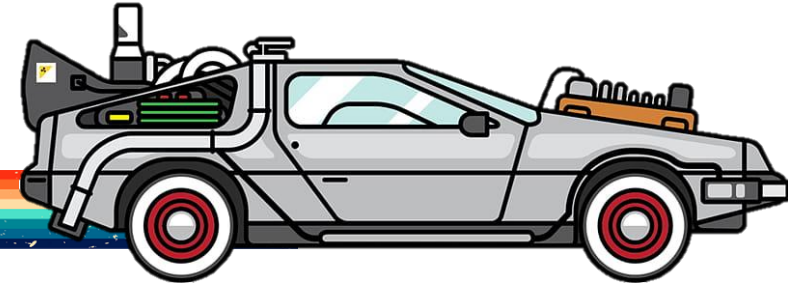


ISAC Outreach Services & Initiatives

Tommy Semanic – Professional Development Specialist



Agenda



1. ISAC Website
2. ISAC Services
3. State Initiatives
4. ISAC Student Portal

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ISAC Website

ISAC Homepage

ISAC
Illinois Student Assistance Commission

COUNSELORS E-LIBRARY FAA'S GAP ACCESS

HOME

STUDENTS & PARENTS >

ISAC STUDENT PORTAL

RESEARCH & POLICY >

NEWSROOM

ABOUT ISAC >

THE 2024-25 FAFSA® AND THE 2024-25 ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS FINANCIAL AID ARE NOW AVAILABLE

To get financial aid for education after high school, including two and four-year degree programs, technical programs, and certificates, you will need to complete a FAFSA, or if you are a qualifying undocumented student, the Alternative Application. If you are planning to complete the FAFSA, get your FSA ID now!

Please note that the U.S. Department of Education has shared that during the FAFSA "soft launch" period, users may experience a waiting room and pauses in availability of the application as the Department does site maintenance and makes needed updates.

GET INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID, HELP COMPLETING APPLICATIONS, AND HELP WITH COLLEGE PLANNING/APPLICATIONS AND MORE
Find free workshops, or contact your local ISACorps member.

PLANNING TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA? GET YOUR FAFSA ID NOW
...if you don't already have one.
Note that parents of dependent students will need to get their own FSA ID, separate from their student.

LEARN ABOUT THE ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS FINANCIAL AID
The application for qualifying undocumented students to apply for Illinois MAP grants.

College Outreach Repayment FAFSA Completion Scams ECACE

College Changes Everything Professional Development MAP Matters GEAR UP Illinois PaCE

Featured

- ISAC Statement on Impact of On-Going Delays in FAFSA Data Processing - 2/1/24
- Joint letter from education agencies regarding Supreme Court decision on race-conscious admissions
- ISAC Statement on SCOTUS Decision Blocking Student Debt Relief: Next Steps for Student Borrowers
- ISAC Statement on the SCOTUS Decision Addressing Affirmative Action
- Learn about Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program Application
- 2023-24 ECACE Flyer
- Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid
- Visit the ISAC Student Portal

What's your path after high school? ISAC can help you find it...

Maybe it's a four-year degree, or maybe it's a certificate or vocational school. Maybe you take a gap year, or step into a job.

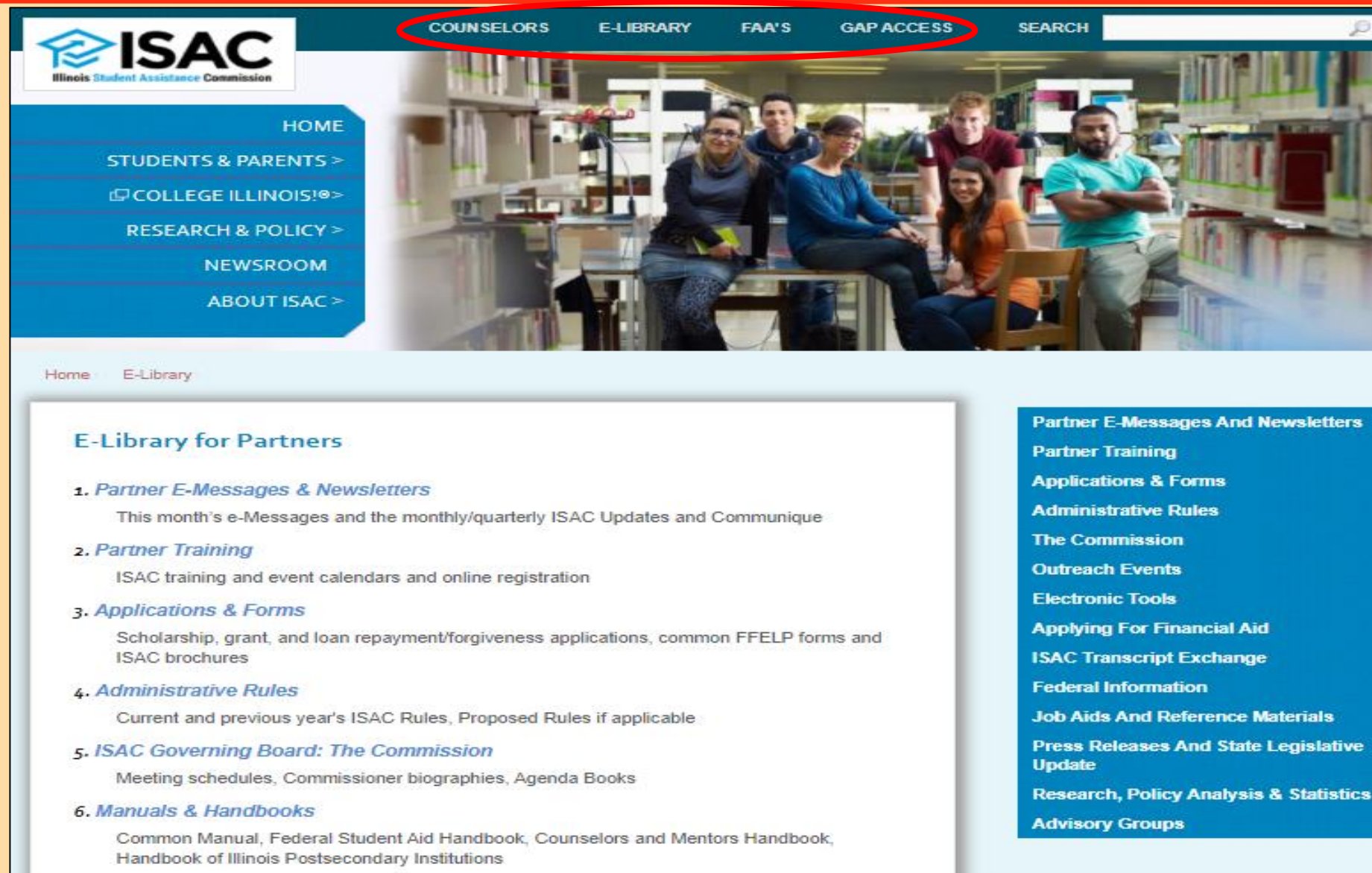
ISAC can help you discover what's possible for you—and we can help provide the support and resources for you to carve a path to get there. In addition to the state grants and scholarships we administer, the ISACorps provides direct services to students

Student & Parents

The screenshot shows the ISAC website interface. At the top, there is a dark teal navigation bar with the ISAC logo on the left and links for COUNSELORS, E-LIBRARY, FAA'S, and GAP ACCESS. A search bar is on the right. Below the navigation bar is a blue sidebar menu with options: HOME, STUDENTS & PARENTS (circled in red), ISAC STUDENT PORTAL, RESEARCH & POLICY >, NEWSROOM, and ABOUT ISAC >. A dropdown menu is open for STUDENTS & PARENTS, listing: Before College - Planning, During College - Paying, After College, Parents, and Español. The main content area features a large image of students with the text: "college? Try the free online tools at studentportal.isac.org". Below the image is a breadcrumb trail: Before College - Planning > During College - Paying > After College > Parents > Español. The main content area has a heading "Students & Parents" and a paragraph: "Created especially for students of every age who are looking for information about going to college, this area of our website has all your answers. Although it was written with students in mind, parents of college-bound students will find this information helpful, too. Plus, there's a link below for parent-specific topics." Below this is a section titled "ISAC Student Portal" with the text: "The ISAC Student Portal is where you'll apply for many of ISAC's programs. There are also tools to keep track of college planning". On the right side, there is a blue sidebar with a "Student & Parent Message Board" section, stating "The Student & Parent Message Board is updated each week." and listing three news items: "NEW 2024-25 Pell Grant Maximum Award", "NEW 2023-24 John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program applications due March 15", and "NEW ISAC offices closed on February 12 for Lincoln's Birthday". At the bottom of the sidebar, another news item is partially visible: "NEW 2024-25 FAFSA and ISIR".

Information for Professionals

<https://www.isac.org/e-library/>



The screenshot shows the ISAC website interface. At the top, the ISAC logo (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) is on the left. The navigation menu includes 'COUNSELORS', 'E-LIBRARY', 'FAA'S', 'GAP ACCESS', and 'SEARCH'. The 'E-LIBRARY' link is circled in red. Below the navigation is a blue sidebar with links: HOME, STUDENTS & PARENTS >, COLLEGE ILLINOIS! >, RESEARCH & POLICY >, NEWSROOM, and ABOUT ISAC >. The main content area features a photo of a group of people in a library. Below the photo, there are breadcrumb links: Home > E-Library. The main heading is 'E-Library for Partners'. A list of six items is provided, each with a brief description. On the right side, there is a blue sidebar with a list of links: Partner E-Messages And Newsletters, Partner Training, Applications & Forms, Administrative Rules, The Commission, Outreach Events, Electronic Tools, Applying For Financial Aid, ISAC Transcript Exchange, Federal Information, Job Aids And Reference Materials, Press Releases And State Legislative Update, Research, Policy Analysis & Statistics, and Advisory Groups.

ISAC
Illinois Student Assistance Commission

COUNSELORS E-LIBRARY FAA'S GAP ACCESS SEARCH

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Home > E-Library

E-Library for Partners

- 1. Partner E-Messages & Newsletters**
This month's e-Messages and the monthly/quarterly ISAC Updates and Communique
- 2. Partner Training**
ISAC training and event calendars and online registration
- 3. Applications & Forms**
Scholarship, grant, and loan repayment/forgiveness applications, common FFELP forms and ISAC brochures
- 4. Administrative Rules**
Current and previous year's ISAC Rules, Proposed Rules if applicable
- 5. ISAC Governing Board: The Commission**
Meeting schedules, Commissioner biographies, Agenda Books
- 6. Manuals & Handbooks**
Common Manual, Federal Student Aid Handbook, Counselors and Mentors Handbook, Handbook of Illinois Postsecondary Institutions

Partner E-Messages And Newsletters
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[800.899.ISAC \(4722\)](#)

[e-Messaging](#)

Get the latest news & updates from ISAC

[Order ISAC Materials](#)

[Applications](#)

ISAC Publications

- PDF versions available online for viewing or printing
- You can order printed materials on our website by clicking “Order Materials” at the bottom of the page
- Materials are free and will be shipped at no cost
 - Takes approximately 10 days for delivery

Counselors Order Materials (Mail & Print)

Some of ISAC's materials are now offered as "print only" options and are not available for order. Please be sure to review the entire order form for all available options.

- If you do not have a school code, please enter NA in the school code field.
- For printed materials, please allow approximately 10 days for delivery.
- Applications for ISAC-administered scholarships and grants are accessible in the Applications area.
- Date following publication name indicates the current version - please discard older versions and order a current supply of the publications. You can download and print a single version of these items by clicking on the pdf icon.
- If you have questions about ISAC's materials, please call School Services toll free at 866.247.2172 or send an e-mail message to isac.schoolservices@isac.ilinois.gov.

* indicates required field

Counselors Order Materials by Mail

Name *

First Last

Institution * **School Code ***

Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code Country

Phone Number * **Email ***

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F240 - The 4 Steps to College Checklist (English) (10/17)

F269 - The 4 Steps to College Checklist (Spanish) (10/14)

F2727 - Student Portal Postcard (2/14)

F2738 - What's Next FAFSA/College Application Postcard (2/17)

ISAC e-Messaging

Sign up to receive latest new and updates from ISAC, including:

- ISAC's Programs and Services
- Monetary Award Program (MAP) Suspense Date
- Professional Development Opportunities, etc.

e-Messaging Sign-Up

Our e-Messaging service will keep you informed and up-to-date on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's programs and services. Although Constant Contact is the provider for the e-Messaging service, our messages share ISAC programmatic and operational information and are not marketing in nature.

From the options below, choose the category that best describes you, and then subscribe to one or more of the available Email Lists by filling out your name and e-mail address and clicking on "Sign Up!".

Students/Parents

Counselors

Financial Aid
Administrators (FAAs)

Lenders

ISAC Professional Development

Free financial aid training for college-access professionals in Illinois

Topics include:

- FAFSA Line-by-Line
- Alternative Application Overview
- Working with Special Student Populations
- Monthly PD Webinars
- Financial Aid Certification Series



Professional Development Request Form

To request a presenter, return a completed Professional Development Request Form no more than six (6) months and no less than four (4) weeks prior to the event date. Submit your completed Professional Development Request Form to:
Division of Capacity Development & Training
Illinois Student Assistance Commission
Email: isac.outreachtraining@illinois.gov

SECTION I – Logistics

Event Name: _____

Event Location: _____

Street Address	Building/Room Number
City	State Zip Code

Event Contact: _____

First Name	Last Name
Title	School/Organization
Email Address (required)	Area Code, Phone Number & Extension

SECTION II – Event Details

Select presentation(s) (see descriptions on next page):

<input type="checkbox"/> The Financial Aid Process	Minimum Recommended Time
<input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA Line-by-Line	1 hour
<input type="checkbox"/> Verification & Professional Judgment	2-3 hours
<input type="checkbox"/> Packaging & Financial Aid Offers	1 hour
<input type="checkbox"/> Working with Special Student Populations	1 hour
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Event Date: _____ Start Time: _____ a.m. p.m. End Time: _____ a.m. p.m.
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Anticipated Number of Attendees: Under 10 10-20 20-30 30-40 Other: _____
Presentation will be offered as a webinar if anticipated attendance is less than 10

Audience: High School – Counselor College – Student Support Services
 High School – Other Community-Based Organization
 College – Admission Staff Other: _____
 College – Financial Aid Staff

For ISAC Use Only

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ISAC Services

ISACorps

Near-peer mentoring

- One-on-one assistance for students and their families
- College and career exploration
- Completing financial aid applications
- Resumes

Presentations and workshops:

- Financial Aid Process presentation
- College 101 presentation
- Managing College Costs presentation
- Welcome to High School presentation
- Financial Aid Completion workshop
- Financial Aid Offer workshop and more!

Connect with your local ISACorps Member

The ISACorps are here to help you through the college planning process! ISACorps members are recent college graduates from across the state that can help you with the ins and outs of selecting and applying to college, scholarship searches, student financial aid, and financial aid application completion. Meet with your local ISACorps member for free one-on-one assistance or at FREE college fairs and financial aid workshops in your community.

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Araceli Manzo

community college district assigned to:

MORAIN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

✉ Araceli.Manzo@illinois.gov

☎ (708) 240-1602

Additional Language: Spanish

Now is the time to complete your 2024-25 financial aid form!

If you are applying to college for 2024-25, you will want to complete the 2024-25 FAFSA, or if you are a qualifying undocumented student, the 2024-25 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, so you can get money to help pay for college! Find the FAFSA at fafsa.gov. *(Please note that the U.S. Department of Education has shared that during the FAFSA "soft launch" period, users may experience a waiting room and pauses in availability of the application as the Department does site maintenance and makes needed updates.)* Qualifying undocumented students can use the Alternative Application to apply for state financial aid: isac.org/AlternativeApp.

If you and your parents are going to submit the FAFSA, you will each need to get a separate FSA ID (if you don't already have one). Get your FSA ID at studentaid.gov/fsa-id **before** you plan to complete the FAFSA.



Megan Tracy

community college district assigned to:

MORAIN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

✉ Megan.Tracy@illinois.gov

☎ (708) 329-9195

Alternative Application User Guide

Completing the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid User Guide

The Retention of Illinois Students & Equity (RISE) Act, which went into effect on January 1, 2020, provides that "a student who is an Illinois resident and who is not otherwise eligible for federal financial aid, including, but not limited to, a transgender student who is disqualified for failure to register for selective service or a noncitizen student who has not obtained lawful permanent residence, shall be eligible for state financial aid and benefits ...".

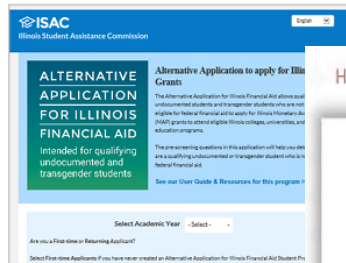
The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has developed the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid to provide a pathway for students who meet the provisions of the RISE Act to apply for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant. The Alternative Application collects much of the same data as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®), but is administered by ISAC.

The Alternative Application Process

Complete Pre-Screening Questions



- Questions will be presented to help determine if you are eligible to complete this application or if you should complete the FAFSA®.
- You will be provided with guidance on which application to complete after answering the pre-screening questions.
- Data collected in the pre-screening questions will be retained by ISAC and will not be shared with colleges.



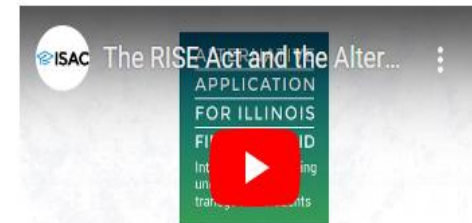
Home | Students & Parents | Before College - Planning | Financial Aid Planning | RISE Act/Alternative Application

Retention of Illinois Students & Equity (RISE) Act and Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid

En Español

(last updated August 11, 2022)

The Retention of Illinois Students & Equity (RISE) Act allows eligible undocumented students and transgender students disqualified from federal financial aid due to failure to register for Selective Service (see Transgender Students area below for more explanation) to apply for all forms of state financial aid. The Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid provides a way for these qualified students to apply for Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants, the state's largest need-based grant program for low-income college students.



Q ISAC.org/AlternativeApp

- [Applying for ISAC Programs](#)
- [Application for MAP: Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid](#)
- [Application Process for MAP](#)
- [Applying for Other ISAC Programs](#)

Applying for ISAC Programs

- About The ISACCorps
- College And Career Exploration And Planning
- Financial Aid Planning
 - Completing The FAFSA®
 - RISE Act/Alternative Application
 - Alternative Application FAQs
 - Alternative Application User Guide & FAQs
 - Accessing & Updating Your Alternative Application Student Profile
 - 2022-23 Alternative Application Worksheet
- Types Of Financial Aid
- Making An Informed College Choice
- Outreach Activities/Event Calendar

GAP Access

- Online portal used to application submissions, program eligibility, and payment requests for ISAC-administered programs
- Illinois public and private high schools can upload their senior class roster into GAP access – this ensures high schools receive the most accurate information

For questions, contact:

isac.schoolservices@illinois.gov

www.isac.org/gap-access

NEW! The Nonparticipation Form is Now Online!

- Students will complete the waiver via ISAC's Student Portal – under Program Applications & Status Checks
- The student and/or parent will each need a student portal account
- Once completed and submitted, the information will populate in your class roster in the Gift Assistance Portal (GAP) Access

Note: Students who are 18 can complete the waiver themselves

**FAFSA Nonparticipation
Form**

Apply here

<https://studentportal.isac.org/>

State Scholar Program

- Students in top 10% of graduating class are designated as State Scholars
 - No monetary value
 - Student can list this designation on resumes and college applications
- The high school submits a class roster with sixth semester data, which includes:
 - Class roster
 - Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - Class Rank (if applicable)

Data is submitted via GAP Access – this is separate upload from FAFSA Completion Initiative


State Initiatives

www.isac.org/initiatives

College Changes Everything Campaign

- Mission of the CCE Campaign is to encourage to complete their college and financial aid applications
- To participate, schools and organizations:
 - Submit an Outreach Request Form **and**
 - Conduct one college application workshop and one financial aid completion workshop

www.collegechangeseverything.org/ccemonth

 **Outreach Request Form**

To request an ISAC representative for your event, please email this completed Outreach Request Form no more than **six (6)** months and no less than **three (3)** weeks prior to the event to isac.outreach@illinois.gov.

Please note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the safety of staff, students, and parents all outreach events in 2020 will be done virtually until otherwise noted. ISAC staff will work with organizers to determine the optimal virtual platform to be used for the outreach event. Your understanding and flexibility are greatly appreciated.

SECTION I – Event Logistics

Event Date: MM/DD/YYYY Event Time: From: To:

If first choice for date is not available, please indicate second choice:

Host:

Host Name

Street Address Building/Room Number

City State ZIP Code

Event Contact:

First Name Last Name

Title Organization

Area Code & Phone Number & Extension Email Address (required)

SECTION II – Event Profile

Outreach Event Type: (select one) – See following pages for descriptions.

Financial Aid Process Presentation Financial Aid Application Completion Workshop

If selecting one of the events below, please enter specific event name from descriptions on following pages.

Financial Aid/Literacy event:

Postsecondary Exploration/Preparation event:

Career Exploration event:

Language (select one): English Spanish

Anticipated Number of Attendees: Under 20 21-30 31-50 Other:

Audience (select as many as apply):

Freshmen Juniors Sophomores Seniors Parents Professionals/Educators

Younger than high school Nontraditional students Adult learners Other:

College Changes Everything Campaign

Yes! Please have a Corps member contact me so that we can become a College Changes Everything (CCE) site by having a financial aid application **and** college application workshop between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

ISAC Transcript Exchange

- Provides a secure, online process for sharing transcript information for Illinois students
- Service is at NO COST to Illinois high schools
- To participate or learn more, contact:

Lenore Smith

Lenore.Smith@Illinois.gov

(217) 685-2678

ISAC Transcript Exchange

Attention Students: The information on this page describes the process by which Illinois high schools can participate in the ISAC Transcript Exchange. Students who wish to request that their academic transcripts be sent to their prospective college(s) should contact their high school guidance counselor for assistance.



[Overview](#)

[Parchment's K-12 Member Testimonials](#)

[No Cost](#)

[Register to Participate](#)

Overview

The ISAC Transcript Exchange, through [Parchment Exchange](#) enables the electronic exchange of transcript information for Illinois students.

Launched in fall 2011, the service provides the opportunity for students to request that transcripts be sent electronically to the college(s) of their choice. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of transcript data, documents are sent through a secure transcript service in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Parchment's K-12 Member Testimonials & Case Study

Click on the below link to hear from some of your school peers about how Parchment has helped them during this challenging time due to COVID-19.

[Parchment's K-12 Member Testimonials \(YouTube video\)](#)

Click on this [case study link](#) to learn how one Illinois school district (Belleville Township High School District 201) implemented Parchment to address their transcript processing challenges and improve their service to students.

No Cost

The ISAC Transcript Exchange service is free of charge when transcripts are sent electronically to any participating college worldwide, including the NCAA and Common App.

Register to Participate in ISAC Transcript Exchange

If your high school or district is ready to participate in the ISAC Transcript Exchange, please reach out to Heidi Dodge from Parchment at hdodge@parchment.com or 480.719.1646 x1021. She can get you started with the registration process and on your way to sending transcripts electronically.

Illinois Postsecondary & Career Expectations Framework (PaCE)

- Framework outlines information a student should have to make the most informed decision about college and career planning

- ISAC PaCE support options:

- PaCE Overview Presentation
- PaCE Framework Development Workshop
- PaCE Framework Implementation support

- For information, resources, or the PaCE Support Request Form, visit our website

Illinois PaCE
Postsecondary and Career Expectations

Each student should have an individualized learning plan to help make decisions about career and post-secondary (PS) education or training, to plan a course of study, and to make financial aid assessments with family members.

By the end of 9th grade	By the end of 10th grade	By the end of 11th grade	By the end of 12th grade
<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● complete a career cluster survey● complete a career interest survey● attend a PS options workshop● select course work for PS/career plans aligned with the ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators● enroll as appropriate in early college credit courses● outline a plan for community service and extracurricular activities related to PS plans● attend a basic financial aid presentation with a trusted adult <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● one or two careers for further exploration● the relationship between HS coursework, attendance, and grades to PS plans● importance of community service and extracurricular activities to PS and career plans● general cost ranges of various PS options	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● visit at least one workplace aligned with career interests● participate in activities related to their career cluster of interest● select a career area of interest: enroll in career pathway (CP) as available● explore opportunities along the Work Based Learning Continuum.● connect and build relationships with 2-3 adults to support the PS and career selection process● review coursework, and PS/career plans in relation to the ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators (every year)● attend a basic financial aid presentation with a family member <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● educational requirements, cost, expected entry level, and midpoint salary for occupations in selected CP● skills related to career interests● different types of PS credentials and institutions● general timing of PS entrance exams and applications● benefit of early college credit opportunities to PS access and completion	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● revisit the career interest survey● participate in a mock job interview● create a resume and personal statement● complete an experience within the Work Based Learning Continuum.● determine readiness for college-level coursework in math/ELA and enrollment in either "catch up" or "speed up" course● complete at least one early college credit opportunity● attend a college fair● visit at least 3 PS institutions● take at least one college entrance exam● complete a Postsecondary Plan Workshop <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● application deadlines, test timing, cost, and preparation for industry-based certification for CP● entrance requirements, including application deadlines, for expected PS programs of study● 3-5 match schools, one safety, one reach school for PS program of study● negative impact of remediation on PS goals● financial aid deadlines for chosen PS options	<p>By the end of 12th grade a student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● complete at least two team based challenges.● obtain an internship opportunity related to the CP if applicable● if applicable, receive industry-based certification(s) related to the CP● address any remedial needs in math/ELA● complete a financial aid offer workshop <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● how CP courses and experiences articulate to degree programs at PS options● estimated cost of chosen PS options● affordability of PS options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipated debt● terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan <p>By 12/31 of 12th grade a student should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● completed 3 or more admissions applications to PS institutions● ensure all steps in the PS admissions process are completed on time● attended a Financial Aid Application completion workshop● completed a financial aid application

ISAC Illinois State Board of Education **ICCB** **IHBHE** ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Parent Outreach



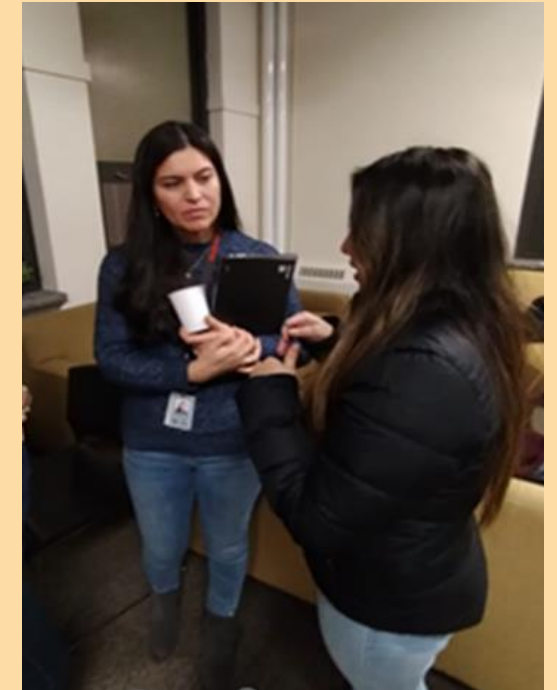
ISAC IS HERE FOR PARENTS

Family engagement is
important for student
academic success!

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is the college access and financial aid agency in the state of Illinois that administers scholarships, grants, and student loan repayment/forgiveness programs. Our mission is to provide Illinois students with information and assistance to help make education beyond high school accessible and affordable.

Parent Outreach

- Work throughout the state, virtually or in-person
- Provide presentations for parents and one-on-one meetings as needed
- Working in collaboration with Community Based Organizations, schools and/or districts
- Help parents of first-generation college students understand the college planning, admissions and financial aid process



Parent Outreach Initiatives

Stand-alone presentations/workshop:

A) Overview of ISAC's programs and Services

- An overview of some of the ISAC's free services and initiatives along with how parents can benefit from them and utilize them to help support their student.

B) Early awareness in Educational Planning

- An emphasis on how early awareness of the different aspects in education can lead to more parent involvement which is essential for student's success starting as early as middle school or 7th grade

C) The Financial Aid Process

- Outlines the general financial aid process and provides insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility, and how it can be used to help pay for college

D) Financial Aid Offer Workshop

- Intended to help parents understand financial aid offers from colleges. Students usually receive these financial aid offers in the spring after submitting their Financial aid application

Parent Outreach Initiatives

4-session series - PowerPoint Presentations:

- This series of presentations address and discuss the various activities and tasks at each high school grade level that parents and other adult family members can do to help support their student and prepare them for the postsecondary path that best fits their needs and goals.
 - These presentations are ideal for parents of students in 8th grade and/or high school.
- 1) **Being persistent:** Sharing a vision plan on setting your child up to continue their education beyond high school
 - 2) **Pushing your child:** Setting up and preparing your child academically, meeting school requirements and discussing their future
 - 3) **Finding the best fit:** Searching and finding a school that matches your child's career goals
 - 4) **Getting your hands in some money:** Ensuring financial assistance deadlines are met and selecting career path

Parent Outreach Initiatives

Chat Sessions:

Parents and other adult family members of first-generation college students are often unfamiliar with the college application and financial aid process that their students face

Through this **series of five** informal, interactive conversations, we will address

- 1) the core elements of the US Education System
- 2) strategies for career exploration
- 3) discuss and explain the differences between technical/vocational, community college and university
- 4) provide a general overview of the financial aid process and terminology (Merit vs need-based financial aid)
- 5) and how those who may be new to the college-going process can support their student with their academic goals

FAFSA Symposium

- Share updates on the FAFSA and Alternative Application
- Provides an opportunity for attendees to hear from presenters on how their schools and districts support students and families with financial aid applications.

2023 Example

Illinois Central College - **October 2**

Moraine Valley Community College - **November 7**

PaCE Symposium

- The PaCE Symposium brings people from across Illinois to share and learn how schools, districts, and communities are collaborating and advancing postsecondary and career readiness efforts using the Illinois PaCE Framework.

2023 Example

April 20th – Springfield Wyndham Hotel

May 11th - Virtual

First Gen Symposium

- The First Gen Symposium provides an opportunity for you to learn and share best practices for supporting first-generation students in postsecondary planning. At this year's symposium, you will:
- Hear from programs actively seeking to increase belongingness among first-generation college students
- Hear from first-generation students and professionals on best practices and solutions that have come out of the barriers they faced
- Learn about developing events tailored to first-generation students

2024 Example

- **March 11** – North Central College

First Generation Scholars Network

To join the First Generation Scholars Network (FGSN), students can click the JOIN NOW! button on the Student Portal

Joining allows students to:

- Connect with an FGSN mentor
- Find an FGSN program on campus
- Join “check-in” events with other first-generation students

Services are free!

Join the Network

Ready to join?

You can join using our online form

JOIN NOW!

Have questions? Email us at

ISAC.FirstGen@illinois.gov

First Up Podcast

NEW! – First gen podcast with advice and information for our first gen students.

Topics include:

- Financial Aid
- Parents
- Networking
- Dealing w/ Stress



First Up: Brought to You by ISAC

Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Hosted by Brian White and Jasmine Jetton-Gonzales. First Up is brought to you by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, or ISAC for short. Here on First Up, every episode will be filled with informative conversation, advice, and stories of the difficulties and triumphs that many first generation students and their families face. Tune in with us every week on Wednesdays, as we discuss the things we wish we knew before, during, and after college.



Resources - Counselors

- Resources available on how to help students complete FAFSA, learn about different initiatives and resources from the Department of Education.

Counselors

At your fingertips, High School Counselors/Personnel, College Admission Counselors, library and community agency staff have access to a centralized source of information concerning college planning, paying for school, and career planning information for students and their parents, as well as information concerning ISAC's programs, processes, and resources.

- ISAC Gift Assistance Programs
- Other Programs
- Processes
- Resources
- e-Library

Counselor Quick Links

 Rock the FAFSA	 Applying for Financial Aid	 FAFSA on the Web	 Gift Assistance Programs Access
 Transcript Exchange	 Professional Development	 ISCA	 Illinois PaCE: Postsecondary and Career Expectations
 Financial Aid Toolkit	 Illinois Postsecondary Profiles	 Federal Student Aid Handbook	 ACT
 The College Board	 Scholarship Searches	 IACAC	 Access to Illinois Health & Human Services
 Training Calendar	 Resources for Non-U.S. Citizens (including Illinois DREAM Act)	 LADDER up	 Mapping Your Future



ISAC Student Portal

Student Portal Postcard



COLLEGE PLANNING MADE EASY.

studentportal.isac.org

The **ISAC Student Portal** has all the tools you need to help you with college planning, financial aid, student loans and money management, and even career exploration and job search—all free and just a click away!



COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

Check out resources and apps from ISAC's partners to search college profiles, both nationally and specifically in Illinois, and to search a database of billions of dollars in scholarships.



FINANCIAL AID

Need financial aid for college but not sure what's out there and how to apply? Learn about financial aid with the **FinAid Game**, use our **MAP Estimator** to determine your eligibility for a MAP grant, and compare your financial aid offers with our easy-to-use, online **Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet**.



IN-PERSON AND ONLINE HELP WITH COLLEGE PLANNING AND FINANCIAL AID

Find a free in-person workshop in your area, an online workshop, or contact your local ISACorps member for free one-on-one assistance with college planning, college and financial aid applications, and more.

**Plus...more tools and
resources to assist you!**



**MONEY
MANAGEMENT**



**CAREERS AND
JOB SEARCH**

ISAC Student Portal

- Free college and career planning platform for students including:
 - Resources
 - Toolbox
 - ISACorps
 - ISAC Programs
 - Now Playing

www.studentportal.isac.org

ISAC Student Portal

Resources Toolbox ISACorps Program Applications & Status Checks Now Playing Login

COLLEGE PLANNING MADE EASY.

Planning for college can seem pretty overwhelming, but it's a lot easier with the right tools just a click away. And it's even better when those tools are free! Use the ISAC Student Portal to help you choose a college, learn about careers, find scholarships, simplify the financial aid process, learn how to budget your money, and much more. You can even connect with one of our ISACorps counselors for one-on-one help or to find a workshop in

October is College Changes Everything Month[®]—time to start completing college and financial aid applications! Check out all the free resources to help you do that: free workshops where you can complete your applications, one-on-one help from ISAC experts, quick tips in our *ISAC College Minute* videos, ISAC College Q&A text messaging to

COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING MONTH

ISAC Live Support - Online Click to Chat

Student Portal - Resources

- Appily
- Claim Your Future
- Illinois College2Career
- Illinois WorkNet
- ISAC College Q&A
- College Scorecard
- Illinois college/university food pantries



[Appily \(formerly, Cappex\) !\[\]\(4729e517bc6a7cd81c8025b9646574fb_img.jpg\)](#)

Get a jump on college planning and find the colleges you want and the scholarships you need. Use Appily to get matched with possible scholarships, to compare colleges, and to figure out your chances of admission at colleges of interest to you.



[Claim your Future !\[\]\(cbe2492b119e39e02a1dab2af4a4b296_img.jpg\)](#)

Play Claim Your Future®-- a game that encourages exploration of education and training after high school, future careers, and money management.



[College2Career !\[\]\(5361750c22c4e047a52f4eac1ec2d4cc_img.jpg\)](#)

Try the new Illinois College2Career tool to find the Illinois college or university that's the best fit for your education and career goals. Easily search a variety of different categories, including: costs, financial aid, graduation rates, student debt, jobs, earnings after graduation for different areas of study, and more.

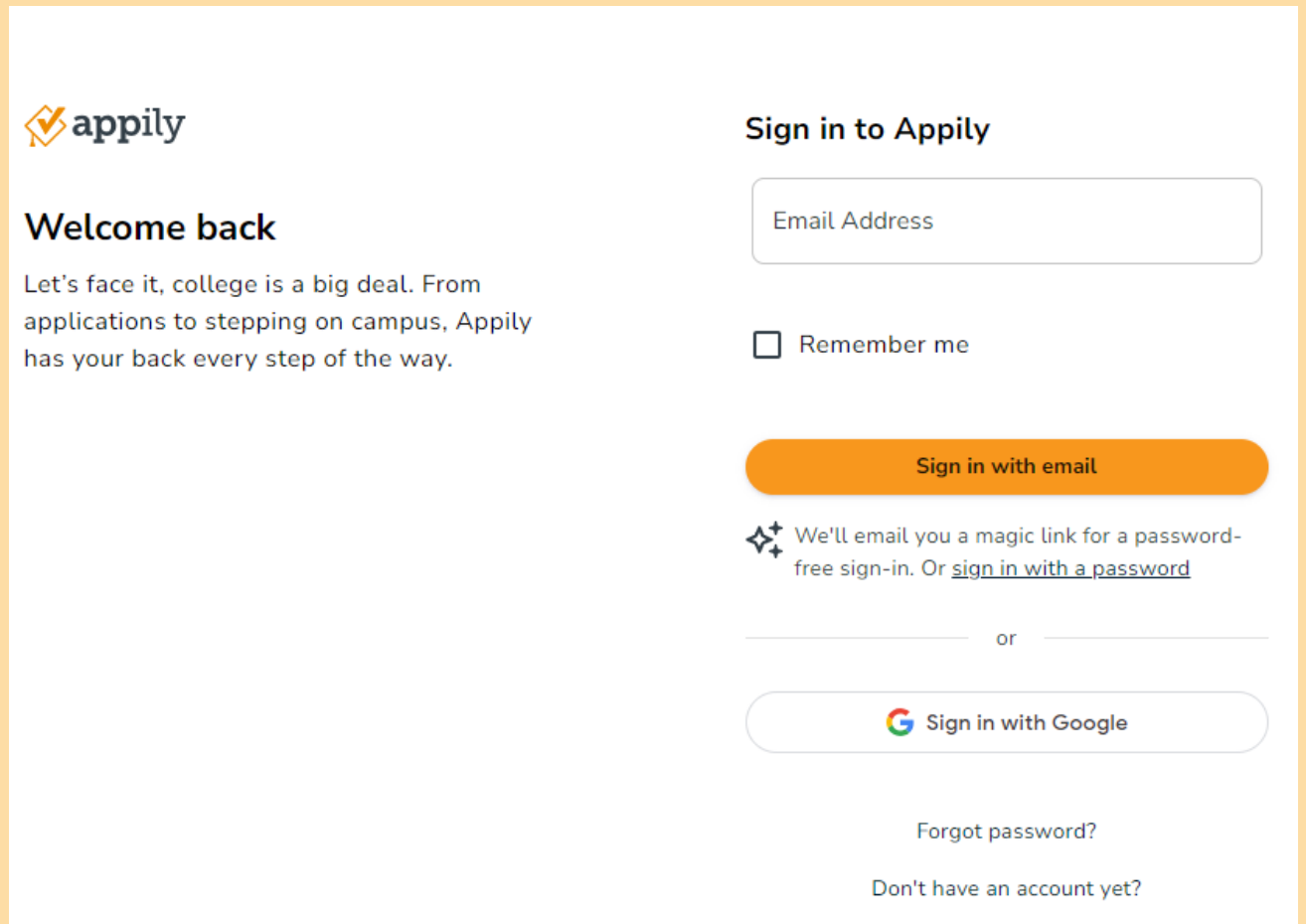


[WorkNet !\[\]\(0d5ec72f61334709c3fc9450209b754f_img.jpg\)](#)

Use Illinois workNet to explore careers, job training programs, and look up salaries. You can even build a resume, search for jobs, negotiate your salary and get tips on how to succeed in your new position.

Appily

- A scholarship and college search platform
- Designed for students to explore different options based on preferences and eligibility



The screenshot shows the Appily login interface. On the left, the Appily logo (a checkmark in a box) and the text "appily" are displayed. Below the logo, the heading "Welcome back" is followed by a paragraph: "Let's face it, college is a big deal. From applications to stepping on campus, Appily has your back every step of the way." On the right side, the heading "Sign in to Appily" is positioned above a text input field labeled "Email Address". Below the input field is a checkbox labeled "Remember me". A prominent orange button labeled "Sign in with email" is located below the checkbox. Underneath the button, there is a small icon of a lightning bolt and a plus sign, followed by the text: "We'll email you a magic link for a password-free sign-in. Or [sign in with a password](#)". A horizontal line with the word "or" in the center separates this section from the "Sign in with Google" button, which features the Google logo. At the bottom of the form, there are two links: "Forgot password?" and "Don't have an account yet?".

Claim Your Future

- Financial literacy game that allows students to choose a career and navigate through different spending choices
- Game can be played online or using the game kit, which includes:
 - Career wheels based on Illinois employment statistics
 - Printable budget worksheet
 - Additional financial education resources
- Limited to one kit per school



Illinois College2Career

- College search tool for Illinois colleges or universities
- Search options include:
 - Career Outcomes
 - Costs
 - Financial Aid
 - Graduation Rates
 - Student Debt

The screenshot shows the Illinois College2Career website. At the top left is the logo "ILLINOIS COLLEGE 2CAREER" and a language dropdown menu set to "EN". The main header features a blue background with a building image and the text "Find the Right Path For You!". Below this is a search form titled "Get Started Now" with the question "What type of college do you want to attend?". It has two radio buttons: "2-Year College" (selected) and "4-Year College" (with a help icon). Below the buttons are "Clear all selections" and "SEE RESULTS >" buttons. A "SEE HOW IT WORKS" button is also present. At the bottom, a diagram shows the search process: "4 or 2-year COLLEGE TYPE" + "One or more AREA OF STUDY" + "One or more COLLEGE BY NAME" = "See RESULTS".

Illinois WorkNet

• A web platform that provides individuals with resources that focuses on:

- Skills inventory
- Interest profiler
- Job searching
- Resume building
- Career exploration and preparations

GUIDES & TOOLS

All of the guides and tools are affiliated with Illinois workNet.

 <p>Quick Start Guide Use the Quick Start Guide to learn how Illinois workNet can help you achieve your training and career goals!</p>	 <p>Service Finder Use this search to find locations near you where staff can assist with your employment and training goals.</p>	 <p>Business Hub The Business Hub is the one-stop shop for your business needs. Learn more about available tools and information that can...</p>	 <p>Job Skills Guide Make sure you have the skills employers want! When you are searching for a job, it is important to recognize the skills ...</p>
 <p>Resume Builder Design, write, and share your resume, practice interviewing and more with the Illinois workNet Resume Building tool.</p>	 <p>Youth Resources The Illinois workNet Youth Resources are quick and easy to use. Use this guide to learn how to explore careers, prepare ...</p>	 <p>disabilityworks Helping individuals with disabilities achieve their training and employment goals.</p>	 <p>Veteran Assistance Guide There are dedicated programs and services for Veterans nationally and in Illinois. Don't miss out on valuable compensati...</p>
 <p>WIOA Contract Reporting Illinois workNet provides a means to report all of the contracts and contract values as required by the IWIB Act through...</p>	 <p>Incumbent Worker Tracking System (IWTS) The Illinois workNet Incumbent Worker Tracking System (IWTS) is the source for planning for and reporting on Incumbent W...</p>	 <p>Assessments Illinois workNet offers assessments that can be used as part of the career development process.</p>	 <p>Employment 101 Determine and set your employment goals with the self-guided tools in Employment 101.</p>

ISAC College Q&A

- Service for students and parents to text us their questions about college and financial aid
- Questions are answered by ISAC staff during regular business hours
- Students are sent targeted messages by grade level
 - i.e. It's time to complete your FAFSA! Visit www.FAFSA.gov to complete it.
- To get started, text your first and last name to the number (English 847, Spanish 773)



ISAC College Q&A

Check out the ISAC College Q&A text messaging service - get your questions about college planning and financial aid answered via text message, and receive important information about college planning events and deadlines.

To use the service simply text your first and last name to: **(847) 243-6470**

Servicio en español: **(773) 823-0570**

University Food Pantries/Services

<https://www.isac.org/students/during-college/documents/College-Food-Pantries-Illinois.pdf>

Resources for Food, Housing and Medical Care

Ideally, a student's financial aid package will cover most of their cost of attendance charges, including tuition, fees and living expenses, however, when that is not the case, here are some suggested resources that may be available to assist students.

Food Resources

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps) -- helps low-income people and families buy the food they need for good health.
 - Illinois Department of Human Services Help Line: 800-843-6154
 - Eligibility and application information: www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=33698
- Illinois Hunger Coalition Hunger Hotline
 - 800-359-2163
 - www.ihunger.org
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) -- provides temporary financial assistance for pregnant women and families with one or more dependent children.
 - Illinois Department of Human Services Help Line: 800-843-6154
 - Eligibility and application information: www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30358
- Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) -- a food assistance program for women, infants, and children
 - State WIC Office: 217-782-2166
 - Eligibility and application information: www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30513
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) -- a federal program that provides food at no cost to help supplement the diets of needy low-income households.
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tefap/emergency-food-assistance-program>
- Your institution's Student Services Department may be aware of school or community-based resources or local food banks that can provide assistance if you do not meet the requirements for SNAP benefits. See the list of Illinois College Food Pantries on the following pages.
 - Links to other local food resources: www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=31245

Housing & Utilities Resources

- Emergency and Transitional Housing Program -- gives immediate and comprehensive shelter services to homeless persons and persons at risk of becoming homeless.
 - Illinois Department of Human Services Help Line: 800-843-6154
 - Information: www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30362
 - Other programs: www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29723
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) -- helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs.
 - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/oacs/programs/liheap>

September 2020

Child and Dependent Care

If you need help caring for children or other dependents while attending college, several resources are available to you.

Illinois Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) provides financial assistance to student parents who qualify. Eligible students are those who:

- live in Illinois
- work and/or are enrolled in an educational program
- have children under 13 who need care (or up to 19 for children with special needs), and
- have a family income below certain limits (based on family size).

With CCAP, child care co-pays could be as little as \$2 a month. To learn more about the Child Care Assistance Program and to apply, visit the [Illinois Department of Human Services website \(www.dhs.state.il.us\)](http://www.dhs.state.il.us). Also available at the DHS website:

- [Affordable Child Care Brochure \(English\)](#)
- [Cuidado de Niños a su alcance \(Español\)](#)
- [Child Care Assistance Program \(CCAP\) Policy Manual](#)

Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies

For help in finding local child care options, visit the website of the [Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies \(inccrra.org\)](http://www.inccrra.org), a statewide organization that partners with local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies to make quality, affordable child care available to children and families in Illinois. Child care resource and referral services are available in all Illinois communities through a local CCR&R Agency.

- Available services by local area: <https://www.inccrra.org/about/sdasearch>
- Other resources: <https://www.inccrra.org/excelerate>

Dependent Care Allowance

A student's cost of attendance (COA) for college is a key factor in determining the amount of financial aid that a student may be able to receive. For students with dependents, an allowance for costs for dependent care can be included in the COA, and it can be for care that includes but is not limited to class time, study time, internships, and commuting time for the student. The amount of the allowance will be based on the number and age of the dependents and cannot exceed reasonable costs in the community for the type of care provided.

By including the costs of child and/or dependent care in a student's financial aid calculation, the student may be able to access additional financial assistance. This may include loans, which, it is important to note, must be repaid, but some students may also be eligible for more grant or scholarship money. Students should work directly with the financial aid office at their college or university to determine eligibility, get guidance on whether this adjustment would benefit them, and recalculate their financial aid.

Because the college is not always aware that a student has dependent care expenses, it's important for the student to initiate contact with the financial aid office and explain the need to include this allowance in their COA so it can be taken into consideration when determining the full amount of financial aid the student may be eligible to receive.









Additionally, if a student has a special circumstance that would justify an increase in the dependent care allowance, the student should provide that information to the financial aid office as well. The college may require supporting documentation for special circumstances.

Student Portal - Toolbox

- FinAid game
- Internships and summer job postings
- College checklist
- Event calendar
- Financial aid comparison worksheet
- PaCE student checklist
- MAP Estimator
- State Scholar Program badge claim & verification

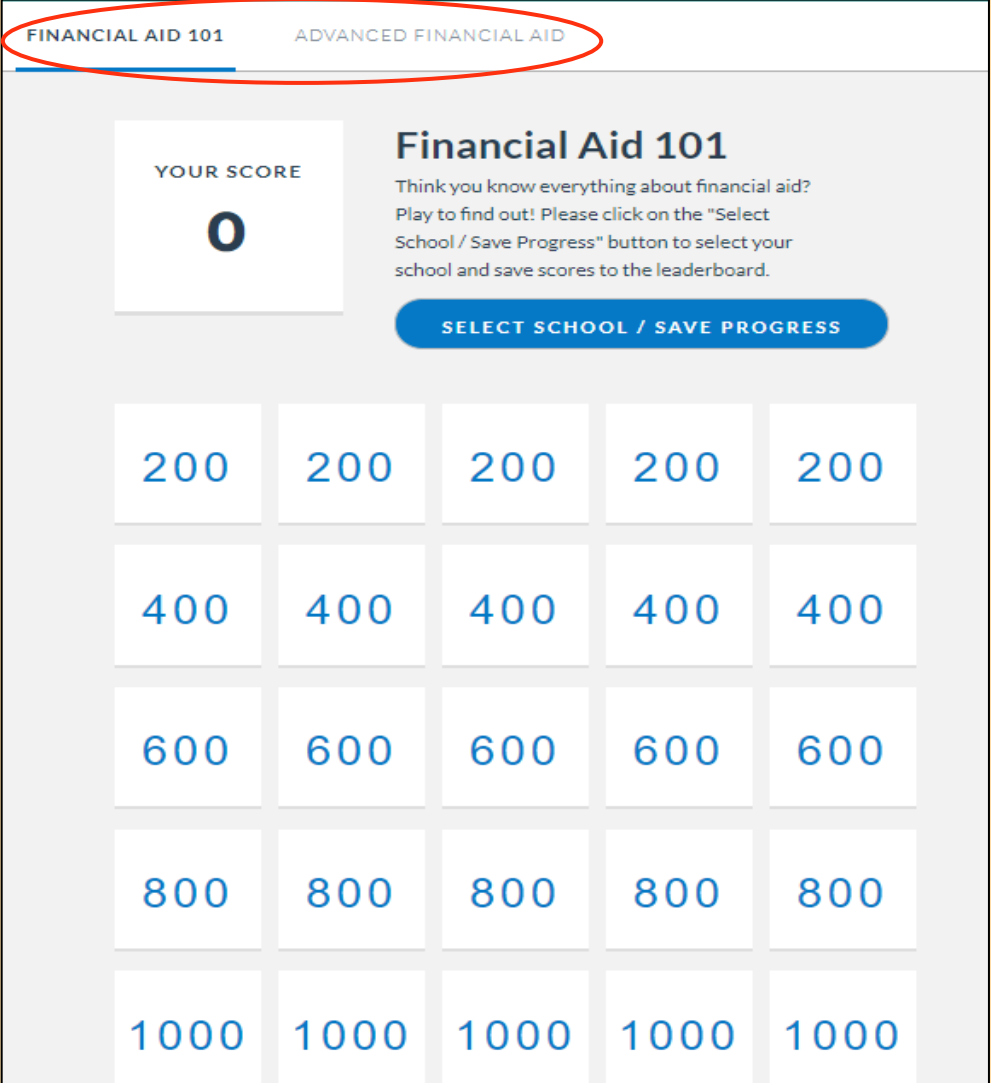
TOOLBOX
Handy tools to help you with college preparation, financial aid, and more.

ALL

 FinAid Game How much do you know about student financial aid? Take the quiz and find out.	 Internship and Summer Jobs Use the Job Board to find a co-op position, summer job or internship at an Illinois company.	 College Checklist Stay on top of all the steps you need to take in planning for college.
 Event Calendar Attend a free college application planning, or financial aid workshop in your area.	 Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet Easily compare financial aid offers from colleges.	 PaCE Student Checklist Explore the activities and experiences for grades 8-12 that can help you prepare for college and career.
 MAP Estimator Going to college in Illinois? Find out if you can get a MAP grant.	 State Scholar Program Badge Claim & Verification Claim and download your official badge, and have schools verify its authenticity.	

Financial Aid Game

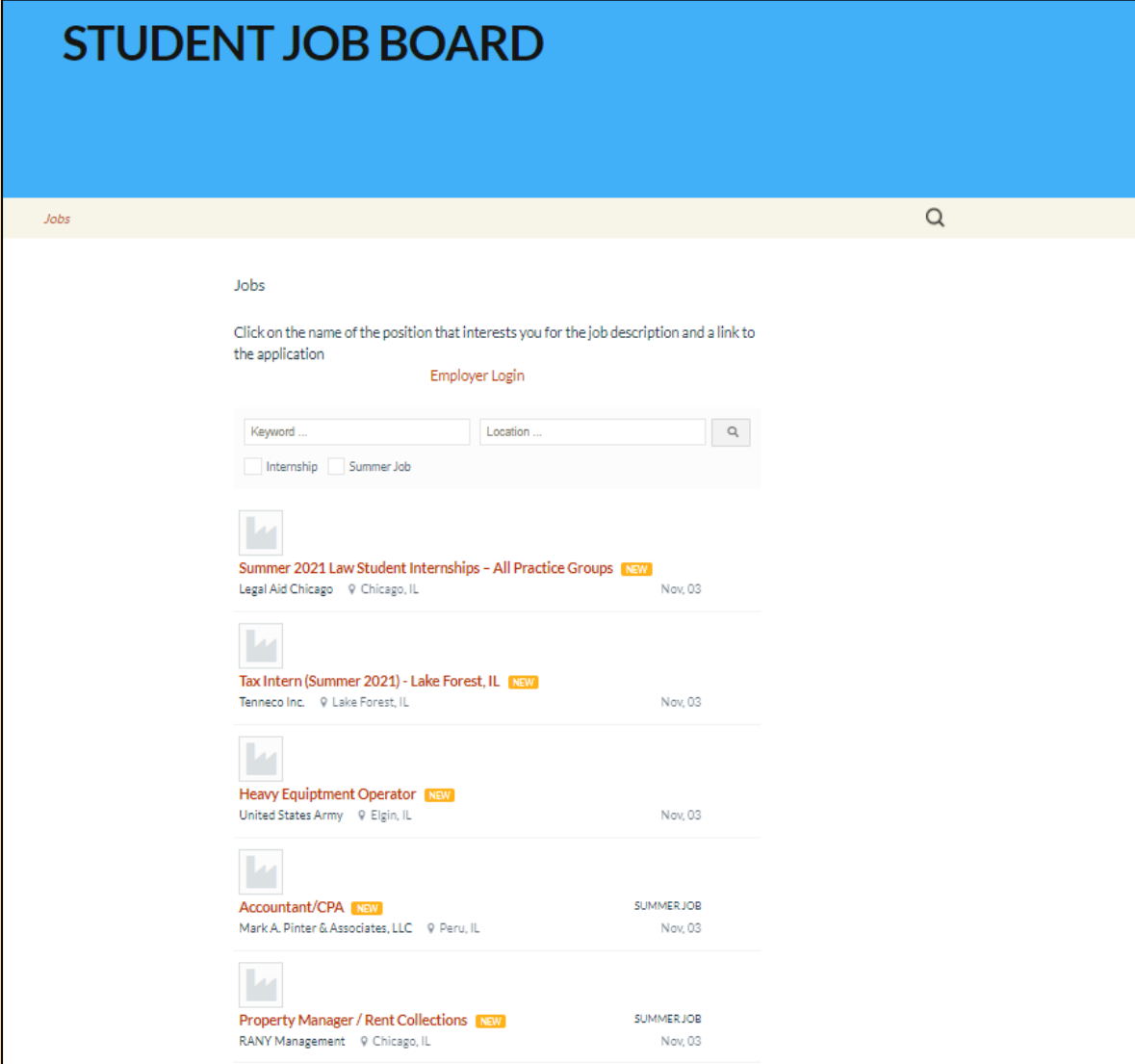
- Game to test financial aid knowledge
- Students can be divided into groups to work together to answer questions correctly and earn points
- Two levels
 - Financial aid 101
 - Advanced financial aid



The screenshot displays the game interface for "Financial Aid 101". At the top, there are two tabs: "FINANCIAL AID 101" (which is circled in red) and "ADVANCED FINANCIAL AID". Below the tabs, on the left, is a box labeled "YOUR SCORE" containing the number "0". To the right of this box is the title "Financial Aid 101" followed by the text: "Think you know everything about financial aid? Play to find out! Please click on the 'Select School / Save Progress' button to select your school and save scores to the leaderboard." Below this text is a blue button with the text "SELECT SCHOOL / SAVE PROGRESS". At the bottom of the interface is a grid of 25 white boxes, each containing a point value. The values are arranged in five rows and five columns: the first row has five "200"s, the second row has five "400"s, the third row has five "600"s, the fourth row has five "800"s, and the fifth row has five "1000"s.

Internships and Summer Jobs

- Listing of co-op positions, jobs, and internships for students at different Illinois companies across the state
- Expose students to experiential learning opportunities as they explore different careers
- Search by:
 - Keywords
 - Locations
 - Internships
 - Jobs



STUDENT JOB BOARD

Jobs Q


Jobs


Click on the name of the position that interests you for the job description and a link to the application


[Employer Login](#)


Keyword ... Location ... Q


Internship Summer Job

 **Summer 2021 Law Student Internships - All Practice Groups** NEW
Legal Aid Chicago | Chicago, IL | Nov, 03

 **Tax Intern (Summer 2021) - Lake Forest, IL** NEW
Tenneco Inc. | Lake Forest, IL | Nov, 03

 **Heavy Equipment Operator** NEW
United States Army | Elgin, IL | Nov, 03

 **Accountant/CPA** NEW SUMMERJOB
Mark A. Pinter & Associates, LLC | Peru, IL | Nov, 03

 **Property Manager / Rent Collections** NEW SUMMERJOB
RANY Management | Chicago, IL | Nov, 03

ISAC Event Calendar

- Students and parents can find FREE public events near them hosted by the ISACorps
 - FAFSA & Alternative Application completion workshops
 - Financial aid presentations

ISACORPS

The ISACorps – making college a reality for students across Illinois.


ISACORPS **EVENTS**

Find An Event Near You

ISAC is here to support you every step of the way with college planning and financial aid, with free college planning and financial aid events. You can also get one-on-one assistance with college planning and financial aid from the ISACorps member in your area. [Find your ISACorps member.](#)

If you would like to schedule an event for your school or organization, please complete and submit our [ISAC Outreach Request Form.](#)

You can enter your zip code to find the outreach events closest to you. Please note that in-person events will be conducted in accordance with state and local health guidelines. Advance registration may be required for online events.






The map shows the state of Illinois and surrounding areas. Major cities labeled include Chicago, Naperville, Springfield, Champaign, St. Louis, and Louisville. Neighboring states shown are Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, and Kentucky. The map includes a search bar at the top with 'Map' and 'Satellite' options, and a person icon in the bottom right corner. Map data is attributed to ©2021 Google, INEGI, and Terms of Use.

Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet

- Worksheet that allows students to compare up to 3 financial aid offers at a time
- Helps student calculate out-of-pocket costs
- Gives a better understanding of the components within financial aid offers such as:
 - Cost of attendance
 - Gift aid
 - Federal work study
 - Student loan aid
 - Remaining need

2022-2023 Academic Year

Add another college to compare award packages.

College A	College B	College C
First year out of pocket cost "0"*	First year out of pocket cost "634"*	First year out of pocket cost "1243"*
<i>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</i>	<i>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</i>	<i>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</i>
<i>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$34052</i>	<i>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</i>	<i>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</i>
		
Cost of Attendance 40204	Cost of Attendance 32325	Cost of Attendance 39734
Gift Aid - 24691	Gift Aid - 25191	Gift Aid - 29991
Federal Work Study - 1500	Federal Work Study - 1000	Federal Work Study - 3000
Student Loan Aid - 5500	Student Loan Aid - 5500	Student Loan Aid - 5500
Remaining Need = 8513	Remaining Need = 634	Remaining Need = 1243
Parent PLUS Loan - 8513	Parent PLUS Loan -	Parent PLUS Loan -
Out of Pocket Cost = 0	Out of Pocket Cost = 634	Out of Pocket Cost = 1243
EDIT DELETE	EDIT DELETE	EDIT DELETE

MAP Estimator

- Calculator that provides a student's estimated MAP award based on:
 - SAI
 - Dependency status
 - Colleges of Interest
- Ability to compare 3 Illinois schools at a time

To use the tool, you'll need your Student Aid Index (SAI) from your FAFSA Submission Summary -- if you don't already know your SAI, find it by using the [Federal Student Aid Estimator](#) . If you're a [dependent student](#) , you will also need to know your adjusted gross income (AGI) from the most recent tax year, as well as your cash, savings and checking account balances.

My SAI is...

For the purposes of the FAFSA, I am...

Independent

Dependent

I am interested in attending...

Select College Choice

Select College Choice

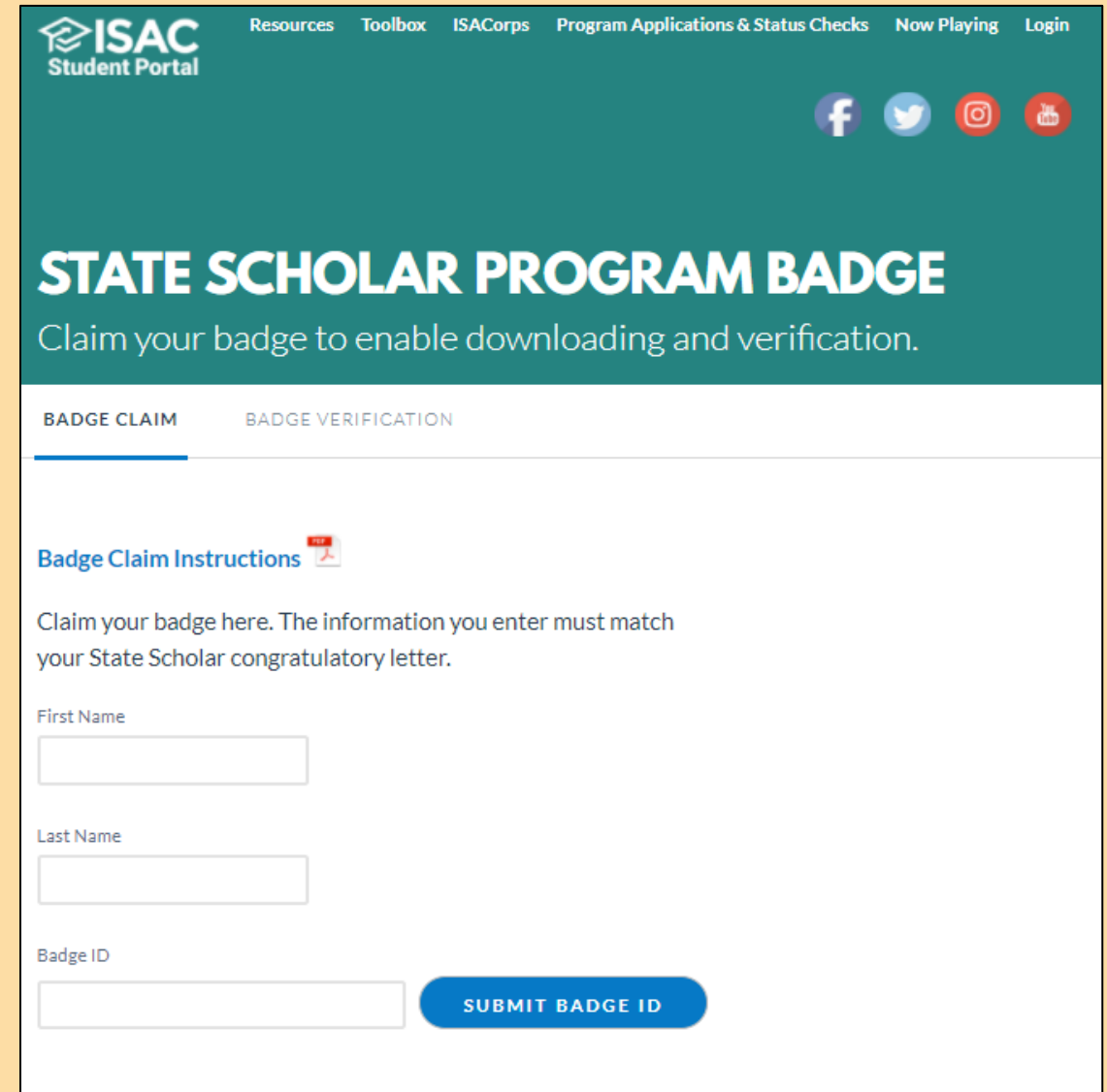
Select College Choice

GET ESTIMATE

RESET

State Scholar Program Badge

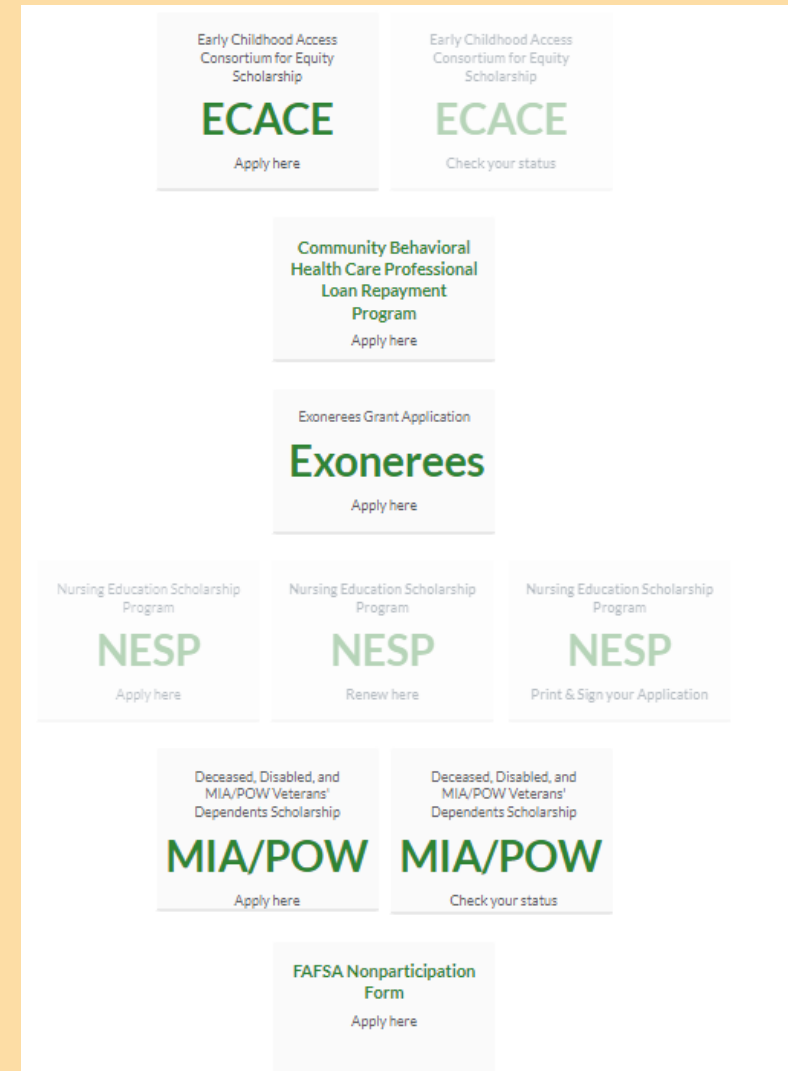
- Students who are designated as Illinois State Scholars may claim a digital badge on the Student Portal
- The digital badge can be shared on online profiles and social media accounts
- Schools are able to verify badge authenticity to ensure that students have been selected as State Scholars



The screenshot shows the ISAC Student Portal interface for claiming a State Scholar Program Badge. The page has a teal header with the ISAC logo and navigation links: Resources, Toolbox, ISACorps, Program Applications & Status Checks, Now Playing, and Login. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube are also present. The main heading is "STATE SCHOLAR PROGRAM BADGE" with the subtext "Claim your badge to enable downloading and verification." Below this, there are two tabs: "BADGE CLAIM" (which is active) and "BADGE VERIFICATION". Under the "BADGE CLAIM" tab, there is a link for "Badge Claim Instructions" with a PDF icon. The instructions state: "Claim your badge here. The information you enter must match your State Scholar congratulatory letter." There are three input fields: "First Name", "Last Name", and "Badge ID". A blue "SUBMIT BADGE ID" button is located at the bottom right of the form area.

Program Applications & Status Checks

- MAP Paid Credit Hours
- ING status check and application
- IVG status check and application
- MTI status check and application
- Grant Program for Exonerees application
- Opt-out Waiver (FAFSA Nonparticipation Form)



Student Portal – Now Playing

ISAC College Minute videos

- Financial Aid
- College Planning and College-Going

Recorded Facebook Live videos

ISAC tutorials for college and career-exploration tools

- ❖ Videos in available in English and Spanish

ISAC
Now Playing

Back To Student Portal

#ISACCollegeMinute: Financial Aid

¿Cómo solicito ayuda financiera?

How Do I Apply for Financial Aid?

¿QUÉ ES LA BECA DEL CONSORCIO PARA LA EQUIDAD DE ACCESO A LA PRIMER APLICACIÓN DE ILLINOIS (ECACE, POR SU ACRÓNIMO EN INGLÉS)?

#ISACCollegeMinute: College Planning and College-Going

Applying to Illinois public universities? Now you have the Common App!

5 THINGS TO KNOW WHEN YOU START COLLEGE: #1 - Know where to Find Help and Don't Be...

5 THINGS TO KNOW WHEN YOU START COLLEGE: #2 - In College, You Run Your Schedule, So Make the Most of It!

Thank You!

Questions? Contact us at

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BACK TO THE FUTURE

PRE-PANDEMIC POST-PANDEMIC