

ISAC Operational Update and Program News

December 21, 2022



Agenda

- ISAC Operational and Program Update
- ISAC Program Questions and Answers
- FAFSA Simplification 23-24
- FSA Conference Overview

2022-23 Fall Term Claim Deadline Dates

Program	Submit On or Before
Monetary Award Program (MAP)	12/09/22
Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant	12/30/22
Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)	12/30/22
Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship	12/30/22
Golden Apple (GA) Scholars of Illinois Program	12/30/22
Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship	12/30/22

- For more details on payment processing on each program, see their respective pages in the Gift Assistance area of the FAA section at isac.org



The screenshot shows the ISAC website interface. The URL in the browser address bar is isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/index.html. The navigation menu includes 'COUNSELORS', 'E-LIBRARY', 'PAY', 'GAP ACCESS', and 'SEARCH'. The 'PAY' link is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below the navigation menu, there is a main content area with a header image of hands raised. The main content area includes a sidebar with links for 'HOME', 'STUDENTS & PARENTS >', 'IF SAC'S STUDENT PORTAL', 'RESEARCH & POLICY >', 'NEWSROOM', and 'ABOUT ISAC >'. The main content area also features a section titled 'ISAC Gift Assistance Programs' and a section titled 'Early Childhood Access Consortium For Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program'.

2022-23 MAP Updates

- ISAC is now accepting MAP claims for the second (spring) term
- In addition, claims for the fall term will continue to be accepted and results for first-term claims that were being held are now available in the MAP system
- Claims for first and second terms are due on or before **Friday, March 10, 2023**
- For second term, accepting:
 - initial claims
 - increases to previously-submitted claims
- For first term, accepting:
 - initial claims
 - increases to previously-submitted claims, and
 - late claims (i.e., claims submitted after December 9, 2022)

2022-23 MAP Updates

- Colleges are encouraged to submit all first- and second-term claims as soon as possible, keeping in mind that claims may be submitted **no more than 10 days prior to the start of classes** for the term for which they being requested, per ISAC rules
 - n) MAP grants are paid directly to the approved institution of record that certifies to ISAC that the applicant is an eligible recipient.
 - 1) ISAC will annually establish priority claim dates for the submission of payment requests and inform schools of the required priority dates.
 - 2) Late payment requests will result in delayed processing of payments. Payment requests are processed in the sequence of receipt by ISAC and as funds are available.
 - 3) Institutions may submit their payment requests beginning 10 days prior to the start of classes for the term for which they are requesting payment.
- No suspension of 2022-23 MAP award announcements is scheduled at this time
 - ISAC will continue to monitor claim volume and appropriation levels and will notify the financial aid community should 2022-23 MAP award announcements need to be suspended in the future
- See today's e-message for more information

GAP Access - Payment Vouchers

- ISAC is now providing another report in GAP Access through which payment voucher and warrant information will be available for the MAP, MTI, GA and ECACE programs
 - Colleges can access these in their Reports section
 - They can be identified by the red PDF icon, which is an indicator that the report was generated by ISAC

MAP 2022-2023 : Reports: Eligibility Reports

Test Sample

Home Student Payment Budget **Reports** File Extractions

Refresh Create New Report

Entries displayed 10 Filter

Status	Report Type	Date	File Size(kb)	User Name
Completed	MAP - Warrant INV 10-04-2022 SCH 765	11/21/2022	943.808	ERPInsert
Completed	MAP - Warrant INV 10-04-2022 SCH 065	11/21/2022	943.808	ERPInsert
Completed	MAP - Warrant INV 09-13-2022 SCH 765	11/21/2022	943.807	ERPInsert
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Completed	MAP - Warrant INV 10-31-2022 SCH 765	11/21/2022	943.809	ERPInsert
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Completed	MAP - Warrant INV 10-17-2022 SCH 765	11/21/2022	943.807	ERPInsert
Completed	Payment Results/exceptions - 765	11/09/2022	5.315	MAPInvoice
Completed	Payment Results/exceptions	11/09/2022	5.831	MAPInvoice
Completed	Payment Results/exceptions - 765	10/31/2022	5.816	MAPInvoice

Payment Results/Exceptions Report

- The last page of this report provides invoice information, including amount due to the school and this invoice number.
- This invoice number will be referenced on the voucher authorizing payment from the State Comptroller.
- The voucher number is referenced on the check.

ISC1787.04	ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION 1795 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD IL 60015-5209				PAGE: 1 RUN DATE:
PAYMENT RESULTS SUMMARY		MONETARY AWARD PROGRAM (MAP)			
ACADEMIC YEAR					
ALL TERMS					
MAP CODE -					
FEN					
	# STU	REQUESTED AMOUNT	# STU	PAID AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE*
FULL REQUESTED AWARD AMOUNT PAID	117	242,431.00	117	242,431.00	0.00
REQUESTED AWARD AMOUNT REDUCED	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
INCREASE IN PREVIOUS PAID AMOUNT	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NO CHANGE IN PREVIOUS PAID AMOUNT	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
REQUESTED AWARDS DENIED	1	2,109.00	0	0.00	2,109.00
REQUESTED AWARDS HELD/LATE CLAIMS	0	0.00			0.00
PARTIAL REFUNDS	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
FULL REFUNDS	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	118	244,540.00			2,109.00
NET AMOUNT DISBURSED			117	242,431.00	
LESS ADVANCE PAYMENT OUTSTANDING				0.00	
LESS PREVIOUS BALANCE DUE TO ISAC				(0.00)	
TOTAL AMOUNT INVOICED				242,431.00	DUE TO SCHOOL
INVOICE NUMBER					MI23456789

NOTE: THIS INVOICE NUMBER WILL BE REFERENCED ON THE VOUCHER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE STATE COMPTROLLER. THE VOUCHER NUMBER IS REFERENCED ON THE CHECK.

*REPRESENTS AMOUNT NOT PAID OR TOTAL AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY PAID

NOTE: ALL FUNDS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ISAC ONLY AFTER A FINAL RECONCILIATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR. ALL SCHOOLS WITH AN OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OWED TO ISAC AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL RECEIVE A NOTICE INDICATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED.

Sample Report



FY2023

MAP PROGRAM INVOICE - VOUCHER

Illinois Student Assistance Commission
1755 Lake Cook Road Deerfield, IL 60015-5209
800.899.ISAC (4722)
Website: www.isac.org

VENDOR DETAILS

Vendor or Payee

UNIVERSITY OF SOME SCHOOL
FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
123 ANY STREET
SOME TOWN, IL 60001

Voucher Information

VOUCHER NO. 23822433
VOUCHER DATE 11-14-2022
INVOICE NO. M233130956
INVOICE DATE 11-14-2022

WARRANT NO.
WARRANT DATE

Warrant number is populated when the Illinois Office of Comptroller authorizes payment for this voucher. The status of payment requests can be monitored on the [Comptroller's website](#).

VOUCHER DETAILS TOTAL AMOUNT

Monetary Award Program (MAP)
UNIVERSITY OF SOME SCHOOL 123456 (123)
2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

\$27,026.00

Sample Report



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Voucher Information

VOUCHER NO. 23822433
VOUCHER DATE 11-14-2022
INVOICE NO. M233130956
INVOICE DATE 11-14-2022

WARRANT NO. 000000013631
WARRANT DATE 11-22-2022

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Tracking ISAC Payments from the State Comptroller

- isac.org/faas/processes/state-comptrollers-website

Home | Financial Aid Administrators | Processes

State Comptroller's Website

The Office of the Comptroller provides a wealth of fiscal information to State of Illinois vendors, including postsecondary institutions, with their website that provides direct public access to the Statewide Accounting Management System (SAMS) Information Warehouse. This site provides immediate access to state fiscal information, ranging from general public inquiries to vendor specific information on payments and contracts with the state.

Tracking Payments

Gift Assistance benefits are paid directly to the approved institution of record that certified the applicant's eligibility. Payment of grant benefits is requested by the school and is approved through ISAC. ISAC authorizes an Invoice Voucher in the amount of the payment claim and funds are issued from the State Comptroller's Office to the institution. ISAC forwards the Invoice Voucher to the college which can be matched with the funds received from the Comptroller.

Schools can use the State Comptroller's website to track the processing of payments for the MAP grant and ISAC's other specialized scholarship and grant programs. The "Vendor Payments" screen provides a link to the payment processing status and has an online instruction guide.

- Access the [State Comptroller's home page](#).
- Click on the "Vendors" tab at the top of the home page.
- Enter your school's Vendor Taxpayer Identification Number and the name of your school in the requested fields.
- Select the symbol as instructed and click on "Submit".
- Click on the "Payment Details" button on the Vendor Summary screen. The Vendor Warrants screen displays.
 - Selection criteria can be entered on the Vendors Warrant screen to narrow the search, but it is not required. Select the "Find Warrant" button to display all payments processed to date. If no selection criteria is entered, all payments processed for the current fiscal year will display in date issued order, with the most recent payments appearing first. Note the State of Illinois year runs July 1 through June 30.
- Click on the number in the "Warrant/EFT#" column to display additional information about a specific warrant.

Setting Up Electronic Payments

In addition to providing access to state fiscal information, schools may receive electronic payments

- MAP Electronic Processing
- MAP Advising Data Collection
- MPCH Adjustments (COVID: Spring 2020)
- NON-MAP Programs Adjustments (COVID: Spring 2020)
- ING Grant Electronic Processing
- IVG Electronic Processing
- ECACE Electronic Processing
- GA Electronic Processing
- MTI Electronic Processing
- Gift Assistance Budget Instructions
- External Compliance Program Review
- State Comptroller's Website
- Refunds And Unpaid Claims
- Loan Counseling
- Verification Of Enrollment
- Loan Repayment
- Reinstatement Of Title IV And State Student Aid Eligibility
- Loan Rehabilitation
- Record Retention

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VENDOR PAYMENTS

[Accessing Payment Information on the Internet - Basic Guide](#)

VENDOR PAYMENTS

This system allows State of Illinois vendors and commercial payees to view and download detailed, non-confidential remittance information for payments issued by the State of Illinois. Both payment and contract details can also be accessed. Please provide your Taxpayer Identification Number and either the Name of Business or your Last and First name (Last, First) to display payment information.

Vendor TIN: Show

Vendor Name:

Security Verification: Select the Pencil [\(What is this?\)](#)

ENHANCED VENDOR REMITTANCE

Enhanced Vendor Remittance (EVR) allows State of Illinois vendors and commercial payees to quickly and easily view and download detailed remittance information for payments issued by the State of Illinois. In addition to the information presented through Vendor Payments, EVR displays fields that would be included on the hard-copy warrant stub. These fields include confidential payment information, such as vendor address and payment text. Vendors must have authorized [Direct Deposit](#) in order to register for this system.

User name is your email address.

User ID :

Password: Show

[Forgot Your Password](#) [Trouble Logging In](#) [User Guide](#)

Other 2022-23 Programs

- ISAC is working to implement a few new programs throughout 2022-23
 - Administrative rules will be made available as they are proposed and approved
 - Web pages will be added to the Student and FAA sections of isac.org to provide information as it becomes available, and updates will be provided via e-messaging
 - **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)
 - **Nursing Education Scholarship Program**
 - Appropriation increased from \$2 million to \$4 million
 - Is being transitioned from the Illinois Department of Public Health to ISAC during FY23
 - **Post-MSW School Social Work PEL Scholarship Program & School Social Work & Municipal Loan Repayment Program**
 - A \$6 million appropriation will be split between these two programs
 - Applications are being developed; will be available in early 2023
 - **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 will be available in early 2023

Loan Repayment Programs

isac.org/faas/other-programs/loan-repayment/forgiveness-programs/
isac.org/students/after-college/forgiveness-programs/

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with links for ISAC Gift Assistance Programs, Other Programs, Processes, ISAC Administrative Rules, E-Library, and Partner Training. A breadcrumb trail is highlighted in red: Home > Financial Aid Administrators > Other Programs > Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs. The main content area has a heading "Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs" and a sub-heading "Illinois Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs". The text explains that the State of Illinois offers assistance with student loan repayment for Illinois residents who qualify based on certain eligibility requirements. It also lists several programs: Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program, Illinois Teachers Loan Repayment Program, John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program, Nurse Educator Loan Repayment Program, and Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment Program. A sidebar on the right lists "Loan Programs" and "Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs" with the same list of programs.

ISAC Gift Assistance Programs **Other Programs** Processes ISAC Administrative Rules E-Library Partner Training

Home > Financial Aid Administrators > Other Programs > Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs

Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs

The State of Illinois offers assistance with student loan repayment for Illinois residents who qualify based on certain eligibility requirements. Typically, qualifying borrowers are those who have made an obligation to work in Illinois for a specific amount of time in a field that has experienced a shortage of workers (for example, teaching or nursing).

The number of awards made through programs administered by ISAC, as well as the individual dollar amount awarded, are subject to sufficient annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor.

Illinois Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs

- Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program
- Illinois Teachers Loan Repayment Program
- John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program
- Nurse Educator Loan Repayment Program
- Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment Program

In addition to these ISAC-administered programs, a borrower's entire student loan (or a portion of their obligation) may be cancelled (forgiven) by the federal government under certain circumstances. Federal programs include the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program and other Student Loan Forgiveness programs.

Loan Programs

Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs

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Before College - Planning During College - Paying **After College** Parents Español

Home > Students & Parents > After College > Forgiveness Programs

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Planning

Repaying Your Student Loans

Forgiveness Programs

- Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program
- Illinois Teachers Loan Repayment Program
- John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program
- Nurse Educator Loan Repayment Program
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment Program

Program Requirements

Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program

(last updated August 12, 2022)

The number of awards made through this program, as well as the individual dollar amount awarded, are subject to sufficient annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor.

- Program News
- Program Overview
- Eligibility Requirements
- Application Procedure
- Award Determination and Payment

Program News

Fiscal Year 2023

The 2023 fiscal year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) appropriation for the Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program is \$5,000,000.

The FY23 Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program application must be submitted by August 12, 2022, which is the priority consideration date.

Program Overview

(ISAC Rules, Part 2753)

The Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program provides assistance to qualified mental health and substance use professionals...

Loan Programs

Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs

Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program

Illinois Teachers Loan Repayment Program

John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program

Nurse Educator Loan Repayment Program

Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment Program

College Illinois

Other State-Sponsored Programs

2022-23 ISAC Rules

Select order in which to view the 2022-23 ISAC Rules.

- Listed Alphabetically
- Listed by Program Type/Topic

2022-23 ISAC Rules - Listed Alphabetically

- Administrative Wage Garnishment [Part 2722]
- Adult Vocational Community College Scholarship Program [Part 2745]
- AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program [Part 2766]
- Alternative Loan Program [Part 2721]
- Americans With Disabilities Act Grievance Procedure [Part 1400]
- Child Welfare Student Loan Forgiveness Program [Part 2769]
- College Planning Act [Part 2774]
- College Savings Bond Bonus Incentive Grant (BIG) Program [Part 2771]
- Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program [Part 2753]
- Community College Transfer Grant (CCTG) Program [Part 2740]
- Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program [Part 2746]
- Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) [Part 2720]
- General Provisions [Part 2700]

Proposed Rules And Amendments (IVG, Social Work Loan Repmt., Human Services Loan Repmt.)

Proposed Rules And Amendments (General Provisions, MAP, Social Work Scholarship)

2022-23 ISAC Rules

2021-22 ISAC Rules

2020-21 ISAC Rules

2019-20 ISAC Rules

2018-19 ISAC Rules

2017-18 ISAC Rules

2016-17 ISAC Rules

2015-16 ISAC Rules

2014-15 ISAC Rules

2013-14 ISAC Rules

2012-13 ISAC Rules

2011-12 ISAC Rules

2010-11 ISAC Rules

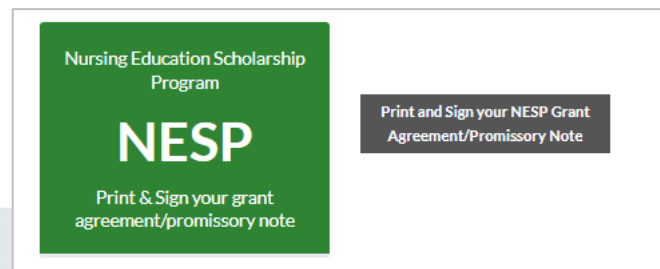
isac.org/faas/other-programs/loan-repaymentforgiveness-programs/cbhcp.html

isac.org/e-library/administrative-rules/index.html



2022-23 NESP Awarding: What Has Happened So Far

- Applicants received notification of their eligibility status from the IDPH earlier in the year
 - Recipients should refer to the awarding statement received from IDPH for award details, including the award amount
- IDPH and ISAC have worked in partnership to build the needed systems to transfer required documentation and integrate program administration into ISAC processing
 - Unfortunately, this has resulted in a delay obtaining signed grant agreements from recipients and disbursing funds
- In late November, NESP recipients were sent an e-mail message from ISAC containing information about the transition of the program to ISAC, along with next steps and the expected timeline for disbursements
- In early December, NESP recipients received e-mail from ISAC which contained instructions for signing and submitting the required Grant Agreements/Promissory Notes.
 - Disbursement of NESP funds cannot occur until a recipient's signed Grant Agreement/Promissory Note is in place
 - Recipients may access and sign agreements through the Program Applications & Status Checks area of the [ISAC Student Portal](https://studentportal.isac.org) at studentportal.isac.org



What's Next for NESP ...

- **2022-23**
 - As agreements are signed, disbursement of fall term awards will begin
 - Stipends and scholarships are expected to be disbursed after the new year
 - Spring and summer term processing will utilize ISAC's Gift Assistance Portal -- Access, where schools will certify eligibility and request subsequent term payments
 - Similarly to how processing works for other ISAC programs
- **2023-24**
 - The application process will be made available in ISAC's Student Portal
 - Program administration for 2023-24 and beyond will take place in ISAC's GAP Access system

NESP Student Communication

- Students have been provided with ISAC's contact information and have been reaching out to ISAC's Call Center regarding their fall payments
- As we explain the transition process to them, we're letting them know we've provided communication to NESP-participating schools about the delay in payment processing
- We are also encouraging students to contact the financial aid and/or business office to discuss any issues/concerns regarding their ability to graduate or enroll for the spring term, as well as possible contingencies that schools may have in place for these types of situation where financial aid funding has been delayed
- Student information page:
 - www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html

isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html

Before College - Planning **During College - Paying** After College Parents Español

Home > Students & Parents > During College - Paying > Types Of Financial Aid > Scholarships

Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)

The administration of NESP is transitioning from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to ISAC. Scroll to "processing Updates" below for information about the current status.

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. 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. 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.

Eligibility

- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non citizen or meet the "undocumented student" criteria of the RISE Act
- be an Illinois resident
- 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
- sign a Grant Agreement/Promissory Note promising to fulfill the employment commitment or repay funds received plus interest.

How to Apply

The 2022-23 application period is closed

The 2023-24 application is expected to be available in spring, 2023

Paying For College

Applying For Financial Aid

Types Of Financial Aid

- Illinois And Federal Financial Aid Programs
- Work-Study Programs
- Grants
- Loans

Scholarships

- Minority Teachers Of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program
- Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program
- Early Childhood Access Consortium For Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program
- Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program
- Post-Master School Social Work Scholarship Program
- Golden Apple Scholars Of Illinois
- MIA/POW Scholarship
- Nursing Education

isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-faa-2022-1208.html

2023 – What's Ahead

As we look ahead to 2023, there is much work to be done on behalf of NESP recipients and participating schools. ISAC is preparing to undertake three major activities starting in January 2023: the spring term awarding cycle, the onboarding of this program into our Gift Assistance Programs (GAP) Access portal to accommodate schools' administration of the program, and the development of the 2023-24 application. You will receive more details and updates on these activities early next year.

In the meantime, we appreciate your support and collaboration as we continue to work through the details of the transition.

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Administrators (FAAs)

Financial Aid Administrators (FAAs) e-Messaging

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* First Name

* Last Name

* Email Lists

- Business Officer - fiscal updates
- College Coursework Materials Task Force – announcements & information about the work of the Task Force
- ECACE Administrators – program & processing updates about the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program
- FAA ISAC Update - monthly newsletter summarizing each month's announcements and updates
- Financial Aid Administrators - program & processing updates, rules & regulations, operational announcements
- Financial Aid Directors - administrative announcements
- MAP Users - operational updates for the Internet application used to process MAP data
- NESP Schools – operational announcements for schools participating in the Nursing Education Scholarship Program
- Public Schools - operational announcements for colleges participating in the JNC Grant and JNC programs

Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program Question and Answers

Q. If a school credits a student's account with their ECACE scholarship before receiving the funding from the state, and then the student withdraws or drops classes after the add/drop date, can the student keep the scholarship, or do the funds have to be returned?

A. The student could retain the scholarship funds to cover costs incurred. Although ECACE funds are not subject to Return of Title IV guidelines, students would not be eligible to receive funds for cost of attendance components they may no longer have as a result of their withdrawal from classes.

The intent of the scholarship is to provide the financial assistance students need to pursue a degree or credentials without having to incur or be left with debt as they work toward meeting their educational goals, and the scholarship may be used to ensure that doesn't occur, even for students who may not complete a term.

Q. Are schools required to disburse the balance of ECACE (after direct costs) to a student before we are paid?

A. No, there are no specific requirements or timelines that schools must follow in their process for disbursing funds to student. However, schools are encouraged to provide funds to students in a timely manner, so they have access to the resources they need to be successful.

Schools may disburse credit balances resulting from ECACE funding in a manner that is consistent with a school's usual policies for disbursing aid to students after add/drop dates, withdrawal dates, and/or census dates.

Q. In situations where a student's federal student aid is subject to Return of Title IV requirements due to dropping or withdrawing from classes, can ECACE be adjusted to cover costs which may no longer be covered by Title IV aid?

A. Yes, ECACE funds could be used to pay a balance that a student may have as the result of R2T4 and the impact it may have had on other financial aid.

Q. If a student was not enrolled or not eligible for the fall term, what happens with their ECACE scholarship as a result? Can they enroll for subsequent terms?

A. Yes, if a student is certified as ineligible by your college for the fall term, the scholarship will still be available to the student for subsequent terms. The scholarship will be held for the full academic year.

Remember to frequently check your “Student List Eligibility: View” screen for recently prequalified students, as well as students who may have enrolled for a subsequent term or who may have established eligibility since they originally applied.

Q. What does it mean that the ECACE Scholarship can be used to cover up to cost of attendance?

A. The ECACE Scholarship:

- Is intended to be last payer, after all other aid has been provided
- May be used to replace student loans that might otherwise be part of a student's aid package

Some things to keep in mind when awarding ECACE:

- If you calculate from “cost of attendance” instead of “direct cost,” the student would not need to take out any loans, which is the intent of the program
- You can refund the student any remaining funds after direct costs have been covered
 - In some cases, the student refund may be a significant amount based on their cost of attendance components, and that is acceptable

Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) & Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Questions and Answers

Q. Does a veteran's characterization of service have to be honorable for all periods of federal active duty service to qualify for IVG?

A. No, an amendment was made in Illinois statute ([Public Act 102-0800](#)) to align IVG with other state programs in regard to program eligibility.

IVG had required that a veteran have an honorable discharge from every period of military service, however, the program will now only require evaluation of an applicant's most recent discharge to determine eligibility based on characterization of service

This is intended to benefit veterans whose discharge may have been characterized as something besides "honorable" (like a general discharge under honorable conditions or an early separation before completing basic training) who later decide to re-enlist and serve honorably

The Public Act went into effect in May 2022, IVG rule amendments are being made, and we are processing applications based on the change for 2022-23.

Q. A student is using ING at our school for Fall 2022. Our fall term dates are 8/22/22 to 12/16/22, however GAP Access indicates he does not become eligible until 8/31/22. How do I determine the amount of tuition and mandatory fees that can be billed for this student?

A. You will need to determine the cost per day and the number of days in the term that the student is eligible for, and then calculate the prorated benefit amount. Here is the reference from the [ING Grant rules](#) about prorating benefits:

From Section 2730.30 Program Procedures --

Except as otherwise provided in this Part, if a recipient ceases to be an active status member of the Illinois National Guard during a term, benefits cease, and the student is responsible for the unpaid costs attributed to the remainder of the term. If an applicant becomes eligible during a term, in accordance with Section 2730.20(b), benefits will be prorated for that portion of the term for which the applicant is eligible, provided the application is submitted by the deadlines. **Costs are prorated on the basis of the institution's scheduled days of instruction minus institutionally scheduled holidays and examination periods.**

- **Calculation: Total tuition cost divided by total instructional days = cost per day x days of eligibility = total proration.**

Example on how to determine the benefit amount the student is eligible to receive since he became eligible for ING after the term started...

Calculation:

Total tuition cost divided by total instructional days = cost per day x days of eligibility = total proration.

- Term dates: 8/22/22 to 12/16/22
- Student eligible on 8/31
- Holidays: 9/5, 11/8, 11/23, 11/24-11/27
 - MATH 8/22/22 to 12/16/22
 - 51 class sessions – 3 holidays = 48 class sessions
 - $\$700.00 / 48 = \14.5833 $\$14.58 \times 44$ eligible class sessions = $\$641.67$
 - ECONO 8/22/22 to 12/16/22
 - 117 days – 5 holidays = 112 class sessions
 - $\$420.00 / 112 = \3.75 $\$3.75 \times 103$ eligible class sessions = $\$386.25$
 - PHILO 8/23/22 to 12/16/22
 - 34 class session – 2 holidays = 32 class sessions
 - $\$420.00 / 32 = \13.125 $\$13.125 \times 29$ eligible class sessions = $\$380.63$

Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program

Q. If a student has indicated on their MTI application that they meet the bilingual criteria, but we do not have documentation to confirm that, can we still certify them as eligible.

A. Yes, you could still certify the student as eligible for MTI and bypass the bilingual section by answering “no” to the question: “Is the student bilingual?” to complete the certification process so that the student can be certified and considered eligible for MTI without the bilingual information.

Then, once you have the information you need to confirm the bilingual eligibility criteria, you can make the adjustment to the student record.

Q. A student has been awarded funds for both MTI and Golden Apple. Can the student receive both?

A. No, a student can only receive either MTI or Golden Apple in one award year, and schools are encouraged to work closely with students who have been awarded both programs in GAP Access to determine which one the student wants to accept.

ISAC will send a letter to a student who has been awarded both, asking them to select which fund they would like to receive and return the letter to ISAC. There is a deadline date on these letters, and if the student brings the letter to the school, the school should forward it to School Services. If a school is not sure which program the student would like to accept, the school should contact the student to get a written statement and confirm which program they would like to receive. The statement should be forwarded to School Services and a copy saved for their records.

The school should make sure that payment is not requested for both programs in GAP Access. If that does occur, one must be cancelled.

Q. What are the student obligations for Golden Apple and MTI?

A. Both have teaching obligations.

Golden Apple is a five-year commitment of teaching on a full-time basis.

MTI has a one-year teaching commitment for each year that the scholarship is received.

Both obligations will convert to a loan that the student will need to repay if the commitment is not met.

Monetary Award Program (MAP) Questions and Answers

Q. Are there restrictions on the programs or courses that MAP can be used to pay?

A. The MAP grant cannot pay for:

- academic programs intended to prepare a student for the high school equivalency certificate or for a high school diploma
- audit courses
- credit-by-examination and/or life experience
- graduate-level courses leading to a degree above the baccalaureate level
- noncredit course offerings (except qualifying remedial courses).

Remedial courses are eligible for MAP payment provided the student has been accepted into an eligible degree/certificate program and is taking the remedial courses as part of that program. Payment cannot be made for more than the equivalent of one year of remedial course work (i.e., 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours).

Q. What is an audit course?

A. Auditing college courses is when a student regularly attends a class without receiving a grade or credit for it.

Q. If a student qualifies for Fresh Start, can they be eligible for MAP?

A. Yes, provided they meet all other MAP eligibility criteria. And the same would be true for all other ISAC programs, including the ECACE program.

Schools are expected to collect and maintain the required documentation according to the guidance provided by the Department of Education in their communication to schools about the Fresh Start program, including the DCL-GEN-22-13 published on August 17, 2022

- <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague-letters/2022-08-17/federal-student-aid-eligibility-borrowers-defaulted-loans>

Q. Is there a limit on the number of certificate programs that a student could use MAP benefits for?

A. No, there is no limit, as long as the student has not exceeded their maximum limit of 135 MAP Paid Credit Hours (MPCHs).

Q. Does a certificate program have to have a minimum number of hours in order to be eligible for MAP?

A. ISAC does not define the number of hours a short-term program must have, however, to be MAP-eligible, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of three credit hours.

Q. Where do I find the User Guides for ISAC programs?

- The list of User Guides can be found on the GAP Access general information page, using this link: <https://www.isac.org/gap-access/>

Q. Where do I find the Administrative Rules for ISAC Programs?

- The rules can be found in the E-library using this link: <https://www.isac.org/e-library/>

Q. Where do I find information about ISAC Gift Assistance Programs?

- Additional information regarding ISAC programs can be found on this link: <https://www.isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/index.html>

FAFSA Simplification 2023-24

FAFSA® Simplification Act Changes for Implementation in 2023-24

- Detailed guidance was provided in [Dear Colleague Letter \(DCL\) GEN-22-15](#), issued on November 4, 2022
 - fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague-letters/2022-11-03/fafsar-simplification-act-changes-implementation-2023-24
- Topics covered include:
 - Cost of Attendance
 - What changed and what remained the same
 - Definitions
 - Updated definitions of commonly used COA terms
 - Special Populations
 - Confined or incarcerated students COA
 - Professional Judgement
 - Special Circumstances-Unusual Circumstances
 - Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
 - Pell Grant LEU Restoration
 - Pell Grant Eligibility for Incarcerated Students
 - Changes to the FAFSA form
 - Q & A section

Cost of Attendance (COA) for 2023-24

- Costs for rental or purchase of equipment, materials or supplies has moved out of Tuition and Fees to books, course materials, supplies and equipment
- Transportation may include transportation between campus, residences and a students place of work
- Room and Board are now known as Food and Housing and grouped as living expenses
- Living expenses are broken out as on or off campus and with or without meal plan
- Loan Fees for non-Federal student loans can no longer be included
- Course materials and cost of obtaining a license, certification or first professional credential is an expense that may now be included in the COA for confined or incarcerated individuals

Definitions COA terms

- The definitions of terms commonly used in determining COA can be found in Dear Colleague letter GEN 22-15
 - <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague-letters/2022-11-03/fafsar-simplification-act-changes-implementation-2023-24>
- Consumer information requirements explicitly states that an institution must make COA information publicly available on its website.
- The information must include a list of all COA elements and must appear on any portion of the website that describes tuition and fees.

Professional Judgement 2023-24

- **Special Circumstances** refer to the financial situations (loss of a job, etc.) that justify an aid administrator adjusting data elements in the COA or in the EFC calculation.
- **Unusual Circumstances** refer to the conditions that justify an aid administrator making an adjustment to a student's dependency status based on a unique situation (e.g., human trafficking, refugee or asylee status, parental abandonment, incarceration), more commonly referred to as a dependency override.
- Institutions can not maintain a policy of denying professional judgement requests
- Institutions must disclose publicly that students can request an adjustment based on special or unusual circumstances
- Institutions can use a dependency override determination from another school in the same or prior year

Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU)

- Allows for restoration of Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) regarding loan discharges due to closed schools, false certifications, identity theft and successful borrower defense claims
- Institutions do not have to take any actions.
 - LEU restoration will be an automated process within the Department of Education systems.
 - They will notify students who this will affect once the changes are made.

Pell for Incarcerated Students 2023-24

- Establishes Pell Grant eligibility for confined or incarcerated students
- Some operational guidance can be found in Dear Colleague Letter Gen-22-09:
 - <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague-letters/2022-07-08/2023-2024-award-year-fafsa-information-be-verified-and-acceptable-documentation>
- Final regulations were published on October 28, 2022 and go into effect on July 1, 2023
 - <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/federal-registers/2022-10-28/final-regulations-pell-grants-prison-education-programs-determining-amount-federal-education-assistance-funds-received-institutions-higher-education-9010-change-ownership-and-change-control>

Federal Student Aid (FSA) Conference Hot Topics

PEP (Prison Education Program)

- FAFSA for Incarcerated Students
- Verification for V1 is waived for confined or incarcerated students
- A school offering a PEP must be a public, nonprofit or vocational institution
- The cost of attendance (COA) for an incarcerated student is limited to tuition, fees, books, course materials, supplies, equipment, and cost of obtaining a license, certification or first professional credential
- For a confined or incarcerated individual Pell cannot exceed the COA; if Pell exceeds the COA, it must be reduced as to not result in a credit balance
- If Pell funds are combined with other financial assistance the other financial assistance must be reduced to not exceed COA
- If the other financial assistance cannot be reduced, then Pell must be reduced

FAFSA® Simplification Act Changes for Implementation in 2024-25

- New process for handling Federal Tax Information (FTI), information will be transferred directly to the FAFSA from the IRS using the Direct Data Exchange (DDX).
- The student and/or parent will need to authorize on the FAFSA to use the DDX
 - See breakout session B09 from FSA Conference for more information regarding the use of Federal Tax Information--
 - <https://fsaconferences.ed.gov/conferences/library/2022/ppts/2022FSAConfSessionB09.pdf>
- With this change, the rules for protection of student's information prohibits the sharing of information to another entity without the explicit written consent of the applicant

FAFSA[®] Simplification Act Changes for Implementation in 2024-25

- Replacement of Expected Family Contribution (EFC) with Student Aid Index (SAI)
- The SAI is divided into three formulas:
 - Formula A, for dependent students
 - Formula B, for independent students without dependents other than spouse
 - Formula C, for independent students with dependents other than spouse
- Student Aid index can be -1500 (rather than 0 under EFC)
- There is no longer an Auto Zero or Simplified Needs Formula
- The ISIR will include the SAI, Intermediate values, Maximum Pell Indicator and Minimum Pell indicator
- This information and more can be viewed or downloaded from the FSA Conference site, B015 session
 - <https://fsaconferences.ed.gov/conferences/library/2022/ppts/2022FSAConfSessionB015.pdf>

FAFSA® Simplification Act Changes for Implementation in 2024-25

- **Work-study** will be reported in COD by schools and will be transferred into a student's FAFSA during the DDX process.
- This information will be reported for a **calendar year** and **not an academic year**
- More information will be forthcoming

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