# Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers (PFC) and Grant Program for Exonerees



# **Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers**









Grant program for the spouse and children of Illinois police, fire and correctional officers killed or at least 90% disabled in the line of duty Recipients must be enrolled at least half-time in undergraduate or graduate study

Provides payment toward tuition and mandatory fees for 8 semesters or 12 quarters Factored into the financial aid package prior to receiving MAP gift assistance



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### To be eligible, a student:

- must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- must be enrolled on at least a half-time basis at an institution that is approved for participation in MAP
- must be making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or certificate;
- need not be a resident of Illinois at the time of enrollment; and
- does not have to demonstrate financial need to receive the grant.
- An applicant is ineligible if:
- Either a spouse who remarries after a correctional officer or police or fire officer is killed in the line of duty, or is a spouse who divorces a permanently disabled correctional officer or police or fire officer



# **Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers**

- ISAC's PFC application must be submitted each year
- Deadline dates are:
  - October 1 for consideration for all terms
  - March 1 for consideration for second semester/second and third quarter
  - June 15 for consideration for summer term
- Payment request rosters are sent to schools each term after the application deadline has passed
- Announcements of eligibility are made to students as applications are received and processed
- In the 2018-19 academic year, the rules were updated to say children
  of disabled police, fire or correctional officers need not have been
  born, legally adopted or in the legal custody of the officer before the
  disability occurred in order to receive a grant.





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#### GRANT PROGRAMS FOR DEPENDENTS OF POLICE, FIRE OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS APPLICATION 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR – FALL 2021 THROUGH SUMMER 2022

You may contact an ISAC Call Center Representative via telephone at 800.899.4722 or e-mail at ISAC studentservices@illinois.gov regarding information on this application and/or visit our website at issue ors. Mail pages 1 and 2 of this application to the address above.

APPLIC	ATION INFORMATION	
IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE that your Social Security number furtherance of your request for financial aid.	needed for identification,	verification and processing purposes in
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#### GRANT PROGRAMS FOR DEPENDENTS OF POLICE, FIRE OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS APPLICATION ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

- 1. A qualified applicant shall be:
  - a. either:
    - the natural born or legally adopted child or a child in the legal custody of an Illinois police, fire or correctional officer who was killed or disabled in the line of duty (children of disabled police, fire and correctional officers need not have been born, legally adopted or in the legal custody of the officer before the disability occurred in order to receive these orants; or
  - the husband or wife of the Illinois police, fire or correctional officer at the time the officer was killed in the line of duty or at the time a permanently disabling injury occurred in the line of duty; and
  - a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen; and
  - enrolled on at least a half-time basis at an institution that is approved for participation in the Monetary Award Program (MAP) (see isac.org).
- An applicant need not be a resident of Illinois at the time of enrollment.
- An applicant does not have to demonstrate financial need to receive this grant.
- A spouse who remarries after an Illinois police, fire or correctional officer is killed in the line of duty, or who divorces a permanently disabled Illinois police, fire or correctional officer, is not eligible. Common law partners are not elicible.
- A step-child who is not in the legal custody or legally adopted by the Illinois police, fire or correctional officer is not eligible.

#### BENEFITS:

- Grant payment is subject to sufficient annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the governor.
- In the event funds are insufficient to make awards to all timely qualified applicants, award amounts may be prorated.
- 3. Recipients attending approved public colleges in Illinois shall receive full payment of fution and mandatory fees on their behalt. The grant will cover the difference in cost for courses taken at an out-of-district college, Recipients attending approved private colleges in Illinois shall receive payment of fution and mandatory fees in an amount not to exceed the maximum grant payable to a student enrolled in the most expensive comparable program of study at a public college in Illinois.
- 4. The grant may be used at any public or private college approved for participation in the Monetary Award Program (MAP). Benefits are limited to the full-time enrollment equivalent of eight semesters or twelve quarters of payment. See isac.org for a listing of approved colleges.
- The applicant may receive benefits for undergraduate or graduate enrollment.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

- Complete applications received by ISAC after the deadline dates (see page 1) will be processed only for subsequent terms, with June 15, 2022 as the final date of acceptance for the summer term of the 2021-22 academic year.
- 2. The applicant must apply for the educational benefits and must supply all required documentation. In order to receive benefits, one application must be on file for each academic year, which begins with the fall ten concludes the following summer term. No payments will be made on behalf of an eligible student unless a current and complete application is on file.
  - Section I: Applicant's Information portion must be filed annually for each applicant.
  - b. Section II: Officer's Biographical Information portion of the application needs to be completed only on the initial application. Once eligibility has been established for one member of a family, it is established for all qualified applicants in the family.

The applicant's initial application must be accompanied by the officer's certified death certificate or, for disabled officers, the certified statement of a licensed physician. The physician's statement, on their letterhead, must certify that the officer has a mental or physical condition that is reasonably certain to continue throughout the litetime of the officer, resulting in a 90% to 100% incapacity from performing substantial and material duties previously discharged.

Please note: If the doctor does not state the percentage of disability, the application is incomplete.

Separate documentation must be submitted to prove that the death or permanent disability of the officer occurred in the line of duty (usually from the officer's pension board or employer).

- Section III: Certification Statement must be completed annually.
- 3. If required by the college, the applicant should present a copy of the eligibity letter to the college's financial aid office at the time of enrollment. If the applicant is already enrolled when the eligibity letter is received, the letter should be presented to the college financial aid office immediately. Payments are made directly to the college at which the student is enrolled. The college also has deadlines for requesting payment on a student's behalf. Failure to present the eligibitity letter and/or to notify ISAC of a college choice change, as required, may result in the loss of benefits.
- Allow at least four weeks for the processing of this application. Visit the ISAC website at isac.org for processing updates or call ISAC at 800.899.ISAC (4722).

Note: Proof that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements (such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, court documents, etc.) may be required before or after the applicant's initial eligibility is determined.

Mail pages 1 and 2 of the completed application to the address on page 1.

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A listing of Illinois 2 or 4 year colleges approved to participate in the Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers, including

each college's 3-digit ISAC College Code, is available online at isac.org.

## **Eligible Noncitizen Definition**

- From ISAC's General Provisions:
  - Eligible noncitizen -- A noncitizen who is eligible for federal student assistance pursuant to section 484 of the HEA; or a noncitizen or person who is not a permanent resident of the United States, who does not meet the eligibility criteria for federal student assistance pursuant to section 484 of the HEA but who meets the following criteria:
    - the individual resided with his or her parent or guardian while attending a public or private high school in this State;
    - the individual graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State;
    - the individual attended school in this State for at least 3 years as of the date the individual graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State;
    - the individual provides an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so;
    - and the individual has not established a residence outside of this State



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Permanent Address at time of death or disability	
City	State ZIP Code
Officer is: Deceased Disabled	Date Deceased/Disabled (month, day, year):
Police Fire Correctional Employer at time of death or disability:	Position held by Officer:



## **Student Notification**

- ISAC sends all eligible grant recipients a notification letter, which may be provided to the school at the time of enrollment
  - If the student's college choice or address changes during the academic year, the student must notify ISAC in writing
- Ineligible applicants will also be sent written notification



## P/F/C Benefits

- Benefits can be used for undergraduate or graduate study
- Pays tuition and mandatory fees
  - At a public institution, student may receive a grant that does not exceed its cost of tuition and mandatory fees
  - At a private institution, student may receive a grant that does not exceed the maximum amount payable to a student enrolled in the most expensive comparable program of study at a public institution



## P/F/C Benefits

- Recipients may receive benefits for the equivalent of four academic years (eight semesters or 12 quarters) of full-time enrollment, which is measured in eligibility units
  - o Recipients may accumulate up to 48 eligibility units
  - The amount of eligibility a recipient has used is determined by converting credit hours to eligibility units

Number of Hours	Semester Term	Quarter Term
12 or more hours	6 units	4 units
6 - 11.99 hours	3 units	2 units

- Eligibility units are based on the enrolled hours for a particular term, not the dollar amount of the benefits paid
- Benefits may be extended for one additional term if the recipient has accumulated fewer than 48 eligibility units but does not have enough units remaining for the number of hours in which he or she is enrolled for that term



## **Awarding Reminders**

- If a PFC recipient is also eligible for a MAP grant, the PFC grant 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 PFC
- If a PFC 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
  - o If it does, the institution shall reduce one of the awards accordingly
  - Any excess gift assistance is considered an over award and the institution is required to notify ISAC to reduce the grant and/or other gift assistance to prevent an over award



## P/F/C Payment

- Certification of Enrollment for Payment Rosters are typically sent to schools each term after the application deadline has passed
- Must return the roster even if a student isn't eligible
  - Provide the reason for ineligibility
- Funds are disbursed in multiple installments, depending upon the number of terms financed by the grant
  - If the applicant's eligibility is not determined until the final term of the academic year multiple disbursements will not be required
  - If a student is attending only one term and the maximum award does not exceed the student's cost of attendance, the grant proceeds will be awarded in one single disbursement



## P/F/C Payment

- If funds are insufficient to pay all eligible applicants, determinations will be made based on application date
- In a withdrawal situation, the recipient can receive the grant for costs incurred, up to the term award
- Grant recipients are expected to notify ISAC, in writing, within 15 days of any change affecting his or her enrollment status, name or address
- The Selective Service requirement has been removed from the 2021-22 Certification of Enrollment for Payment roster





3 = Junior 4 = Senior 5 = Graduate

Certification of Enrollment for Payment
Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers 2021 - 22 Academic Year

Return to: School Services 1766 Lake Cook Road 888.247.2172 ISAC.SchoolServices@Illinois.gov

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#### Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers...





#### SCHOOL NAME

#### Dear Colleague:

Attached is the Payment Voucher for your institution's: Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers (PFC) payment request(s). The actual disbursement of funds for this payment will be processed by the State of Illinois Comptroller's office. Visit the Comptroller's Web page to check on the status of your institution's payment.

If you have any questions concerning this e-mail or any of the attachments, do not hesitate to contact ISAC at <u>isac.schoolservices@illinois.gov</u> or call a School Services Representative at 866.247.2172.

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## P/F/C Resources

- ISAC Administrative Rules
  - Part 2731 (Dependents of Correctional Officers)
  - Part 2732 (Dependents of Police or Fire Officers)
- Grant Programs for Dependents of Police,
   Fire or Correctional Officers Application
  - Explains eligibility requirements, benefits and application procedures



## **ISAC** Rules

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#### 2021-22 ISAC Rules

Select order in which to view the 2021-22 ISAC Rules:

Listed Alphabetically Listed by Program Type/Topic

#### 2021-22 ISAC Rules - Listed Alphabetically

- Administrative Wage Garnishment [Part 2722]
- · Adult Vocational Community College Scholarship Program [Part 2745]
- · AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program [Part 2766]
- Alternative Loan Program [Part 2721]
- · Americans With Disabilities Act Grievance Procedure [Part 1400]
- · Child Welfare Student Loan Forgiveness Program [Part 2769]
- College Planning Act [Part 2774]
- · College Savings Bond Bonus Incentive Grant (BIG) Program [Part 2771]
- Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program [Part 2753]
- Community College Transfer Grant (CCTG) Program [Part 2740]
- · Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) [Part 2720]
- General Provisions [Part 2700]
- · Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program [Part 2764]
- · Grant Program for a Child Raised by Grandparent [Part 2738]
- · Grant Program for Dependents of Correctional Officers [Part 2731]
- Grant Program for Dependents of Police or Fire Officers [Part 2732]
- Grant Program for Exonerees [Part 2743]
- · Grant Program for Medical Assistants in Training [Part 2742]
- Grant Program for Participants in SIU-C Achieve Program [Part 2739]
- Higher Education License Plate (HELP) Grant Program [Part 2737]

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2012-13 ISAC Rules

2011-12 ISAC Rules

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## **Grant Program for Exonerees**

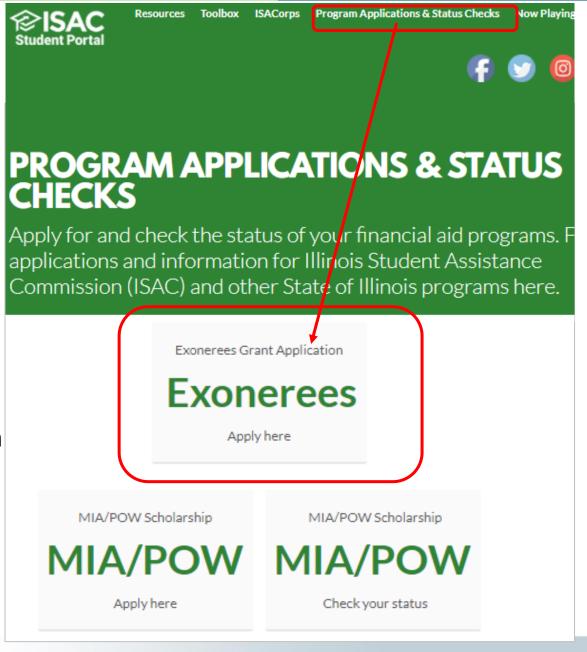


## **ISAC Grant Program for Exonerees**

- Provides grant assistance to an individual who has been issued a pardon by the governor of the State of Illinois on the grounds of innocence of the crime for which that person had been imprisoned, or who received a certificate of innocence from a circuit court.
- The grant provides assistance toward tuition and mandatory fees for two semesters per regular school year for undergraduate or graduate study at Illinois public colleges and community colleges.
  - Not available for summer terms
  - Recipients may receive assistance for a maximum of four regular school years (eight semesters) of full-time enrollment



- The online interactive application is available at isac.org
- If an applicant is unable to access the online application, a PDF version can be downloaded and printed, then submitted to ISAC
- Students should allow at least 4 weeks for processing of the application.
- Applications are processed in date-received order





## **ISAC Contact Information**

**School Services** 

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