

FISCAL YEAR 2024 (JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024) ILLINOIS TEACHERS LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATION

WARNING: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form shall be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.
Important – Please note that your Social Security number is needed for identification, verification and processing purposes in furtherance of your request for financial aid. ISAC will only accept an application with an original ink signature and date. Facsimile or e-mailed copies will not be accepted.

SECTION 1: BORROWER INFORMATION

Please enter the following information:

Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Borrower's Name	_____						Employer's Name	_____				
Address	_____						Employer's Address	_____				
City, State, ZIP Code	_____						City, State, ZIP Code	_____				
Home Telephone	_____						Work Telephone	_____				

SECTION 2: BORROWER'S LOAN REPAYMENT REQUEST, CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE

Before completing this section, please read the entire application, including Section 3: Required Documentation, Section 4: General Information and Instructions, and Section 5: Definitions and Eligibility Requirements.

I certify that:

- I have taught full-time in a qualifying Illinois low-income school for at least 5 consecutive, complete academic years.
- I received a federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness for my FFEL and/or Direct Loan program Stafford loan(s) on _____ and have applied for the Illinois Teachers Loan Repayment Program within 6 months of the
(date of Notice of Federal Loan Forgiveness)
date on the Notice of Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness eligibility.
- I am a resident of Illinois.
- I have read, understand, and meet all of the definitions and eligibility requirements for loan repayment as described in Section 5.
- The information I have provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that ISAC will send the proceeds for which I am eligible directly to the holder/servicer/lender of my loan(s).

Account Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Name as it appears on loan documents: _____
Last First M.I.

I authorize my Holder/Loan Servicer, _____, to provide the loan information requested by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) for the Illinois Teachers Loan Repayment Application.

Applicant's Signature (must be in ink)

Date

SECTION 3: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documents are required and must be attached to this application at the time of submission (or will be considered incomplete):

1. A current account statement (dated within 30 days of the date of this application) showing outstanding balances for each eligible educational loan:

■ Name of Holder/Loan Servicer	■ Type of loan (Federal Direct, Stafford, etc.)
■ Payment address of Holder/Servicer	■ Monthly payment and outstanding balance
■ Area code/phone number of Holder/Servicer	■ Loan status
■ Account number	
2. A photocopy of the complete federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness application which was used to forgive your FFEL and/or Direct Stafford Program Loan(s).
3. A photocopy of the approval documentation (e.g., Notice of Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness) for your forgiven federal loan(s). The documentation must include the date the loan was forgiven and the amount forgiven.

SECTION 4: GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- The Illinois Teachers Loan Repayment Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue in the teaching profession. Under this program, individuals who teach full-time for five consecutive, complete academic years in certain Illinois elementary and secondary schools that serve low-income families and meet other qualifications may be eligible for a grant of up to \$5,000.
- This grant is available to Illinois teachers who meet the qualifications for federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness under 20 U.S.C 1078-10, Section 428J.
- The total number of awards each year is contingent on available funding. If funding is insufficient to pay all eligible applicants, awarding is based on the date the complete application, with all required documentation, is received in ISAC's Deerfield office.
- The documentation required in Section 3 and any other requested documentation must be submitted as a part of this application.
- All applicable sections of this form must be complete. The application will be considered for processing as of the date the fully-completed application and all supporting documentation are received in ISAC's Deerfield office.
- Return the complete application to the address shown in Section 6.

SECTION 5: DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

DEFINITIONS

- **Academic year**
 - one complete school year at the same school, or
 - two complete and consecutive half years at different schools, or
 - two complete and consecutive half years from different school years at either the same school or different schools. Half years exclude summer sessions and generally fall within a 12-month period. For schools that have a year-round program of instruction, a minimum of nine months is considered an academic year.
- **Elementary school** is a public or nonprofit private school that provides elementary education as determined by state law and has a high concentration of students from low-income families as determined by the U.S. Department of Education.
- **Full time** means the standard used by the state in defining full-time employment as a teacher. If you teach in more than one school, full time is based on the combination of all your qualifying employment.
- **Holder** is an entity that holds your loan promissory note and has the right to collect from you.
- **Loan Servicer** is an entity that collects payments on a federal student loan, responds to customer service inquiries, and performs other administrative tasks associated with maintaining a federal student loan on behalf of a loan holder.
- A **Resident of Illinois** is a person who physically resides in Illinois, and Illinois is his or her true, fixed, and permanent home.
- **Secondary school** is a public or nonprofit private school that provides secondary education as determined by state law and has a high concentration of students from low-income families as determined by the U.S. Department of Education.
- A **Teacher** is a person who provides direct classroom teaching, or classroom-type teaching in a non-classroom setting, including special education teachers. A school librarian or guidance counselor is not considered a teacher for the purposes of this program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have been a borrower and received a federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1078-10, Section 428J, and have applied for Illinois Teachers Loan Forgiveness within 6 months of the date on the Notice of Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness eligibility.
- You must have fulfilled your teaching requirements in Illinois at an elementary or secondary school that serves low-income families as determined by the U.S. Department of Education.
- You must be a resident of Illinois.
- You must be a citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- You must have a balance remaining on your eligible student loan(s).

SECTION 6: RETURNING THE APPLICATION AND ASSISTANCE

Please return the complete application and all required documentation to:

Illinois Student Assistance Commission
Dept. D
1755 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL 60015-5209

Applicants should keep a copy of the complete application and documents. Incomplete applications and/or missing documentation will delay an eligibility decision.

If you have questions please contact a Call Center Representative at 800.899.ISAC (4722) or at isac.studentservices@illinois.gov.