

# ISAC Operational Update and Program News

February 22, 2023



# 2022-23 Award Year

# 2022-23 Spring Term Claim Deadline Dates

Program	Submit On or Before
Monetary Award Program (MAP)	03/10/23
Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant	04/07/23
Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)	05/26/23
Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship	02/24/23
Golden Apple (GA) Scholars of Illinois Program	02/24/23
Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship	02/24/23

- For more details on payment processing for each program, see their respective pages in the Gift Assistance area of the FAA section at [isac.org](http://isac.org)

The screenshot shows the ISAC website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'COUNSELORS', 'E-LIBRARY', 'FAA'S' (highlighted with a red box), 'MAP ACCESS', and 'SEARCH'. Below the navigation bar is a sidebar menu with options: 'HOME', 'STUDENTS & PARENTS >', 'ISAC STUDENT PORTAL', 'RESEARCH & POLICY >', 'NEWSROOM', and 'ABOUT ISAC >'. The main content area is titled 'Financial Aid Administrators' and contains a list of topics: 'ISAC Gift Assistance Programs' (highlighted with a red box), 'Other Programs', 'Processes', and 'e-Library'. To the right, there is a 'FAA Message Board' section with several news items, including 'NEW ISAC offices closed on February 20 for President's Day (Washington's Birthday)', 'NEW Reminder - 2022-23 ECACE, MTI, and Golden Apple second-term claims due February 24', and 'NEW Reminder - 2022-23 benefit usage reporting updates for ING Grant & IVG'. At the bottom of the page, there are 'FAA Quick Links'.

# 2022-23 MAP Updates

- To be considered timely, the following 2022-23 MAP claims must be submitted **no later than 7 p.m. (CT) on Friday, March 10, 2023**
  - *For second term:*
    - initial claims
    - increases to previously-submitted claims
  - *For first term:*
    - initial claims
    - increases to previously-submitted claims
    - late claims (claims submitted after the fall term deadline date of December 9, 2022)
- All MAP claims for the first and second terms will continue to be paid through the second-term claim deadline date
- No suspension of 2022-23 MAP award announcements is scheduled at this time
  - ISAC continues 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.

# Other 2022-23 Program Updates

- Illinois National Guard Grant (ING)
  - Colleges may continue to submit benefit usage data and adjustments for the fall term, as well as for the spring term
  - Remind students that March 1, 2023 is the spring- and summer-term application deadline for the 2022-23
  - Applications received after March 1 will be considered for summer term only awards
  - Colleges are encouraged to regularly check their list of eligible students in the ING Grant system, as new student records are added throughout the year
    - Especially after each term's application deadline date has passed
- Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)
  - Colleges may continue to submit benefit usage data and adjustments for the summer and fall terms, as well as for the spring term
- Dependents of Police, Fire, and Correctional Officers (PFC)
  - Remind students that March 1, 2023 is the spring- and summer-term award deadline for the 2022-23
  - Applications received after March 1 will be considered for summer term only awards

# Other 2022-23 Program Updates

- MTI
  - In addition to submitting payment requests, schools should continue to ensure that all MTI certifications are completed throughout the year
  - This will ensure that your students will be included in any rounds of additional awarding that take place
  - Continue to monitor your student eligibility list for newly awarded students throughout the award year
- ECACE
  - Application for the 2022-23 ECACE Scholarship Program remains available
  - Although the priority date consideration date was July 15, 2022, untimely applications will continue to be considered for as long as funding remains available

# Program Processing Reminders

- Be sure to review your payment results reports in GAP Access after submitting your program claims to ensure everything processed as expected
- Result codes can be found in the User Guides and in the FAA area of [isac.org](http://isac.org)
- Payment and reconciliation is an offset process so no refund checks should be sent to ISAC for adjustments until final reconciliation of the award year
- Watch the Program News pages and e-messages for program updates
  - [isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/](http://isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/)

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## ISAC Gift Assistance Programs

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) provides financial aid for college education through the many gift assistance programs that it administers. Gift assistance is awarded in the form of scholarships, grants, tuition waivers and loan repayment programs. As an approved participant in any of the gift assistance programs administered by ISAC, postsecondary institutions may receive funds on behalf of eligible students.

### Important Reminders

February 2023 – Calendar  
March 2023 – Calendar

The monthly calendars offer at-a-glance reminders of important operational dates concerning the gift assistance programs. It does not replace the need to stay current with individual "Program News" pages for each program, but serves as a supplement.

### How to Use this Section

For more detailed information about each of the Gift Assistance programs, select a specific program from the right-margin menu. Each program selection contains a "Program News" page with up-to-date operation information. You can also find additional information such as the annual appropriations, application procedures, eligibility requirements and payment procedures.

- Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program
- Early Childhood Access Consortium For Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program
- Golden Apple Scholars Of Illinois Program
- Grant Programs for Dependents Of Police Fire Correctional Officers
- Grant Program For Excessives
- Higher Education License Plate (HELP) Program
- Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program
- Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SE-TW) Program
- Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program
- Priority Teachers Of Illinois (PTI) Scholarship Program
- Monetary Award Program (MAP)
- Nursing Education Scholarship

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## Monetary Award Program (MAP)

### Program News

(last updated December 21, 2022)

- 2023-24 Award Announcements
- 2023-24 File Layout Specifications
- 2023-24 Alternative Application Student Record School File Layout Specifications
- 2023-24 Operational Guide for Alternative Application Processing
- 2023-24 Start-up Implementation
- 2022-23 Program Funding
- 2022-23 Payment (submit first and second term claims by March 10, 2023)
- 2022-23 Recompute Formula
- 2022-23 Award Announcements
- 2022-23 File Specifications
- 2022-23 Alternative Application Student Record School File Layout Specifications
- 2022-23 Operational Guide for Alternative Application Processing
- 2022-23 Start-up Implementation
- Additional MAP References

- Monetary Award Program (MAP)
- Program Overview
- Applying
- Suspense
- Eligibility
- Award Announcements
- Formula
- MAP Paid Credit Hours
- Special Enrollment Circumstances
- Budget Reporting
- Payment
- Reconciliation
- MAP Electronic Processing


# GAP Access - Payment Vouchers

- Effective December 2022, a new report was implemented for tracking payment vouchers and warrants, and is available via GAP Access.
- The new report (which may be accessed via the Reports section and is identified by the same red PDF icon that appears with the “Payment Results/Exceptions” report) provides payment voucher and warrant information, dependent upon where the payment is in the process.
- Once ISAC processes a payment request and sends it to the State Comptroller, the report will appear with the following title format:  
(Program) **Voucher INV** mm-dd-yyyy **SCH** xxx.
  - At that point, the “WARRANT NO.” and “WARRANT DATE” fields on the report will be blank.
- The last page of the report provides invoice information, including the amount due to the school and the invoice number.
  - This same invoice number also will be referenced on the voucher from the State Comptroller, authorizing payment.



# GAP Access - Payment Vouchers

- The voucher number will be referenced on the check (payment).
- The “WARRANT NO.” and “WARRANT DATE” fields will populate on the report after the State Comptroller has authorized payment for the voucher.
- For more information on tracking payments:
  - [isac.org/faas/processes/state-comptrollers-website](https://isac.org/faas/processes/state-comptrollers-website)




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**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	
<b>Vendor or Payee</b>	<b>Voucher Information</b>
UNIVERSITY OF SOME SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID OFFICE 123 ANY STREET SOME TOWN, IL 60001	VOUCHER NO. 23822433 VOUCHER DATE 11-14-2022 INVOICE NO. M233130856 INVOICE DATE 11-14-2022  WARRANT NO. WARRANT DATE <small>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.</small>
VOUCHER DETAILS	
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
	\$27,026.00

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Monetary Award Program (MAP) UNIVERSITY OF SOME SCHOOL 123456 (123) 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR	\$27,026.00

# Dual-Awarding Students with MTI & Golden Apple

- If a student qualifies for both Golden Apple and MTI the student must choose which program they would like to use
  - A student cannot receive the benefits of both programs in the same award year
  - ISAC will send the student a letter asking them to choose which program they want to accept -- MTI or Golden Apple
  - These letters include a deadline date to return the form
- If a student decides to change which program benefit he/she wants to receive:
  - First confirm that the student has been awarded the other program before cancelling a payment request that may have already been made
    - For example, make sure that the student was awarded funds for MTI before cancelling a payment request for Golden Apple
- Program teaching obligations
  - Golden Apple requires a five-year teaching commitment
  - MTI has a one-year teaching commitment for each year that the scholarship is received
  - Both programs will convert to a loan that the student must repay if the teaching commitment is not met.
- Schools can find more information on both programs on ISAC's website in the FAA area, in the Administrative Rules - [isac.org/e-library/administrative-rules/2022-23-isac-rules.html](https://isac.org/e-library/administrative-rules/2022-23-isac-rules.html), and in the program User Guides - [isac.org/gap-access/](https://isac.org/gap-access/).

# Ways to View Students Awarded GA, SETTW & MTI

Administration School Programs

MTI 2022-2023: Student List Eligibility: View

Select School and School Code


Home Student Certification Payment Reports File Extract

List Filter Sort Columns

Entries displayed: 100

#	SSN	Current SSN	Last Name	First Name	DOB
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries

- Click on  icon
- This will take you to the Student Detail: Eligibility screen.
- Scroll down to view if the student was also awarded GA or SETTW

Administration School Programs

MTI 2022-2023: Student Detail: Eligibility

Home Student Certification Payment Reports File Extraction Enrollment Status Verification

List Eligibility Application Update Student Update School Update Payment

Person Details

Current SSN

Address

Date of Birth

Terms	1-Fall	2-Spring
Edbook Code		
Certified	Y	Y
ETC	30204	30204
Willing to Certify	N	N
Academic Level	Post/Inst	Post/Inst
Pathways	N	N
Next/Up Reason		
Award Amount	0.00	0.00
Term Payment Award	0.00	0.00
Term Units	0	0
Reserve Note	0	0

Award Date: 01/18/2023

Annual Award Amount: 0.00

Award Decline Date: 02/01/2023

- Eligibility

Application Received Date: 03/07/2022

Application Complete Date: 03/07/2022

Default: N

Male: No

Applicant Category: Timely N/A

Application Withdrawn Date: ---

Certification Date: 07/18/2022

Last Update: 02/14/2023

Total Units: 0

Bilingual Application: ---

Bilingual educator preparation program: ---

Ethnicity: Asian American

Residence: Y

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen

Alias ID: ---

Awarded GA: Y

Awarded SETTW: ---

## MTI 2022-2023: Student Eligibility List: Sort

Home **Student** Certification Payment Reports File Extraction Enrollment Status Verification

List Filter **Sort** Columns

Unselected

- Applicant Category
- Application Complete
- Award Amount
- Award Date
- Awarded GA
- Awarded SETTW
- Certified Date
- DOB
- Default
- Male
- School Code

Selected

- Last Name
- First Name

Selected checkboxes will be sorted descending. Unchecked checkboxes will be sorted ascending.

Administration School Programs

## MTI 2022-2023: Student List Eligibility: View

and School Code

Go

Student Certification Payment Reports File Extraction Enrollment Status Verification

Sort Columns

Displayed 100

Male	Default	Units	School Code	Application Complete	Applicant Category	Certified Eligible	Certified Date	Academic Level	Award Amount	Award Date	Awarded GA	Awarded SETTW	Bilingual Certification	EFC
Yes	N	0			Incomplete						Y			
Yes	N	0		05/17/2022	Untimely New	Y	07/19/2022	Freshman	0	09/28/2022			N	0
No	N	0		05/17/2022	Untimely New	Y	07/19/2022	Junior	0	01/19/2023		N	N	0
No	N	0		03/07/2022	Timely New	Y	07/19/2022	Freshman	0	01/19/2023	Y		N	39224
No	N	0		05/19/2022	Ineligible						Y			
No	N	0			Incomplete						Y			

of 6 entries

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The MTI Student List Eligibility: View screen shows whether a student is also awarded GA or SETTW

- Scroll all the way over using the scroll bar at bottom of screen

Using the "Sort" tab, you can create a list of students who have been awarded MTI, sorted by Award Date

You can also create a list of students who have been awarded GA or SETTW

After selecting your Sort options, click on the "List" tab to view the sorted list of students

# Dual-Awarding Students with MTI & Golden Apple

## MTI 2022-2023: Student Detail: Payments

Home Student Certification **Payment** Reports File Extraction Enrollment Status Verification

List Eligibility **Payment**

Current SSN

Go

Annual Award Amount  
7500.00

Terms	1-Fall	2-Spring
School Code		
Request	Paymer	Paymer
Enrollment Status	Full tm	Full tm
Ineligible Reason		
Requested Amount	\$ 3750.00	\$ 3750.00
Award Amount	3750.00	3750.00

Activity Date	10/12/2022	01/09/2023
Status	P	P
Result code	*	*
Expanded Result		

Invoice #		
School Code		
Result code	*	*
Expanded Result		
Amount Paid	3750.00	3750.00
Adjusted Amount	3750.00	3750.00
Result Date	10/12/2022	01/09/2023

## GA 2022-2023: Student Detail: Payment

Home Student Certification File Upload **Payment** Reports

List Eligibility **Payment**

Annual Award Amount  
0.00

Terms	1-Fall	2-Spring
School Code		
Request	Paymer	
Academic Level	Freshm	
Enrollment Status	Full tm	
Ineligible Reason		
Requested Amount	\$ 1250.00	\$
Award Amount	1250.00	

Activity Date	00/10/2022	
Status	P	
Result code	*	
Expanded Result		

Invoice #		
School Code		
Result code	*	
Expanded Result		
Amount Paid	1250.00	
Adjusted Amount	1250.00	
Result Date	08/19/2022	

- Example of a student for which payment was requested for both the MTI & GA scholarships
- The college must CANCEL one of the scholarships
- This will be an audit finding if not corrected

# New ISAC Programs for 2022-23

# New ISAC Programs Being Implemented in 2022-23

- ISAC is working to implement a few new programs throughout 2022-23
  - Administrative rules are available for each program
  - Web pages have been added to the Student and FAA sections of [isac.org](http://isac.org) to provide information as it becomes available
  - Updates are 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
    - Was transitioned from the Illinois Department of Public Health to ISAC during 2022-23
  - **Post-MSW School Social Work PEL Scholarship Program & School Social Work & Municipal Loan Repayment Program**
    - A \$600 million appropriation will be split between these two programs
    - Applications are available online via the ISAC Student Portal
  - **Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship**
    - Created last year under Public Act [102-0662](#)
    - Will be administered by ISAC with funding from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
    - Application will be available in early 2023

# Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment (CBHCPLR) Program

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



# CBHCPLR Program Processing

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

# Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)

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

# NESP Program Processing

- The 2022-23 application for this program is no longer being accepted
- IDPH and ISAC have worked in partnership to build the needed systems to transfer required documentation and integrate program administration into ISAC processing
  - Additional guidance and resources will be provided for FAAs as these activities progress
- Spring and summer term processing will utilize GAP Access, where schools will certify eligibility and request subsequent term payments
  - Spring term certification expected to be available in March
- For more program information: [isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/NESP/](https://isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/NESP/)

# IDPH Program Information Page

[dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html](https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html)

The screenshot shows the IDPH website interface. At the top left is the IDPH logo (Illinois Department of Public Health). Navigation links include 'Home', 'Topics & Services', 'Life Stages & Populations', 'Rural & Underserved Populations', and 'Nursing Education Scholarship Program'. A sidebar on the left lists various programs like 'Allied Health Care Professional Scholarship Program', 'Illinois National Health Service Corps State Loan', 'Illinois Underserved Physician Workforce Program', 'J-1 Visa Waiver Program', 'National Interest Waiver', 'Medical Student Scholarship Program', 'Nursing Education Scholarship Program', 'Podiatric Medicine Scholarship Program', 'Shortage Designations', and 'Program Participation Eligibility'. The main content area features the title 'Nursing Education Scholarship Program' and a highlighted announcement: 'The Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP) is now being administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Inquiries about the program can be directed to ISAC at [isac.studentsservices@illinois.gov](mailto:isac.studentsservices@illinois.gov) or 800.899.4722. Program information is available on ISAC's website.' Below this is a 'Purpose' section and a 'General Program Information' section.

## Nursing Education Scholarship Program

RESOURCES > LAWS & RULES > PUBLICATIONS >

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### Purpose

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

### General Program Information

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

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

Applicants who have other scholarship or loan funds that require a service commitment that prevent the applicant from meeting the nurse employment or nurse educator employment obligation of this

## Number of Years of Scholarship Funding

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

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

## Scholarship Amounts

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

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

**Note:** Actual awards may be less depending on other forms of financial aid students receive. Students attending private colleges and universities receive the same amount of assistance as

# IDPH Program Information Page

[dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html](http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html)

## Resources

[Nursing Education Scholarship Program Online Application](#)

[Illinois Approved Nursing Education Programs](#)

## Laws & Rules

[Administrative Code](#)

[Nursing Education Scholarships](#)

## Publications

[Nursing Education Scholarship Program FAQs](#)

### Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

## ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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

The General Assembly's Illinois Administrative Code database includes only those rules that have been permanently adopted. This menu will point out the Section rule (valid for a maximum of 150 days, usually until replaced by a permanent rule). The emergency rulemaking is linked through the notation that follows the menu.

### SUBPART A: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- [Section 597.10 Definitions](#)
- [Section 597.20 Referenced Materials](#)
- [Section 597.30 Administrative Hearings](#)

### SUBPART B: ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

- [Section 597.100 Eligibility](#)
- [Section 597.105 Notification](#)
- [Section 597.110 Application](#)
- [Section 597.115 Scholarship Renewal \(Repealed\)](#)

### SUBPART C: AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- [Section 597.200 Scholarship Description](#)
- [Section 597.210 Determination of Financial Need](#)
- [Section 597.220 Selection Criteria for Award of Scholarships](#)
- [Section 597.230 Student Enrollment and Institutions' Obligations](#)
- [Section 597.235 Deferral of Continuous Attendance Requirement](#)
- [Section 597.240 Waiver of Continuous Attendance Requirement](#)

### SUBPART D: TERMS OF PERFORMANCE

- [Section 597.300 Grant Agreement](#)
- [Section 597.310 Repayment of Scholarship](#)

### HIGHER EDUCATION

#### (110 ILCS 975) Nursing Education Scholarship Law.

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

Sec. 1. Short title.

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

(110 ILCS 975/2) (from Ch. 144, par. 2752)

Sec. 2. Legislative finding and declaration of policy.

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

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

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

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

# Post-MSW School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program

- The 2023 fiscal year, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 appropriation is \$600,000,000
- Designed to encourage LSWs and LCSWs to work as social workers in Illinois preschools, elementary schools and high schools.
- Promotes the diversity in the profession to meet the diversity of the parents and students they will serve
- Provides minority students with greater access to positive minority role models
- Each scholarship pays tuition and mandatory fees for an academic year (including summer) at Illinois Public Universities
- A total of 250 scholarships may be awarded each year
- College will certify student eligibility and submit payment requests in GAP Access on behalf of the student
  - Payment will be provided to the college from the State Comptroller's Office

# Post-MSW School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program Processing

- The application/promissory note is available in the student portal
- The online application has built-in edits to prevent errors and will send an immediate e-mail to the applicant when their application has been received
- An e-mail will also be sent from ISAC for incomplete applications, explaining the reasons and how to resolve the issue
- Application/Promissory Note is accessible at: <https://studentportal.isac.org>
- Student information page: [isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/P-MSSWSP.html](https://isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/P-MSSWSP.html)
- For more program information: [isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/SWSP](https://isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/SWSP)

# Post-MSW School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program Processing Updates

- February 28, 2023 is the priority application consideration date
- Awards will cover all terms of the 2022-23 academic year (*fall 2022, spring 2023, and summer 2023*) for which the applicant is eligible and enrolled
- Complete online applications received after February 28 will be considered only if funds remain after all timely complete applicants have been awarded
- Students who meet the program's eligibility requirements should be encouraged to apply as soon as possible
- Effective January 5, 2023 administrative rules are available, and these replaced the emergency rules and amendments that had been in effect since August 8, 2022
- Administrative Rules:  
<https://www.isac.org/elibrary/documents/administrative-rules/2022-23-ISAC-Rules/2747-SWSP.pdf>



# Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program

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

# Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program Processing

- An application must be submitted each time the student is requesting an award
  - FAFSA must also be completed
- First time applicants will include biographical information regarding the eligible displaced energy worker
  - Once eligibility is established regarding the displaced worker, it is established for all subsequent applications
- ISAC is currently working on the application process and will provide more information when the application becomes available
- Student information page: [isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/DEWDTSP.html](https://isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/DEWDTSP.html)

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# 2023-24 Award Year

# Timeline -- Preparing for 2023-24 MAP

- January – May 2023
  - Spring legislative session of the 103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly
  - Scheduled to adjourn by May 19
  - ISAC analysis of budget proposals, as well as other legislative proposals
- February 2023
  - Governor’s State of the State and Budget Address, delivered on February 15
  - Proposed \$100 million increase for MAP
- April 2023
  - Collection of 2023-24 budget data from MAP-approved colleges begins
- May 2023
  - ILASFAA MAP Formula Committee Meeting to discuss recommendations for the Recompute Formula
  - Expect to have a finalized state budget (approved by the General Assembly and the Governor)
- June 2023
  - Budget data collection process completed
  - Propose MAP Recompute Formula to ISAC Commissioners for approval on June 22
  - Approved maximum award amount for the 2023-24 award year announced
    - Cannot exceed maximum in statute
  - Recompute Formula implemented and new award amounts announced, if applicable

# 2023-24 ISAC Program Applications

- Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW)
  - 2023-24 online application is available
  - Priority application consideration date is March 1, 2023
  - Application can be accessed online in the ISAC Student Portal
  - Complete applications received after March 1 will be considered only if available tuition waivers remain after all timely complete applicants have been awarded
  - At this time, student data related to the 2023-24 SETTW application is not appearing for colleges in the SETTW system. This page will be updated when student data becomes available for colleges to view.
- Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program
  - 2023-24 online application is available
  - Priority consideration date is March 31, 2023
    - 2023-24 FAFSA or, if applicable, the 2023-24 Alternative Application must also be received by March 31, 2023 to be considered timely
  - Complete applications received after March 31 will be considered only if funding remains after all timely complete applicants have been awarded
- Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP)
  - The application will be available March 1, 2023
  - Program administration for 2023-24 and beyond will take place in ISAC's GAP Access system



# 2023-24 Budget Reporting

- The annual budget reporting process will begin in early April
- We will provide more information in the March monthly webinar and will also offer Budget Reporting webinars in April

The screenshot shows the GAP ACCESS web application interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the GAP ACCESS logo and the text "ISAC Gift Assistance Programs". On the right side of the header, it says "Jill Pritzker, Governor, State of Illinois". Below the header, there is a navigation bar with "Administration", "School", and "Programs" tabs. The main content area is titled "MAP 2023-2024: Budget" and includes a "Select School and MAP Code" dropdown menu with a "Go" button. Below this, there is a secondary navigation bar with "Home", "Student", "Budget", "Reports", and "File Extractions" tabs. The "Budget" tab is currently selected. Underneath, there is a "Budget Information" section with fields for "Main MAP Code", "School Name", and "MAP Code", each with a "Go" button. At the bottom, there is a table with three columns: "Annual Tuition", "Annual Fees", and "Annual Total".

# Federal Student Aid 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](https://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
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# Cost of Attendance (COA) for 2023-24

The *FAFSA Simplification Act* (116 Pub. L. 260, Division FF, Title VII) and the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022* (117 Pub. L. 103, Division R) jointly modify the COA components and consumer information pertaining to those components.

The revisions provide more clarity and detail to individual COA components, and institutions must implement them for the 2023-24 Award Year.

# Cost of Attendance (COA) for 2023-24

## *What has changed?*

- Language regarding costs for rental or purchase of equipment, materials, or supplies has moved out of the definition of “tuition and fees” and into a broader definition of “books, course materials, supplies, and equipment.”
- Transportation expenses may include transportation between campus, residences, and a student’s place of work.
- “Room and board” are now known as “food and housing,” although the meaning of the terms remains the same. Food and housing are grouped as “living expenses.”
- Living expense categories now break out costs associated with specific housing and food situations and require standard allowances within certain categories, such as on or off campus and with or without a meal plan.
- Institutions may no longer include loan fees for non-Federal student loans borrowed by students.

# Cost of Attendance (COA) for 2023-24

## *What has changed? (Continued)*

- The costs of obtaining a license, certification, or first professional credential are no longer restricted to a one-time allowance.
- “Course materials” and “the cost of obtaining a license, certification, or a first professional credential” were added to the types of expenses that an institution may include in a confined or incarcerated individual’s COA.
- The types of expenses that an institution may include in the COA for a student who is enrolled less than half time has been broadened to include components not otherwise prohibited by the law. For example, an allowance for students in work related to a cooperative education program is permissible because that COA element [HEA Sec. 472(a)(12)] does not exclude less-than-half-time students, while miscellaneous personal expenses [HEA Sec. 472(a)(4)] are not includable, as noted below.

# Cost of Attendance (COA) for 2023-24

## *What remains the same?*

- A student must be enrolled at least half time for miscellaneous personal expenses to count in the student's COA.
- There were no changes to the definitions of the following components: study abroad expenses, cooperative education expenses, dependent care expenses, and disability-related expenses.
- There were no substantive changes to the COA components for students engaged in correspondence study or distance education under section 472(a)(6) and section 472(a)(11) of the HEA, respectively.

# Definitions COA terms

- The definitions of terms commonly used in determining COA can be found in Dear Colleague letter GEN 22-15
  - [fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague-letters/2022-11-03/fafsar-simplification-act-changes-implementation-2023-24](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.



# Definitions of Commonly Used COA Terms

Below we provide the updated definitions of commonly used COA terms based on the statutory changes in section 472 of the HEA, incorporating the changes described previously for the 2023-24 award year:

- **Tuition and fees**—An amount normally assessed a student carrying the same academic workload, as determined by the institution.
- **Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment**—An allowance for books, course materials, and equipment, which must include all such costs required of all students in the same course of study, including a reasonable allowance for the rental or upfront purchase of a personal computer, as determined by the institution.
- **Transportation**—An allowance, as determined by the institution, which may include transportation between campus, residences, and place of work.
- **Miscellaneous personal expenses**—An allowance, as determined by the institution, for a student attending the institution on at least a half-time basis.

# Definitions of Commonly Used COA Terms

- **Living expenses**—An allowance for food and housing costs, as determined by the institution, to be incurred by the student attending the institution on at least a half-time basis, including:
  - A standard food allowance that provides the equivalent of three meals each day, regardless of whether a student chooses institutionally owned or operated food services (i.e., board or meal plans). Institutions must provide an allowance for purchasing food off campus for a student that does not elect institutionally owned or operated food services.
  - Housing allowances for students residing in institutionally owned or operated housing with or without dependents must be based on the average or median amount assessed to such residents for housing charges, whichever is greater.
  - Housing allowances for students living off campus must include rent or other housing costs.
  - For dependent students living at home with parents, institutions must include a reasonable standard allowance for living expenses that is not zero.
  - For students living in housing on a military base or for which they receive a basic allowance under section 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, institutions must include a reasonable allowance for food on-campus or off-campus but cannot include housing costs.
  - For all other students, institutions must include a reasonable allowance based on expenses incurred by such students.
  - Review each living expense category above to ensure that you properly capture all required categories in your COA policy.

# Definitions of Commonly Used COA Terms

- **Study abroad expenses**—An allowance for reasonable costs, as determined by the institution, for a student in a study abroad program approved for credit by the home institution.
- **Cooperative education costs**—An allowance for reasonable costs, as determined by the institution, associated with such employment for a student engaged in a work experience under a cooperative education program.
- **Dependent care**—An allowance based on the estimated actual expenses incurred for dependent care, based on the number and age of such dependents.
  - Such allowance must not exceed the reasonable cost in the community in which such student resides for the kind of care provided; and
  - The period for which dependent care is required includes, but is not limited to, class-time, study-time, field work, internships, and commuting time.

# Definitions of Commonly Used COA Terms

- **Disability-related expenses**—An allowance, as determined by the institution, for expenses associated with a student’s disability, including special services, personal assistance, transportation, equipment, and supplies that are reasonably incurred and not provided for by other agencies.
- **Federal student loan fees**—An allowance for the cost of any Federal student loan fee, origination fee, or insurance premium charged to the student or the parent of the student. The allowance—
  - May be actual or average costs, as appropriate; and
  - May not include the cost associated with non-Federal loans.
- **Professional licensure, certification, or a first professional credential**—An allowance for the costs associated with obtaining a license, certification, or a first professional credential, for a student in a program that prepares them to enter a profession that requires such a qualification.

# COA for Special Populations

The following student populations have cost of attendance requirements based on their unique situations.

- Cost of attendance for students engaged in a program of **study by correspondence** must include tuition and fees and, if required, books, course materials, supplies, and equipment. A school may also include an allowance for travel, housing, and food costs incurred specifically for a period of residential training.
- The cost of attendance for **confined or incarcerated students** may only include:
  - Tuition and fees
  - Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment
  - The cost of obtaining a license, certification or a first professional credential
- The cost of attendance for students enrolled **less than half-time**:
  - Must include any components (tuition and fees; books, course materials, supplies, and equipment; and transportation) normally applied to students who are enrolled less than half-time, along with any other components (disability expenses, etc.) that are not expressly prohibited for less than half-time students (e.g., miscellaneous personal expenses).
  - May also include an allowance for living expenses, including food and housing costs, for up to three semesters, or the equivalent, with no more than two semesters being consecutive.
- For students receiving all or part of their instruction by means of **distance education**, no distinction may be made with respect to the mode of instruction in determining costs.
  - For example, an institution may not eliminate the transportation cost component for a distance education student.

# COA – Other Changes

- The Act expands existing consumer information requirements by explicitly stating that each institution must make COA information publicly available on its website. The disclosure must include a list of all COA elements and must appear on any portion of the website that describes tuition and fees.
- Previously the Department was not permitted to establish regulations on cost of attendance. Under the Act, the Department may now regulate the cost of attendance, except for tuition and fees, and may choose to do so in the future to provide clarity in this area.

# Professional Judgement 2023-24

The *FAFSA Simplification Act* distinguishes between different categories of professional judgment by amending section 479A of the HEA.

- **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.
- A student may have both a special circumstance **and** an unusual circumstance. Financial aid administrators (FAAs) may make adjustments that are appropriate to each student's situation with appropriate documentation.

# Professional Judgement 2023-24

*What has changed?*

- Institutions may not maintain a policy of denying all professional judgment requests but must consider all such requests. Therefore, institutions must develop policies and processes for reviewing those requests.
- Institutions must disclose publicly that students may pursue an adjustment based on special or unusual circumstances.
- Institutions may use a dependency override determination made by a financial aid administrator at another institution in the same **or a prior** award year.



# Professional Judgement 2023-24

*What remains the same?*

- Institutions must make and document professional judgment determinations on a case-by-case basis without regard to how broadly an event may affect its student population.
- In making case-by-case determinations, the FAA must substantiate the student's circumstance with supporting documentation.
- Previous reasons for exercising professional judgment (e.g., unemployment, dislocated worker, school tuition expenses) are still allowable.
- A dependency override for unusual circumstances is considered unique from a determination of independence for homeless youth or at-risk homeless youth.

# Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU)

- Allows for restoration of Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) regarding loan discharges associated with 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:
  - [fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague-letters/2022-07-08/2023-2024-award-year-fafsa-information-be-verified-and-acceptable-documentation](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
  - [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](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 Handbook

- In an Electronic Announcement (ID: General-23-03) published on January 11, 2023, ED announced that the 2023-24 Federal Student Aid Handbook will be reorganized
- There will be 3 new volumes for a total of 9 volumes
- New volumes 7, 8 & 9 are being designed to consolidate information found in two or more handbook volumes into one central location for easier use
  - Volume 7: The Federal Pell Grant Program and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants
  - Volume 8: The Direct Loan Program
  - Volume 9: The Teach Grant Program
- The changes will be implemented as each volume of the 2023-24 FSA Handbook is released

# Federal Student Aid Handbook

- The Federal Student Aid Handbook consists of the Application and Verification Guide, nine numbered volumes, and appendices. Each volume and appendix is posted on Federal Student Aid's Knowledge Center.  
<https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center>
- February 1, 2023 - ED announced the availability of Volume 1 – Student Eligibility of the 2023-2024 Federal Student Aid Handbook
- Access to the PDF or Digital version can be found on the FSA Partners website

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid Knowledge Center website. The header includes the logo and navigation menu. A red box highlights the breadcrumb trail and the announcement title: Knowledge Center Home > Library > Electronic Announcements > Volume 1 – Student Eligibility [2023-2024 Federal Student Aid Handbook]. Below the title is a 'Print' button and a 'Tags' section with three tags: Electronic Announcements, All Title IV Federal Student Aid..., and General. The main content area contains the announcement text, including the posted date (February 01, 2023), author (Federal Student Aid), and subject (Volume 1 – Student Eligibility [2023-2024 Federal Student Aid Handbook]).

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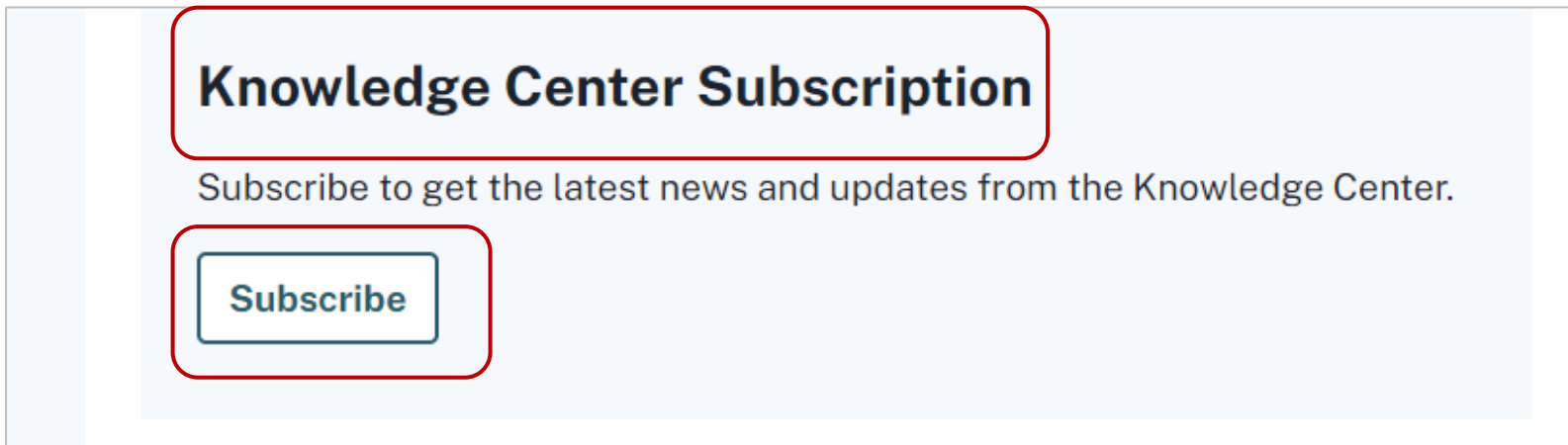
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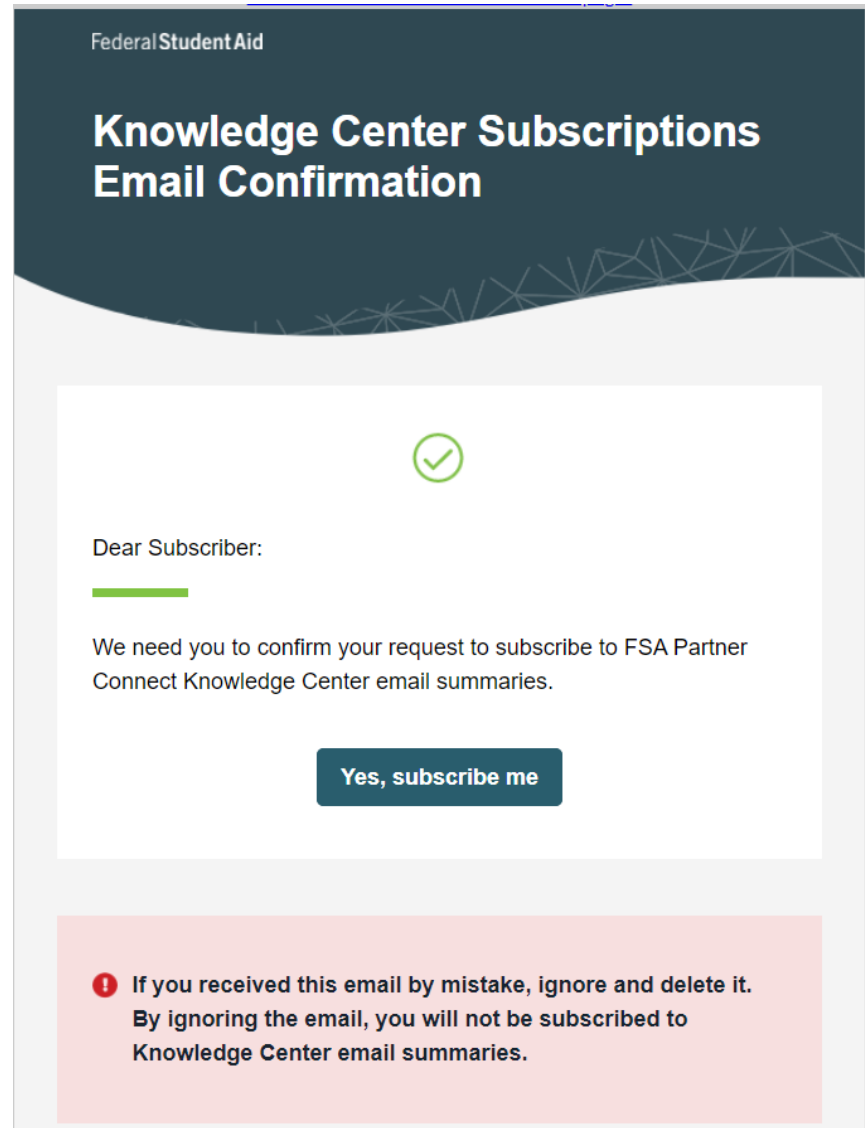
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# **FAFSA Simplification Federal Student Aid 2024-25**

# 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--
  - [fsaconferences.ed.gov/conferences/library/2022/ppts/2022FSAConfSessionB09.pdf](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
  - [fsaconferences.ed.gov/conferences/library/2022/ppts/2022FSAConfSessionB015.pdf](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

# 2022 Virtual FSA Training Conference

Electronic Announcement -- Feb. 17, 2023

- On March 3, 2023, the event platform for the 2022 Virtual FSA Training Conference will no longer be available.
- After March 3, you will not have the ability to print certificates of attendance.
- All video recordings of the conference sessions and PowerPoint presentations will be available after March 3 on the FSA Conferences website at [fsaconferences.ed.gov](https://fsaconferences.ed.gov).
- All sessions can be accessed without the original log-in credentials required on the conference platform.
  - <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/electronic-announcements/2022-12-05/2022-virtual-federal-student-aid-training-conference-demand-access-available-until-march-2023-updated-feb-17-2023>

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Conference FAQs

Past Conferences

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until the 2023 FSA Training Conference!

Thank you for participating in the 2022 Virtual Federal Student Aid Training Conference! With over 18,000 registrants, the engagement with our partners raised the bar for virtual collaboration and ensured the success of our third virtual training conference!

The opportunity to remain engaged and continue learning is available with on-demand access to the conference programming. If you were unable to attend a session or would like to review a session, visit the [2022 Virtual FSA Training Conference Event Platform](#) and navigate to the “On-Demand” page from the main menu. The platform will be open through March 3, 2023.

A certificate of completion is available after you view an on-demand session and complete the session evaluation. The certificate is cumulative, meaning each time you view a session and complete the evaluation, the certificate will list all sessions that you have viewed to that point. For more information, see the [Certificate FAQs](#).

If you did not register for the conference but would like to access the on-demand presentations, you will need to [register](#) first. After completing the simple registration process, you will receive an email from [mobilesolutions@chime.live](mailto:mobilesolutions@chime.live). This email contains the information you need to access the on-demand sessions on the conference platform.

We look forward to sharing our 2023 conference plans with you in the coming months.

## Hot Topics

Updated 12.9.2022

- [Platform access HERE](#)
- Don't forget to [Register](#)
- [Agenda](#)
- [On-demand session list](#)
- [Session descriptions](#)
- [Session presentations](#)
- [Exhibit Hall](#)
- For additional free training visit the [FSA Training Center](#)
- To view past FSA Training Conference content please see [Past Conferences](#).

## Tweets from @FSAconf



FSA Conference  
@FSAconf · Feb 3



Just announced: The 2023 Federal Student Aid Training Conference will be held virtually from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1. As we prepare for significant changes during the 2024–25 award year, a virtual #FSATC2023 environment

## Session Presentations

### General Sessions

- 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Presented by [FSA COO Richard Cordray](#)
- 2. Keynote Address by the U.S. Department of Education Secretary DeVos**
- 3. Keynote by the U.S. Under Secretary of Education**  
Presented by [James Kvaal](#)
- 4. Federal Update**  
Presented by [David Musser](#) and [Anmarie Weisman](#)  
Presentation forthcoming
- 5. Federal Update: FAFSA® Simplification**  
Presented by [Melanie Storey](#)  
Presentation forthcoming

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### Registration Information

[2022 Virtual Conference Platform](#) now open.

[Register here](#)

### Breakout Sessions


- 1. Understanding Prison Education Programs for Confined or Incarcerated Individuals**  
Presented by [Benedict Dorsey](#)  
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- 2. Surviving a Cyber Attack: Does Your Institution Have What It Takes?**  
Presented by [Margaret Glick](#)  
[Download Presentation](#)
- 3. Protecting Student Data: The Facts, Stats, and Strategies for Preventing a Data Breach**  
Presented by [Daniel Commons](#)  
[Download Presentation](#)
- 4. Update on Auditing Requirements for School Title IV Programs and Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds**  
Presented by [Amy Bales](#) and [Mark Priebe](#)  
[Download Presentation](#)
- 5. Maintaining Your Institutional Eligibility**  
Presented by [Susan Bowder](#) and [Kai Kimbrough](#)  
[Download Presentation](#)
- 6. Academic Calendars**  
Presented by [Byron Scott](#)  
[Download Presentation](#)
- 7. Title IV Administration for Non-term Credit Hour Programs**  
Presented by [Byron Scott](#)  
[Download Presentation](#)
- 8. COVID-19: What Now and What Next – An encore presentation from the 2021 FSA Training Conference**  
Presented by [Greg Martin](#) and [David Musser](#)  
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- 9. FAFSA® Simplification: Use of Federal Tax Information**  
Presented by [Dennis Kramer](#)  
[Download Presentation](#)
- 10. National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Website and Capabilities Demo – PART 1**  
Presented by [Tina Hansen](#)  
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- 11. Live Teams Q&A for National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Website and Capabilities – PART 2**  
Presented by [Tina Hansen](#)

# FSA Wednesday Webinar Series

- Dear Colleague Letter ANN-22-09
  - [fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague-letters/2022-12-13/live-internet-webinars-wednesday-webinar-series-winter-spring-2023](https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague-letters/2022-12-13/live-internet-webinars-wednesday-webinar-series-winter-spring-2023)
- The webinars are free to attend
- Registration is not required, but the webinars are limited to 10,000 attendees each session
- The DCL provides information about each webinar and also provides guidance on how to add each webinar to your calendar as a reminder



## Wednesday Webinar Series Schedule and Links, Winter–Spring 2023

All sessions are scheduled for 1–3 p.m. Eastern time (ET). There may be a difference between your local time and Eastern time. To determine local time and its Eastern time zone equivalent, go to [time.gov](https://time.gov) .

See below for complete details about each webinar, including the link to join on the day of the event.

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**Administering Disbursements**



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**Pell Grant Recalculations for Modules**



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**Verification 2022–23 and 2023–24**



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**Federal Update**



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**SAP Essentials**



# Dates to Remember...

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- March 3 -- Priority consideration date to submit interest session proposals for the 2023 College Changes Everything® (CCE) Conference
  - Complete session proposal forms submitted online by Friday, March 3, 2023 will receive priority consideration.
    - [isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-faa-2023-0120.html](https://isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-faa-2023-0120.html)
- March 8 -- Illinois Education and Career Success Network Conference
  - This one day, in-person conference will deliver content and interactive opportunities centered on advancing equitable postsecondary attainment, as well as celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Network
  - Being held at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Illinois
  - Registration fee \$35
    - [isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-faa-2023-0125.html](https://isac.org/e-library/partner-e-messages-and-newsletters/faa-e-messages/eLibrary-faa-2023-0125.html)
- July 13 -- College Changes Everything® (CCE) Conference
  - In-person event will be held at the Tinley Park Convention Center

# Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (ILASFAA)

- Mark your calendar for the upcoming 2023 ILASFAA Annual Conference
  - *ILASFAA Perks* will be an in-person event
  - March 13-15 at the I-Hotel Illinois Conference Center in Champaign, IL
  - Registration for the conference is open at:  
[ilasfaa.org/2023\\_ilasfaa\\_annual\\_conference.php#Registration](https://ilasfaa.org/2023_ilasfaa_annual_conference.php#Registration)
  - Registration closes on March 13
- Due to high demand the I-Hotel is now fully booked for the conference. Here are a few hotel options close to the conference center:
  - Home2 suites (3 min from the I-Hotel)
  - Hilton Garden Inn (4 min from the I-Hotel)
  - Homewood Suites (4 min from the I-Hotel)



# ILASFAA Conference - ISAC Sessions

- ISAC staff will be presenting the following sessions at the conference
  - ISAC Update General Session
  - Cybersecurity & GAP Access
  - Overview of New ISAC Programs
  - GAP Access Overview
  - Ask ISAC Panel
  - Illinois First-Generation Scholars
  - Preparing for Federal Loan Repayments to Resume: What You and Your Students Need to Know
  - The New PSLF Regulations: What They Mean for You
- Visit [ilasfaa.org/2023\\_ilasfaa\\_annual\\_conference.php](https://ilasfaa.org/2023_ilasfaa_annual_conference.php) for the full agenda, session dates and times, etc.



## Conference Dates:

March 13th - March 15th, 2023

## Conference Location:

iHotel Illinois Conference Center  
1900 South First Street  
Champaign, IL



Dear Colleagues,

While at the ILASFAA conference in March, ISAC is hosting a networking event for prospective employers to meet ISACorps members completing their service with ISAC in May, and with ISACorps alumni who are ready to make a career move.

If there will be vacancies in your department, we invite you to attend the event to share information about your openings on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm.

Please RSVP at this [link](#) if you would like to promote opportunities within your department at your institution.

Thanks, Sam  
Sam Nelson  
Director of Network Development  
Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

# Other Upcoming ISAC Events

- **FAA Monthly Webinars**
  - Wednesday, March 29, 2 p.m.
  - Wednesday, April 26, 2 p.m.
  
- **Commission Meetings**
  - Thursday, April 13
  - Thursday, June 22

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# Questions

