nursing, an associate degree in applied sciences in nursing, a hospital-based diploma in nursing, a baccalaureate degree in nursing, a graduate degree in nursing, or a certificate in practical nursing for persons of this State who desire such an education is important to the health, welfare and security of this State and Nation, and consequently is an important public purpose. Many qualified and potential nurses are deterred by financial considerations from pursuing their nursing education, with consequent irreparable loss to the State and Nation of talents vital to health, welfare and security. A system of scholarships, repayment of which may be excused if the individual is employed as a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse after obtaining an associate degree in nursing, associate degree in applied sciences in nursing, hospital-based diploma in nursing, baccalaureate degree in nursing, graduate degree in nursing, or certificate in practical nursing, will enable such individuals to attend approved institutions of their choice in the State, public or private.

(b) The General Assembly finds that there is a critical shortage of nursing instructors in this State, and such a shortage will only worsen the shortage of available nurses in this State and jeopardize the quality of healthcare citizens of this State have every right to enjoy. In order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this State, the General Assembly declares that there is a need for an increase in skilled nurse educators in this State.
(Source: P.A. 96-805, eff. 10-30-09.)

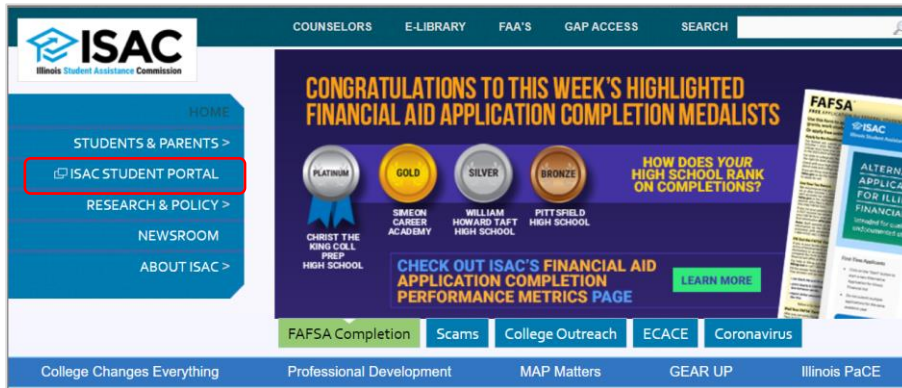
(110 ILCS 975/3) (from Ch. 144, par. 2753)

Sec. 3. Definitions. The following terms, whenever used or referred to, have the following meanings except where the

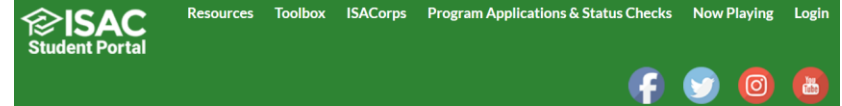


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Nursing Education Scholarship Program
NESP
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Nursing Education Scholarship Program
NESP
Print & Sign your Application

Nursing Education Scholarship Program
NESP
Print & Sign your grant agreement/promissory note



2022-23 ECACE

2022-23 ECACE – Reminder

- Applications are still being accepted
 - Encourage students who have not already done so to complete and submit their application
- ISAC is continuing to accept and pay claims
 - When submitting claims, a college is certifying that the student is enrolled and continues to meet all eligibility requirements for the program
- Payment results are available twice per week
 - Tuesdays & Fridays
- Colleges are encouraged to submit payment requests as soon as possible





2023-24 ECACE Expanding Eligibility

2023-24 ECACE – Expanding Eligibility

- This will be the third year of this federally-funded program
- Application is expected to be available in May
 - Can't open the 2023-24 application until the 2022-23 application is no longer open to student applicants
- Enhancements will be implemented that will expand access to the program
 - Intent is to expand eligibility to make sure that many more of those in the incumbent workforce may access scholarships and upskill
 - Preliminary information has been sent to consortium representatives, with more details coming soon



2023-24 ECACE – Expanding Eligibility

This is what's staying the same:

- Eligible students must still be incumbent early childhood workers (work or have worked in a congregate care setting like child care or preschool that serves children from birth to age five)
- Institutions must continue to support currently eligible students, with an emphasis on those without an Associate or Bachelor's degree and specifically those who wish to transfer from a two- to four-year institution.
- Students must intend to work in an early childhood congregate care setting post-graduation



2023-24 ECACE – Expanding Eligibility

Newly eligible students will include:

- Those seeking AA degrees with a concentration in early childhood (limited, with forthcoming guidelines from ICCB)
- Freshmen and sophomores at four-year institutions
- Those with a Bachelor's degree seeking:
 - Courses to make them eligible for a lead teacher position in a licensed program
 - Professional Educators License with an EC Endorsement
 - Additional endorsements (Bilingual, ESL, Special Education) or letters of approval
 - Master's degrees in early childhood for those seeking licensure

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