

AGENDA ITEM 7.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM RULE AND AMENDMENTS

Submitted for: Action

Summary: This item reports on the agency's proposed administrative program rule and amendments. Amendments are being proposed to four different Parts this year, and as the result of the creation of a new program, a new rule was drafted. Text of the proposed administrative program rule and amendments was published in the Illinois Register on February 9, 2018, triggering a 45-day public comment period. The full text of the proposed rule, amendments and Notices are included in this item. The Notices that precede each Part contain descriptions of the subjects and issues involved in the rulemaking process.

The proposed administrative program rule and amendments are being presented to the Commission for consideration now that the public comment period has ended. No public comments were received and no substantive changes have been made since the initial publication; only technical modifications have been included that are a normal part of the rulemaking process.

According to the rulemaking process, a second 45-day review period is required, during which time the proposed administrative program rule and amendments are reviewed by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). Following acceptance of the proposed administrative program rule and amendments by the Commission, the Executive Director may direct staff to submit same to JCAR, thus initiating the second 45-day review period and the JCAR hearing after which, if no objection is made by JCAR, the Executive Director will move forward to adopt the rule and amendments.

Action requested: That the Commission approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission accepts the proposed administrative program rule and amendments, as modified thus far during the rulemaking process, for submission to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and, barring any material modification, or objection by JCAR, the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to proceed with adopting the program rules as amended.”

13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:

- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: None
- B) Reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures required for compliance: None
- C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None

14) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: January 2018

The full text of the Proposed Amendment begins on the following page:

TITLE 23: EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
SUBTITLE A: EDUCATION
CHAPTER XIX: ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

PART 2733
ILLINOIS VETERAN GRANT (IVG) PROGRAM

Section	
2733.10	Summary and Purpose
2733.20	Applicant Eligibility
2733.30	Program Procedures
2733.40	Institutional Procedures

AUTHORITY: Implementing Section 40 and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/40 and 20(f)].

SOURCE: Emergency rule adopted at 10 Ill. Reg. 14322, effective August 20, 1986 for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired January 16, 1987; adopted at 11 Ill. Reg. 3207, effective January 29, 1987; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 11536, effective July 1, 1988; transferred from Chapter IX, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1733 (State Scholarship Commission) to Chapter XIX, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2733 (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) pursuant to P.A. 86-168, effective July 1, 1989, at 13 Ill. Reg. 17858; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 10571, effective July 1, 1990; emergency amendments at 15 Ill. Reg. 15613, effective October 11, 1991, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired March 9, 1992; emergency amendment at 15 Ill. Reg. 18778, effective January 1, 1992, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 6880, effective April 14, 1992; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 11261, effective July 1, 1992; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 10570, effective July 1, 1993; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 10309, effective July 1, 1994; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 9200, effective July 1, 1996; old Part repealed and new Part adopted at 21 Ill. Reg. 11139, effective July 18, 1997; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 11114, effective July 1, 1998; amended at 23 Ill. Reg. 7575, effective July 1, 1999; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 9166, effective July 1, 2000; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 8418, effective July 1, 2001; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 10020, effective July 1, 2002; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 10342, effective July 1, 2003; emergency amendment at 28 Ill. Reg. 12932, effective September 15, 2004, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 2462, effective February 1, 2005; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 9912, effective July 1, 2005; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 11646, effective July 1, 2006; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 10313, effective July 1, 2008; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 9426, effective July 1, 2012; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 9522, effective July 1, 2013; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 8425, effective July 1, 2015; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

Section 2733.40 Institutional Procedures

- a) If a student is eligible for both an IVG and a Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant, the IVG benefits must be used first. A student cannot decline IVG benefits in favor of using MAP.
- b) If a student is eligible for, and has indicated to the institution that he/she has

elected to receive educational assistance through the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and that assistance is an amount described at 38 USC 3313(c)(2), (c)(3), (c)(4), (c)(5), (c)(6) or (c)(7) (net cost of tuition and fees), the institution must first apply Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the student's financial aid award. IVG benefits can then be used to cover the remaining IVG eligible tuition and mandatory fees.

- c) A notice of eligibility from ISAC must be used by the institution to establish a qualified applicant's initial eligibility.
- d) Institutions shall submit a payment request to ISAC.
- e) Institutions must report the total number of hours for which payment is being requested (including credit and noncredit hours) so that ISAC can accurately track the recipient's use of eligibility units.
- f) ISAC will annually establish priority claim dates for the submission of payment requests and inform institutions of the required priority dates. For the summer term, the priority claim date will be during the month of September; for the fall term, the priority claim date will be during the month of December; for the spring term, the priority claim date will be during the last two weeks of March or the first two weeks of April.

~~The deadlines for submission of complete payment requests shall be September 15 for summer terms; January 15 for first term; and May 25 for second semester/second and third quarter. All claims, including supplemental claims, must be received by ISAC no later than July 1.~~

- g) The reimbursement to institutions for Illinois Veteran Grants is contingent upon available funding. Should General Assembly appropriations be insufficient to pay all claims, institutions will be reimbursed in accordance with this subsection:
 - 1) summer term claims received by the deadline date designated in subsection (f) will be paid, or prorated if funding is insufficient to pay all claims in full;
 - 2) if funds remain after summer term claims are paid, first semester and first quarter claims received by the designated deadline date will be paid, or prorated if funding is insufficient to pay all claims in full;
 - 3) if funds remain after first semester and first quarter claims are paid, then second semester/second and third quarter claims received by the designated deadline date will be paid, or prorated if funds remaining are insufficient to pay all such claims in full;
 - 4) if funds remain after second semester/second and third quarter claims are paid, claims received by ISAC after the designated deadline dates will be

paid or prorated; and

- 5) timely claims for the difference between in-district/state and out-of-district/state tuition for recipients who do not qualify for chargebacks will be considered for payment at the same time, and in the same priority order, as all other timely claims, in accordance with the provisions of this subsection (g).
- h) Institutions are required to reconcile payments, both payment data and actual funds, received through IVG and, as applicable, submit all necessary corrections to student records on a timely basis.
- 1) Within 30 days after and including the date of receiving payment of any IVG funds claimed pursuant to this Section, the institution shall credit the IVG funds against the recipient's tuition and mandatory fee charges for the appropriate term.
 - 2) Within 30 days after the end of an academic term during which IVG funds are credited to recipient's tuition and mandatory fee charges, institutions must reconcile data received from ISAC as a result of payment claim processing against the eligibility status throughout that term for each student for whom payment claims were made. In reconciling the data with student eligibility, an institution must determine whether:
 - A) The amount of the claim applied to a student's tuition and mandatory fee charges exceeded the amount that the student was eligible to receive for any reason, including as a result of billing errors or retroactive withdrawals; or
 - B) The amount of the claim applied to a student's tuition and mandatory fee charges was less than the amount that the student was eligible to receive for any reason, including as a result of billing errors or retroactive withdrawals; or
 - C) The amount of the claim applied to a student's tuition and mandatory fee charges equaled the amount that the student was eligible to receive.
 - 3) Any institution that determines that the amount of a claim applied to a student's tuition and mandatory fee charges either exceeded the amount that the student was eligible to receive, or was less than that ~~an~~ amount, must submit an accounting of all such adjustments to ISAC within 30 days following the end of the applicable term.
 - 4) For any claims determined to exceed the amount that the student was eligible to receive, the amount in excess paid for the claims shall be

remitted to ISAC within 45 days after the end of the applicable term unless the payment is received after the end of the applicable term. If the payment of claims is made after the end of the applicable term, the institution shall have 60 days following receipt of the payment to complete reconciliation and remit any funds due to ISAC.

- 5) Award payments made in the name of one recipient cannot be applied to another recipient at the same institution. A refund of the payment made must be submitted to ISAC, and a supplemental request for payment must be processed for the proper recipient.

(Source: Amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

- 1) Heading of the Part: Police Training Academy Job Training Scholarship Program
- 2) Code Citation: 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2744
- 3)

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Proposed Actions:</u>
2744.10	New Section
2744.20	New Section
2744.30	New Section
2744.40	New Section
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing and authorized by Section 65.95 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/65.95].
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: This part is being added in response to the creation of a new program resulting from legislation during the spring, 2017 session of the Illinois General Assembly (Public Act 100-0331).
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: Public Act 100-0331, effective January 1, 2018.
- 7) Will this proposed rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this proposed rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not create or expand a state mandate as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)] and does not necessitate a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.
- 12) Time, Place, and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking: Persons who wish to comment on this proposed rulemaking may submit written comments no later than 45 days after the publication of this notice to:

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- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:
- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: None
 - B) Reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures required for compliance: None
 - C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None
- 14) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: January 2018

The full text of the Proposed Rules begins on the following page:

TITLE 23: EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
SUBTITLE A: EDUCATION
CHAPTER XIX: ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

PART 2744
POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY JOB TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Section	
2744.10	Summary and Purpose
2744.20	Applicant Eligibility
2744.30	Program Procedures
2744.40	Institutional Procedures

AUTHORITY: Implementing and authorized by Section 65.95 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947].

SOURCE: Adopted at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

Section 2744.10 Summary and Purpose

- a) The Police Training Academy Job Training Scholarship Program (the Scholarship Program) provides scholarships to pay for tuition and mandatory fees at Illinois public institutions of higher learning to individuals enrolled in those institutions and who have successfully completed the police training academy job training program established under Section 22-83 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5]. The Commission shall, each year, beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, receive and consider applications for scholarships under this Section.
- b) Scholarships are limited based on funding levels appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly from the Police Training Academy Job Training Program and Scholarship Fund.
- c) This Part establishes rules which govern the Scholarship Program. Additional rules and definitions are contained in General Provisions, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2700 (General Provisions).

Section 2744.20 Applicant Eligibility

- a) A qualified applicant:
 - 1) shall be a resident of Illinois;
 - 2) shall be enrolled or accepted for enrollment on at least a half-time basis at an Illinois public institution of higher learning; and

- 3) must have successfully completed the police training academy job training program established under Section 22-83 of the School Code.
- b) A qualified renewal applicant shall meet all the requirements of subsection a) of this Section and be:
 - 1) making satisfactory academic progress at the public institution of higher learning, as determined by the institution.
 - 2) eligible for up to four years of full-time enrollment.

Section 2744.30 Program Procedures

- a) Applicants shall annually file an ISAC application for the Scholarship Program and provide all documentation requested in the application.
 - 1) Contingent upon adequate funding, scholarship applications will be available at ISAC's web site and ISAC's Springfield, Deerfield and Chicago offices.
 - 2) All first-time applicants shall certify that they have successfully completed the Police Training Academy Job Training Program and shall provide other information and documentation requested in the application.
 - 3) If the application is incomplete, ISAC will notify the applicant, who will have an opportunity to furnish the missing information. The application will only be considered for processing after all necessary information is received by ISAC.
- b) Benefits are limited to tuition and mandatory fees for 2 semesters in an academic year for up to four years of full-time enrollment.
- c) ISAC shall select the recipients from among those who have submitted complete applications, including qualified new applicants and those who filed timely renewal applications for up to four years of full-time enrollment and have supplied information required.
- d) The total number of scholarships awarded in a given fiscal year is contingent upon available funding. If funding is insufficient to pay all eligible applicants, awarding will be based on the date the completed application is received in ISAC's Deerfield office. Preference may be given to renewal applicants, provided that the recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements.

Section 2744.40 Institutional Procedures

- a) The institution shall certify the applicant's award amount within the time frame

requested by ISAC, which shall be no sooner than 30 days unless a more rapid response is necessary to expend appropriated funds prior to the end of the academic year.

b) Institutional Packaging of Assistance

- 1) If the recipient receives other assistance targeted specifically for tuition and fees, the combined assistance shall not exceed the total tuition and fee expenses incurred by the student. If it does, the institution shall reduce one of the awards accordingly.
- 2) Notwithstanding the provisions of other ISAC-administered programs, the total amount of a student's gift assistance may not exceed the student's cost of attendance for that institution. Any excess gift assistance is considered an overaward, and the institution is required to notify ISAC to reduce this grant and/or other gift assistance to prevent the overaward.
- 3) If the recipient is eligible for assistance under MAP, the Scholarship Program must be factored into the financial aid package prior to receiving MAP gift assistance. The institution, however, may request a MAP grant to finance tuition and mandatory fee expenses not paid by the Scholarship Program.

c) Institutional Processing of Payments:

- 1) Within 30 days after, and including the date of, receiving payment, the institution shall credit the award toward the recipient's tuition and mandatory fee charges for the appropriate term.
- 2) Institutions are required to reconcile payments, both payment data and actual funds, received through the Scholarship Program and, as applicable, submit all necessary corrections to student records on a timely basis.
- 3) Within 30 days after the end of an academic term during which the Scholarship Program funds are credited to recipient's tuition and eligible fee charges, institutions must reconcile data received from ISAC as a result of payment claim processing against the eligibility status throughout that term for each student for whom payment claims were made. In reconciling the data with student eligibility, an institution must determine whether:
 - A) The amount of the claim applied to a student's tuition and eligible fee charges exceeded the amount that the student was eligible to receive for any reason, including as a result of billing errors or retroactive withdrawals; or

- B) The amount of the claim applied to a student's tuition and eligible fee charges was less than the amount that the student was eligible to receive for any reason, including as a result of billing errors or retroactive withdrawals; or
 - C) The amount of the claim applied to a student's tuition and eligible fee charges equaled the amount that the student was eligible to receive.
- 4) Any institution that determines that the amount of a claim applied to a student's tuition and mandatory fee charges either exceeded the amount that the student was eligible to receive or was less than that amount must submit an accounting of all adjustments to ISAC within 30 days following the end of the applicable term.
 - 5) For any claims determined to exceed the amount that the student was eligible to receive, the amount in excess paid for the claims shall be remitted to ISAC within 45 days after the end of the applicable term unless the payment is received after the end of the applicable term. If the payment of claims is made after the end of the applicable term, the institution shall have 60 days following receipt of the payment to complete reconciliation and remit any funds due to ISAC.
 - 6) Award payments made in the name of one recipient cannot be applied to another recipient at the same institution. A refund of the payment must be submitted to ISAC and a supplemental request must be made and processed for the proper recipient.
 - 7) If the institution does not submit refunds as required, ISAC will deduct outstanding refunds from subsequent payments to the institution.
 - 8) To provide sufficient time for processing and vouchering through the State Comptroller's Office in Springfield, all payment requests except for summer term must be received by ISAC no later than July 1. Summer term payment requests must be received no later than July 31.

- 1) Heading of the Part: Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program
- 2) Code Citation: 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2763
- 3)

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Proposed Actions:</u>
2763.20	Amendment
2763.30	Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing Section 50 and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/50 and 20(f)].
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: This part is being revised to clarify the grade point average requirements for the program. Additionally, non-substantive revisions are being made to update teacher certification references to teacher licensure to align terminology with that used by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will this proposed rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this proposed rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not create or expand a state mandate as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)] and does not necessitate a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.
- 12) Time, Place, and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking: Persons who wish to comment on this proposed rulemaking may submit written comments no later than 45 days after the publication of this notice to:

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- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:
- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: None
 - B) Reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures required for compliance: None
 - C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None
- 14) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: January 2018

The full text of the Proposed Amendments begins on the following page:

TITLE 23: EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
SUBTITLE A: EDUCATION
CHAPTER XIX: ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

PART 2763
MINORITY TEACHERS OF ILLINOIS (MTI) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Section	
2763.10	Summary and Purpose
2763.20	Applicant Eligibility
2763.30	Program Procedures
2763.40	Institutional Procedures

AUTHORITY: Implementing Section 50 and authorized by Section 20(f) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/50 and 20(f)].

SOURCE: Emergency rules adopted at 15 Ill. Reg. 15621, effective October 11, 1991, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired on March 9, 1992; adopted at 16 Ill. Reg. 7048, effective April 21, 1992; emergency amendments adopted at 16 Ill. Reg. 16326, effective September 28, 1992, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired on February 25, 1993; emergency amendment at 17 Ill. Reg. 175, effective January 1, 1993, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired on May 30, 1993; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 10585, effective July 1, 1993; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 10325, effective July 1, 1994; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 8361, effective July 1, 1995; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 9221, effective July 1, 1996; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 9221, effective July 1, 1996; old Part repealed, new Part adopted at 21 Ill. Reg. 11174, effective July 18, 1997; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 11141, effective July 1, 1998; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 9181, effective July 1, 2000; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 10385, effective July 1, 2003; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 9155, effective July 1, 2004; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 9934, effective July 1, 2005; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 11678, effective July 1, 2006; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 9544, effective July 1, 2013; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 8454, effective July 1, 2015; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

Section 2763.20 Applicant Eligibility

- a) A qualified applicant shall be:
 - 1) a minority student;
 - 2) a resident of Illinois;
 - 3) a citizen or permanent resident of the United States;
 - 4) a high school graduate or a high school equivalency certificate recipient;
 - 5) enrolled or accepted for enrollment on at least a half-time basis;

- 6) a student at an institution of higher learning;
 - 7) enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a course of study which, upon completion, qualifies the student to be ~~licensed~~certified as a preschool, elementary or secondary school teacher by the Illinois State Board of Education, including alternative teacher ~~licensure~~certification;
 - 8) ~~have earned a cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;~~ have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale if enrolled at the sophomore, junior, senior or graduate level~~maintaining a cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale~~; and
 - 9) maintaining satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution.
- b) In any academic year in which the qualified applicant accepts or receives financial assistance through the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2762), Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2764), the Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2765), or the Teach Illinois Scholarship Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2768), the qualified applicant shall not be eligible for scholarship assistance under this Part.

(Source: Amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 2763.30 Program Procedures

- a) A completed ISAC application for the MTI Scholarship Program must be postmarked on or before March 1 immediately preceding the regular school year for which the scholarship is being requested, in order to receive priority consideration for an award.
 - 1) Applications are available from qualified institutions of higher learning, ISAC's ~~web~~Website and ISAC's Springfield, Deerfield and Chicago offices.
 - 2) ISAC will make renewal applications available to all qualified students who were awarded MTI Scholarships during the preceding regular school year.
 - 3) If the application is incomplete, ISAC will notify the applicant. The applicant will then have an opportunity to furnish the missing information; however, the application will only be considered for processing as of the date when the application is complete and received at ISAC's Deerfield office.

- b) At least 30 percent of the funds appropriated for scholarships awarded under this Section in each fiscal year shall be reserved for male qualified applicants. *If the Commission does not receive enough applications from qualified male minorities on or before January 1 of each fiscal year to award 30% of the funds appropriated for these scholarships to qualified male minority applicants, then the Commission may award a portion of the reserved funds to qualified female minority applicants.* [110 ILCS 947/50]
- c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), awards will be made first to renewing applicants.
- d) No recipient may receive more than 8 semesters/12 quarters of scholarship assistance under this program.
- e) Scholarship funds are applicable towards up to two semesters/three quarters of study within a regular school year.
- f) The total number of scholarships awarded in a given fiscal year is contingent upon available funding. If appropriated funds are insufficient to provide all qualified applicants with a scholarship, available funds shall be allocated in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) and on the basis of the dates that the completed applications are received in ISAC's Deerfield office. However, preference may be given to qualified applicants enrolled at or above the junior level.
- g) Qualified applicants may be required to furnish the postsecondary institution at which they are enrolled with a copy of their high school transcripts, any other documentation verifying high school graduation, or a copy of their high school equivalency certificates.
- h) Prior to receiving scholarship assistance under this Part, the qualified applicant must sign a Teaching Agreement/Promissory Note that is submitted to ISAC. The Teaching Agreement/Promissory Note shall include the following stipulations:
 - 1) the recipient pledges to teach, on a full-time equivalent basis, for one year for each year of scholarship aid received, or for any portion of a year for which aid was received, under this Part;
 - 2) the recipient shall begin teaching within one year following the completion of the program for which the recipient received assistance under this Part, and shall teach on a continuous basis for the required period of time;

- 3) the teaching requirement will be fulfilled at a nonprofit Illinois public, private or parochial preschool, elementary school or secondary school at which no less than 30 percent of the enrolled students are minority students, as certified by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE);
 - 4) if the teaching requirement is not fulfilled, the scholarship converts to a loan and the recipient must repay the entire amount of the scholarships prorated according to the fraction of the teaching obligation not completed, plus interest at a rate of interest equal to five percent and, if applicable, reasonable collection fees;
 - 5) the recipient agrees to provide ISAC with evidence of compliance with program requirements (e.g., responses to annual follow-up questionnaires, etc.); and
 - 6) the recipient promises to use the proceeds of the scholarship for educational expenses.
- i) A recipient of a scholarship awarded under this Part shall not be in violation of the agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (h) during periods in which the recipient:
- 1) serves, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces;
 - 2) is enrolled on a full-time basis as a graduate student in a course of study related to the field of teaching at an institution of higher learning;
 - 3) is temporarily totally disabled, for not more than three years, as established by the sworn affidavit of a licensed physician;
 - 4) is actively seeking but unable to find full-time employment as a teacher at a school that satisfies the criteria set forth in subsection (h)(3) for one continuous period not to exceed two years, and is able to provide evidence of that fact;
 - 5) is taking additional courses, on at least a half-time basis, needed to obtain licensure~~certification~~ as a teacher in Illinois; or
 - 6) is fulfilling teaching requirements associated with other programs administered by ISAC if he or she cannot concurrently fulfill them in a period of time equal to the length of the teaching obligation.
- j) If a recipient is required to repay any portion of the scholarship, the repayment

period shall be completed within 10 years after the scholarship converts to a loan. This 10 year period may be extended if the recipient:

- 1) serves, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces;
 - 2) is temporarily disabled, for not more than three years, as established by the sworn affidavit of a licensed physician;
 - 3) is seeking and unable to find full-time employment, for one continuous period not to exceed two years, and is able to provide evidence of that fact;
 - 4) withdraws from a course of study leading to licensureeertification as a teacher but is enrolled full-time in another academic discipline; or
 - 5) is pursuing a graduate course of study and is enrolled on a full-time basis for one continuous period of time not to exceed three years.
- k) During the time a recipient qualifies for any of the extensions listed in subsection (j), he or she shall not be required to make payments and interest shall not accrue.
- l) A recipient shall enter repayment status on the earliest of the following dates:
- 1) the first day of the first calendar month after the recipient has ceased to pursue a course of study leading to licensureeertification as a teacher at the preschool, elementary or secondary level, but not before six months have elapsed after the cessation of at least half-time enrollment in such a course of study;
 - 2) the date the recipient informs ISAC that he or she does not plan to fulfill the teaching obligation; or
 - 3) the day after the latest date upon which the recipient must have begun teaching after completing the postsecondary education for which the scholarship was awarded.
- m) A recipient shall not be required to repay the amount of the scholarships received if he or she becomes permanently totally disabled as established by the sworn affidavit of a qualified physician (see, e.g., 34 CFR 682.402(c)), or if his or her representative provides ISAC with a death certificate or other evidence that the recipient has died.

(Source: Amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

- 1) Heading of the Part: Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program
- 2) Code Citation: 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2764
- 3)

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Proposed Actions:</u>
2764.20	Amendment
2764.30	Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing Section 52 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/52] and authorized by Sections 20(f) and 52(h) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/20(f) and 52(h)].
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: Non-substantive revisions are being made to update teacher certification references to teacher licensure to align terminology with that used by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
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- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:

- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: None
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 - C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None
- 14) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: January 2018

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TITLE 23: EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
SUBTITLE A: EDUCATION
CHAPTER XIX: ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

PART 2764
GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS OF ILLINOIS PROGRAM

Section	
2764.10	Summary and Purpose
2764.20	Applicant Eligibility
2764.30	Program Procedures
2764.40	Institutional Procedures

AUTHORITY: Implementing Section 52 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/52] and authorized by Sections 20(f) and 52(h) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/20(f) and 52(h)].

SOURCE: Emergency rules adopted at 19 Ill. Reg. 976, effective February 1, 1995, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired on June 30, 1995; adopted at 19 Ill. Reg. 11367, effective August 1, 1995; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 9141, effective July 1, 1996; old Part repealed at 21 Ill. Reg. 11027 and new Part adopted at 21 Ill. Reg. 11029, effective July 18, 1997; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 11043, effective July 1, 1998; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 9095, effective July 1, 2000; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 10395, effective July 1, 2003; emergency amendment at 27 Ill. Reg. 14860, effective September 10, 2003, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 1749, effective January 25, 2004; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 9162, effective July 1, 2004; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 11687, effective July 1, 2006; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 10333, effective July 1, 2008; amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 9784, effective July 1, 2009; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13957, effective September 1, 2012; emergency amendment at 37 Ill. Reg. 15446, effective September 3, 2013, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 2898, effective January 15, 2014; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 8462, effective July 1, 2015; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

Section 2764.20 Applicant Eligibility

- a) All qualified applicants must be designated as a Golden Apple Scholar by the Golden Apple Foundation for Excellence in Teaching (the Foundation).
- b) A qualified applicant, at the time of designation as a Golden Apple Scholar by the Golden Apple Foundation for Excellence in Teaching, shall:
 - 1) be a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen;
 - 2) be a resident of Illinois;
 - 3) be a high school graduate or a person who has received a high school equivalency certificate;

- 4) be enrolled at a four-year institution designated by the Foundation as a participating Illinois college or university; and
 - 5) have entered into a program agreement and promissory note with the Foundation and ISAC, as described in this Part.
- c) In order to receive scholarship assistance under this Part, a qualified applicant shall:
- 1) be enrolled in a postsecondary course of study leading to initial teacher ~~licensure~~certification or taking additional courses needed to gain Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) approval to teach, including alternative teacher ~~licensure~~certification [110 ILCS 947/52];
 - 2) have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale if enrolled at the sophomore, junior or senior level; and
 - 3) have participated in all required programs and adhered to the residential guidelines and standards of conduct as a designated Golden Apple Scholar of the Foundation.
- d) In any academic year in which the qualified applicant accepts or receives financial assistance through the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2762), the Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2763), the Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2765), or the Teach Illinois Scholarship (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2768), the qualified applicant shall not be eligible for scholarship assistance under this Part.

(Source: Amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 2764.30 Program Procedures

- a) Qualified applicants shall have completed and filed an application for program participation with the Foundation prior to becoming eligible for scholarship assistance under this Section. Applications shall be made available to qualified applicants by and submitted to the Foundation before a qualified applicant may be designated as a Golden Apple Scholar by the Foundation.
- b) The Foundation shall designate Golden Apple Scholars as defined in their established selection protocol.
- c) Each year, the Foundation shall identify Golden Apple Scholars eligible to receive scholarship assistance from ISAC under this Part by submitting to ISAC any necessary data related to the qualified applicant and, at such time, by certifying that:

- 1) Students selected to receive scholarship assistance under this Part meet the eligibility requirements described in Section 2764.20(a) or in the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/52];
 - 2) Students selected to receive scholarship assistance under this Part have entered into a Program Agreement and Promissory Note with the Foundation that satisfies the requirements listed in this Part; and
 - 3) Thirty percent of students selected to receive scholarship assistance under this Part in a given fiscal year will be awarded to students residing in counties having a population of fewer than 500,000.
- d) In order to receive scholarship assistance under this Part, a Golden Apple Scholar must have signed a program agreement and promissory note with the Foundation on behalf of ISAC that includes the following stipulations:
- 1) the recipient pledges to teach, on a full time basis, for a period of not less than five years and in accordance with any additional commitment to teach in a teacher shortage discipline, which shall include early childhood education;
 - 2) the recipient shall begin teaching within two years following completion of the postsecondary education degree or certificate program for which the scholarship was awarded, and shall teach on a continuous basis for the required period of time;
 - 3) the teaching requirement will be fulfilled at a nonprofit Illinois public, private or parochial preschool, or an Illinois public elementary or secondary school that qualifies for teacher loan cancellation under section 465(a)(2)(A) of the HEA (20 USC 1087ee (a)(2)(A));
 - 4) if the teaching requirement is not fulfilled, the scholarship assistance provided under this Part converts to a loan and the recipient must repay the entire amount of the scholarship prorated according to the fraction of the teaching obligation not completed, plus interest at a rate equal to five percent and, if applicable, reasonable collection fees;
 - 5) the recipient agrees to provide the Foundation or ISAC with evidence of compliance with program requirements (e.g., responses to annual follow-

up questionnaires, etc.); and

- 6) the recipient promises to use the proceeds of the scholarship for educational expenses.
- e) All amounts collected on a scholarship that converts to a loan under this Part, less any portion of those funds that equals the amount in expenses that ISAC has incurred in collecting the debt, shall be remitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the General Revenue Fund.
- f) A recipient of a scholarship awarded under this Part shall not be in violation of the program agreement and promissory note for failing to begin teaching within two years after graduation if, during that period, the recipient:
 - 1) serves, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces; or
 - 2) is enrolled full-time in a graduate course of study related to the field of teaching at an institution of higher learning; or
 - 3) is temporarily totally disabled, for not more than three years, as established by the sworn affidavit of a qualified physician; or
 - 4) is actively seeking and unable to find full-time employment as a teacher at a school that satisfies the criteria set forth in subsection (d)(3) for one continuous period not to exceed two years, and is able to provide evidence of that fact; or
 - 5) is taking additional courses, on at least a half-time basis, needed to obtain licensurecertification as a teacher in Illinois; or
 - 6) is fulfilling teaching requirements associated with other programs administered by ISAC if he or she cannot concurrently fulfill them in a period of time equal to the length of the teaching commitment; or
 - 7) is participating in a program established by Executive Order 10924 of the President of the United States or the National Community Service Act of 1990 (42 USC 12501 et seq., as amended).
- g) If a recipient is required to repay any portion of the scholarship, the repayment

period shall be completed within 10 years. The Commission shall grant a period of forbearance or deferment during repayment of the loan that shall not be counted toward the 10-year repayment period, if the recipient:

- 1) serves, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces; or
 - 2) is temporarily disabled, for not more than three years, as established by the sworn affidavit of a licensed physician; or
 - 3) is pursuing a graduate course of study and is enrolled on a full-time basis for one continuous period of time not to exceed three years; or
 - 4) is seeking and unable to find full-time employment for one continuous period not to exceed two years and is able to provide evidence of that fact; or
 - 5) withdraws from a course of study leading to licensurecertification/approval in a teacher shortage discipline, but is enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate for one continuous period of time not to exceed three years.
- h) During the time a recipient qualifies for periods of deferment or forbearance described in subsection (g), he or she shall not be required to make payments and interest shall not accrue.
- i) A recipient shall enter repayment status on the earliest of the following dates:
- 1) the first day of the first calendar month after the recipient has ceased to pursue a course of study leading to licensurecertification as a teacher, but not until six months have elapsed after the cessation of at least half-time enrollment in such a course of study;
 - 2) the date the Foundation informs ISAC or ISAC otherwise learns that a recipient of scholarship assistance has not fulfilled the teaching obligation; or
 - 3) the day after the latest date upon which the recipient must have begun teaching after completing the postsecondary education for which the scholarship was awarded.

- j) A recipient shall not be required to repay the amount of the scholarship received if he or she becomes permanently and totally disabled, so as to be unable to perform the essential function of a teacher with or without accommodation as determined by a licensed physician, or if his or her representative provides ISAC with a death certificate or other evidence that the recipient has died.

(Source: Amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

- 1) Heading of the Part: Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program
- 2) Code Citation: 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2765
- 3)

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Proposed Actions:</u>
2765.20	Amendment
2765.30	Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing Section 65.15 and authorized by Sections 20(f) and 65.15 (a)(2) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/20(f) and 65.15].
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: Non-substantive revisions are being made to update teacher certification references to teacher licensure to align terminology with that used by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will this proposed rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this proposed rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not create or expand a state mandate as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)] and does not necessitate a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.
- 12) Time, Place, and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking: Persons who wish to comment on this proposed rulemaking may submit written comments no later than 45 days after the publication of this notice to:

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PART 2765

ILLINOIS SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER TUITION WAIVER (SETTW) PROGRAM

Section

2765.10	Summary and Purpose
2765.20	Applicant Eligibility
2765.30	Program Procedures
2765.40	Institutional Procedures

AUTHORITY: Implementing Section 65.15 and authorized by Sections 20(f) and 65.15(a)(2) of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [110 ILCS 947/20(f) and 65.15].

SOURCE: Adopted at 19 Ill. Reg. 8354, effective July 1, 1995; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 9194, effective July 1, 1996; old Part repealed and new Part adopted at 21 Ill. Reg. 11129, effective July 18, 1997; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 11107, effective July 1, 1998; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 9159, effective July 1, 2000; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 10037, effective July 1, 2002; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 10405, effective July 1, 2003; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 9170, effective July 1, 2004; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 9941, effective July 1, 2005; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 11697, effective July 1, 2006; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 12388, effective July 15, 2011; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 9550, effective July 1, 2013; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 13402, effective July 1, 2014; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 8134, effective July 1, 2017; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

Section 2765.20 Applicant Eligibility

a) A qualified applicant shall be:

- 1) a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- 2) a resident of Illinois;
- 3) a graduate of an approved high school; a student scheduled to graduate from an approved high school by the end of the academic year in which the award is made who ranks in the upper half of his or her high school

graduating class at the end of the sixth semester; or a person holding a valid teaching [license certificate](#) that is not in the discipline of Special Education;

- 4) enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, as an undergraduate or graduate student seeking initial [licensurecertification](#) in any area of Special Education as determined by the university;
 - 5) attending, or planning to attend, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University (Carbondale), Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville), University of Illinois (Chicago), University of Illinois (Springfield), University of Illinois (Urbana) or Western Illinois University; and
 - 6) a potential new recipient in that he or she shall have not received the Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver in the past.
- b) In any academic year in which the qualified applicant accepts or receives financial assistance through the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2762), the Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2763), the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2764), or Teach Illinois Scholarship Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2768), he or she shall not be eligible for an Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver.

(Source: Amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 2765.30 Program Procedures

- a) A completed ISAC application for the Illinois SETTW Program must be postmarked on or before March 1 immediately preceding the academic year for which the tuition waiver is being requested, in order to receive priority consideration for an award.
- b) ISAC applications for the Illinois SETTW Program are available from eligible institutions, ISAC's website and ISAC's Springfield, Deerfield and Chicago offices.
- c) If the student section of an application is incomplete, ISAC will notify the applicant. The applicant will then have an opportunity to furnish the missing information; however, the application will be considered for processing as of the date when the student section is complete and received in ISAC's Deerfield office.
- d) Before March 1 of each year, principals of public, private and parochial high schools in Illinois will provide the names of all students in their high school who are anticipated to be qualified applicants.

- e) ISAC shall annually award 250 Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waivers as provided in this subsection (e).
 - 1) Currently Licensed Teachers
 - A) A maximum of 40 tuition waivers may be awarded annually to qualified applicants who hold a valid teaching license that is not in the discipline of Special Education.
 - B) If more than 40 applicants qualify under these provisions, a lottery shall be used to select 40 recipients.
 - 2) Applicants Graduating from High School in the Current Award Year
 - A) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e)(4), a minimum of 105 tuition waivers shall be awarded annually to students scheduled to graduate from an approved high school in the academic year in which the award is made and who rank in the upper half of their class at the end of the sixth semester.
 - B) ISAC shall select recipients under this subsection (e)(2) from among qualified applicants based on the highest ACT or SAT scores from the time periods set forth in the State Scholar Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2760.20(b), (c) and (d), as converted according to the Illinois Standard Test Score table (Section 2760.30(c)).
 - C) If the number of qualified applicants sharing the same Illinois Standard Test Score exceeds the number of tuition waivers to be awarded, a lottery shall be used to select the awardees.
 - 3) Applicants Not Graduating from High School in the Current Award Year
 - A) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e)(4), a minimum of 105 tuition waivers shall be awarded annually to qualified applicants who have graduated from an approved high school prior to the academic year in which the award is made.

- B) If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of tuition waivers to be awarded, a lottery shall be used to select the awardees.
- 4) Rollover of Unused Tuition Waivers
- A) Any of the available tuition waivers not awarded under subsection (e)(1) shall be added to the pool of available waivers under subsection (e)(2).
 - B) If the number of qualified applicants under subsection (e)(2) or (e)(3) is insufficient to utilize all of the waivers available under those subsections, the remainder shall be transferred to the pool of waivers under the other subsection if the other subsection has qualified applicants who have not yet been awarded a waiver.
- f) Notice of eligibility will be sent by July 1 to each qualified applicant who is selected to receive a tuition waiver. The qualified applicant is then responsible for providing a copy of the notice of eligibility to the institution. All other qualified applicants will be notified that they were not selected.
- g) Tuition waivers are applicable towards credit for any semester/quarter within an academic year.
- h) A recipient shall be exempt from paying tuition and mandatory fees for up to four calendar years.
- i) Prior to receiving assistance, the qualified applicant must sign a Teaching Agreement/Promissory Note, which must be submitted to ISAC. The Teaching Agreement/Promissory Note shall include the following stipulations:
- 1) the recipient pledges to begin teaching on a full-time basis, in the field of Special Education, within one year following graduation from or termination of enrollment in a teacher education program, at a nonprofit, public, private or parochial preschool, elementary or secondary school in Illinois and to continue teaching for at least 2 of the 5 years immediately following;

- 2) if the teaching requirement is not fulfilled, the tuition waiver converts to a loan and the recipient must repay the entire amount of the tuition waiver (prorated according to the fraction of the teaching obligation not completed), plus interest at a rate equal to 5% per annum; and
 - 3) the recipient agrees to provide ISAC with evidence of compliance with program requirements (e.g., responses to annual follow-up questionnaires, etc.).
- j) The five-year time period during which the teaching requirement must be fulfilled may be extended if the recipient:
- 1) serves, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces;
 - 2) is enrolled full-time in an academic program related to the field of teaching, leading to a graduate or postgraduate degree;
 - 3) is temporarily totally disabled for a period of time not to exceed three years, as established by the sworn affidavit of a qualified physician;
 - 4) is actively seeking but unable to find full-time employment as a teacher at an Illinois public, private, or parochial school for one continuous period not to exceed two years, and is able to provide evidence of that fact;
 - 5) is taking additional courses, on at least a half-time basis, needed to obtain [licensurecertification](#) as a teacher in Illinois; or
 - 6) is fulfilling teaching requirements associated with other programs administered by ISAC if he or she cannot concurrently fulfill them in a period of time equal to the length of the teaching obligation.
- k) A recipient may be granted a leave of absence by the president of the institution, or his/her designee, for the following reasons:
- 1) earning funds to defray the recipient's educational expenses;
 - 2) illness of the recipient or a member of the recipient's immediate family, as established by the sworn statement of a licensed physician; or

- 3) military service.
- l) A recipient must complete his or her course of study within six years including leaves of absence. A recipient must remain enrolled on a continuous basis during the regular school year for four years, unless granted a leave of absence. However, a leave of absence granted for military service shall not be considered part of the six years within which a recipient must complete a degree.
 - m) A recipient shall enter repayment status on the earliest of the following dates:
 - 1) the first day of the first calendar month after the recipient has ceased to pursue a course of study leading to initial [licensure certification](#) as a teacher in Special Education, but not until six months have elapsed after the cessation of at least half-time enrollment in such a course of study. A recipient who has transferred and is waiting to be accepted into the Special Education program at the new university shall not be subject to this provision provided he or she is enrolled and is pursuing course work that meets the new university's requirements to gain admission to the Special Education program;
 - 2) the date the recipient informs ISAC that he or she does not plan to fulfill the teaching obligation; or
 - 3) the latest date upon which the recipient must have begun teaching in order to complete the teaching obligation within five years after completing the postsecondary education for which the waiver was awarded.
 - n) If a recipient is required to repay any portion of a tuition waiver awarded prior to July 1, 2014, the repayment period shall be completed within five years after the tuition waiver converts to a loan. If a recipient is required to repay any portion of a tuition waiver awarded after July 1, 2014, the repayment period shall be completed within 10 years after the tuition waiver converts to a loan. Repayment periods may be extended if a recipient:
 - 1) serves, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces;
 - 2) is temporarily disabled, for not more than three years, as established by the

sworn affidavit of a licensed physician;

- 3) is pursuing a graduate or postgraduate degree and is enrolled on a full-time basis for one continuous period of time not to exceed three years;
 - 4) is seeking and unable to find full-time employment for one continuous period not to exceed two years and is able to provide evidence of that fact;
or
 - 5) withdraws from a course of study leading to a teacher [licensure certification](#) in Special Education but remains enrolled on at least a half-time basis in another academic discipline.
- o) During the time a recipient qualifies for any of the extensions listed in subsection (n) of this Section, he or she shall not be required to make payments and interest shall not continue to accrue.
 - p) A recipient shall not be required to pay the amount of the tuition and fees waived if he or she becomes permanently totally disabled, as established by the sworn affidavit of a licensed physician (see e.g., 34 CFR 682.402(c)), or if his or her representative provides ISAC with a death certificate or other evidence that the recipient has died.
 - q) A holder of a tuition waiver must register for enrollment in a special education program of teacher education within ten days after the beginning of the term for which the tuition waiver was initially awarded. If the recipient fails to comply with this requirement, he or she will forfeit the tuition waiver and ISAC will award it to another qualified applicant.

(Source: Amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)