ISAC
Operational Update

November 20, 2019
Agenda

- ISAC Update
- Questions/Comments
2019-20 Monetary Award Program (MAP)

- Maximum annual award amount is $5,340
  - Additional funding for FY20 was used to increase the annual award amount and to release some records from suspense
    - Applicants with an initial FAFSA receipt date of April 29, 2019 through and including May 26, 2019 were released from suspended status
    - Released records are eligible for a full-year MAP award
  - The current suspense date is May 27, 2019
    - Applicants whose initial 2019-20 FAFSA® was received by CPS on or after May 27, 2019 remain in suspended status
- Payment requests for the first semester/quarter are currently being accepted, and the fall term claim deadline date is December 6, 2019
- Payment reminders:
  - Review the Payment Results/Exceptions Report in the MAP system the day after submitting payment requests to confirm that all claims processed as expected
  - Colleges will receive MAP funds directly from the State Comptroller's Office
2020-21 MAP

2020-21 MAP Start-Up Formula was approved at the September Commission meeting

- Maximum start-up annual award amount is $5,340
  - There is no reduction factor
- Student eligibility information is available in GAP Access

As part of the student notification process, schools are required to:

- Announce MAP awards to the students enrolled at their institutions
- Clearly identify the awards on the award notification as: **State of IL MAP Grant (Est)**
- Include specific MAP award letter language on or with the school issued award letters
  - Please note that a few minor changes have been made to the language for 2020-21
  - Refer to the MAP Award Announcements page for details regarding college requirements, as well as samples of the required award letter language and ISAC-generated notifications
MAP Award Announcements

School Requirements
ISAC-Generated MAP Notifications

Students who apply for financial aid on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and agree to share the information with ISAC are considered for a Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant. The announcement process begins with the college sending an award notification to eligible students indicating a calculated annual award amount. The inclusion of MAP Grant awards in financial aid packages is critical information for students to make informed enrollment decisions. Potentially eligible students are Illinois residents with an EFC under 9000 who indicated a MAP-approved school as one of their school choices on the FAFSA.

In order to ensure that all MAP students receive the same information about their award in a consistent manner, ISAC requires schools to announce MAP awards to the students enrolled at their institution - including the estimated amount of the award. Refer to the School Requirements section for details.

Links to various forms and notifications are available from the right-hand menu.

School Requirements

ISAC provides the specific language that is required to be included on or with the school issued award notification at the beginning of each processing cycle. Schools are required to announce MAP awards to the students enrolled at their institutions, including students who are only eligible for a 2nd semester/2nd and 3rd quarter MAP award. Schools are required to clearly identify the estimated awards on the award notification as: State of IL MAP Grant (Est).

Additional information may be communicated about MAP in the award notification as long as ISAC's required language is included as written and the additional language does not conflict with it. For example, schools may want to provide students with the link to the MAP Rights & Responsibilities form, which includes pertinent student consumer information, or direct them to the MAP section in the Students & Parents area of ISAC's website.
MAP Priority Deadline Date

- Beginning with the 2020-21 FAFSA/award year, ISAC will announce a MAP priority deadline date when the MAP start-up process begins
  - For 2020-21 MAP, the priority deadline date is December 1, 2019
- Provides priority access to MAP for returning students who complete the FAFSA by the announced priority deadline
  - “Returning students,” means those who received MAP in the previous award year
- MAP is still subject to appropriation, so filing by the deadline date is still not a guarantee for receiving a MAP award
Section 2735.30 Program Procedures

a) An application for a MAP grant must be submitted annually. An applicant uses the form which the United States Department of Education (ED) designates as an application form for federal student financial aid. (See section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 USC 1070a).)

b) Applicants, spouses and the parents of applicants are required to submit financial information on the application that will be kept confidential, regarding income, asset value and non-taxable income.

c) **Priority Deadline Date for Renewing Applicants**

No later than September 30, the Commission will annually publish a priority deadline date for renewing applicants. *In this subsection (c), renewing applicant means a student attending an institution of higher learning who received a MAP grant during the prior academic year.* [110 ILCS 947/35] Subject to appropriation, a renewing applicant who files by the published priority deadline date shall receive a grant if he or she continues to meet the program's eligibility requirements under this Section. A renewing applicant's failure to apply by the priority deadline date would not disqualify an applicant from receiving a grant if sufficient funding is available to provide awards after that date.

d) Awards will be announced concurrently, both to students who had not received a MAP award the previous regular school year and to students who did receive a MAP award during the previous regular school year. Award announcements will be made concurrently through the date of suspension of award announcements.

e) If it becomes necessary to suspend the processing of award announcements in order to remain within appropriated funding levels, the suspension will be applied concurrently to students who had not received a MAP award for the previous regular school year and to students who did receive a MAP award the previous regular school year.
Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program

- The first round of awarding has taken place for all timely and renewal applicants who have been certified as eligible.
- Payment functionality has been added to the MTI system in GAP Access and colleges may now submit fall term payment requests.
  - The MTI User Guide has been updated to include payment processing information.
- The priority application consideration date for the 2019-20 academic year was March 1, 2019, however, complete applications received after this date will continue to be considered as long as funding remains available.
  - The date through which 2019-20 applications will be accepted is dependent upon application volume and available funding.
- Colleges should continue to certify eligibility for new applicants to ensure that they will be included in any rounds of future awarding that may take place.
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### MTI Ineligible Reasons
- Not enrolled *
- Not a US citizen/eligible non-citizen
- Not an Illinois resident
- Not a HS grad/no GED
- Defaulted student loan
- Conflicting scholarship
- Not making satisfactory academic progress
- Reached max number of years allowed
- Not a minority
- GPA not at least 2.5 on 4.0 scale (soph or above)
- Not enrolled at least half-time *
- Student is not accepting MTI
- Not enrolled in a teacher program
- Not registered with Selective Service
Golden Apple (GA) Scholars

- Beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, the application, certification and award determination functions will be performed by the Golden Apple Foundation in GAP Access and payment processing will be completed by the colleges
  - The Golden Apple Foundation certifies recipients eligibility one term at time, and only term(s) that have been certified will be available for payment
- Payment functionality has been added to the GA system in GAP Access, and colleges may now submit fall term payment requests
  - Because the Golden Apple Foundation completes certification, any adjustment to a student’s academic level during the award year that would impact a student’s award amount must be reported to the Golden Apple Foundation so that they can update the student’s certification record.
  - Once the certification record has been updated, the school will be able to submit a payment request for the updated award amount.
  - **The contact person at the Foundation is Cheryl Flores at flores@goldenapple.org.**
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GA Ineligible Reason

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MTI & GA User Guides

GAP Access User Guides

User Guides for all GAP Access functionality are below. General questions, user name and password maintenance, and technical information about GAP Access are answered in the Activating and Authentication User Guides.

- Activating GAP Access User Accounts
- Activating Other GAP Access Administrators
- Activating Your GAP Access Primary Administrator Account
- FAFSA Completion Initiative – Access and Agreement
- GAP Access 2-Step Authentication Instructions
- GAP Access User Verification
- GA User Guide
- ING Benefits Usage Processing
- ING Eligibility User Guide
- IVG Program User Guide
- MAP Advising Data Collection User Guide
- MAP Eligibility User Guide
- MAP Payment User Guide
- MTI User Guide
- SSP File Upload Guide
- SSP GAP Access User Guide

If you have a question about information that is not addressed in the Guides, contact a School Services Representative.
Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers

- **Application**
  - The full-year consideration deadline date was October 1
  - For spring and summer-term consideration, the deadline date is March 1
  - For summer-term consideration only, applications must be received on or before June 15

- **Payment**
  - Fall term rosters have been e-mailed to financial aid directors.
    - Note that the Academic Level column replaces the Social Security Number column as a required field on the [Certification of Enrollment for Payment](#).
  - Rosters should have been returned to ISAC on or before November 15, 2019
## Certification of Enrollment for Payment

**Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers**

**2019-20 Academic Year**

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I certify that each student for whom payment is requested meets all the following:

- Enrolled on at least a half-time basis;
- Making satisfactory academic progress for the term in which payment is being claimed;
- Amount does not exceed the tuition and mandatory fees charged for this term; and
- Compliance with Selective Service requirements.

If not eligible, list reason: __________________________________________________________

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Signature & Title of Certifying Official

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Date

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Telephone Number

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E-mail Address

* Key – Academic Level:
  1 = Freshman
  2 = Sophomore
  3 = Junior
  4 = Senior
  5 = Graduate
Grant Program for Exonerees

- 2019-20 applications are being accepted
  - Online application process is the preferred method
    - A PDF version is also available for printing
  - Funds are limited, so encourage students to submit their applications as soon as possible
    - Applications will be processed in date-received order
  - FY20 is the first time funds have been appropriated for the program
    - Program was created three years ago
  - Intended for individuals whom the Governor has issued a pardon on the grounds of innocence of the crime for which they had been imprisoned, or who have received a certificate of innocence from a circuit court
  - The grant provides assistance toward tuition and mandatory fees at Illinois public colleges and community colleges
  - Funds may also be used to reimburse students for costs associated with obtaining a high school equivalency certificate and/or an official transcript of high school equivalency test scores
Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant

Application deadline dates:
- October 1 – for full year
- March 1 – for spring and summer terms
- June 15 – for summer term only

Benefit reporting function for the Fall 2019 term is available in GAP Access
- The fall term deadline to submit benefit usage data is on or before December 6, 2019
- Although ISAC did not receive an appropriation to reimburse institutions for 2019-20 ING Grant awards, benefit reporting must still take place so that benefit usage can be accurately assessed to students' accounts
Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)

- Benefit reporting function for the fall term is available in GAP Access
  - The fall term deadline to submit benefit usage data is on or before December 27, 2019
  - Although ISAC did not receive an appropriation to reimburse institutions for 2019-20 awards, benefit reporting must still take place so that benefit usage can be accurately assessed to students' accounts
IVG Eligibility

Effective July 2019, legislation went into effect that expanded the residency requirements for IVG eligibility.

Emergency rules have been filed that are currently in effect.

A proposed rule amendment has been filed, which will put the emergency rules into effect permanently once it goes through the typical rule cycle.

This is the language that was added to existing residency requirements for the program:

\[c\) An applicant who does not meet the residency requirements in subsection (a) may be a qualified applicant if he or she resides in Illinois at the time of application, and while enrolled, and has been a resident of Illinois for at least 15 consecutive years since leaving federal active duty.\]
To be considered eligible to receive IVG benefits, a student must satisfy Illinois residency requirements by meeting the below qualifications as outlined in either #1, #2 and #3, or in #4:

1. currently reside in Illinois unless you are serving federal active duty service at the time of enrollment in college or residing with a spouse in continued military service who is currently stationed outside of Illinois.
2. were a resident of Illinois at the time of entering federal active duty service or within six months prior to entering the service or were a student at an Illinois public 2- or 4-year college at the time of entering federal active duty service.
3. established, or if on federal active duty service, plan to establish Illinois residency within six months after leaving federal active duty service, or if married to a person in continued military service: a. apply for this grant within six months after and including the date the spouse was stationed within Illinois, or b. if the spouse was stationed outside Illinois, established, or plan to establish, Illinois residency within six months after and including the date the spouse was separated.

OR

4. Reside in Illinois at the time of application and at the time of receiving benefits for enrollment and, at some point after leaving federal active duty service, have been a resident of Illinois for at least 15 consecutive years.
IVG Out of District Charges

- As a reminder recipients attending out-of-district community colleges receive tuition and fees benefits equivalent to the in-district rates and are not responsible for paying the difference between in-district and out-of-district tuition.

- However, schools must report the out-of-district tuition amount in the IVG system when completing the benefit request process in GAP Access or via FTP.

November 2019
Illinois AIM HIGH Grant Program

• Initiative of the General Assembly’s Higher Education Working Group.
• Intended to help public 4-year universities attract and keep Illinois residents by providing state funds to match the institutions’ spending on financial aid for certain Illinois residents
• Under the bill, ISAC determines each institution’s allocation of funds based on Illinois resident undergraduate enrollment.
• The FY19 budget included $25 million for the program (and the FY20 budget included $35 M for the program-$25 M for cohort 1 and $10 M for a cohort 2)
  • Universities must match dollar-for-dollar the funds allocated to them.
  • Institutions can choose to accept all, part, or none of the program funds allocated to them
• Each university determines its own award criteria related to merit.
• Recipients must, among other qualifications, be full-time students and Illinois residents with family incomes of no more than six times the federal poverty level.
• Universities selected their own recipients beginning with the 2019-20 academic year
### Illinois AIM HIGH Grant Program

A timeline of the awarding of the first and second groups of AIM HIGH Grant recipients

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<th>Year 1</th>
<th>ISAC staff and university staff work through the process required by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) in order for ISAC to ultimately ask the Illinois Office of the Comptroller to remit FY19 AIM HIGH allocations to institutions for use in AY 2019-20 (FY20)</th>
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<td>First group of AIM HIGH Grant recipients start college in August and schools apply grant amounts to student bills</td>
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# Illinois AIM HIGH Grant Program

A timeline of the awarding of the first and second groups of AIM HIGH Grant recipients

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<td>ISAC reallocates FY20 award money from those schools that took less than their original allocation, and redistributes money to remaining schools</td>
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Illinois AIM HIGH Grant Program

A timeline of the awarding of the first and second groups of AIM HIGH Grant recipients

October 2019
- Students begin to file FAFSAs for AY 2020-21 (FY21)

Winter 2019/2020
- Complete GATA-required process for FY20 payments to schools

March/early April 2020
- Schools send AY 2020-21 (FY21) financial aid award letters, including the AIM HIGH Grant, to students (schools have allocation for any early admission needs)

October 1, 2020
- Year 1 (AY 2019-20 recipients) - ISAC reports to the General Assembly on the first year of the AIM HIGH Grant Program
# FY20 AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program Allocation Amounts

**October 2019**

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*These allocation amounts are based on the academic year 2018-19 Illinois resident headcount enrollment, as provided by each school, and the amount of the allocation that each school claimed.*
Retention of Illinois Students & Equity (RISE) Act

- Signed into law with an effective date of January 1, 2020
  - Removes 75 MAP Paid Credit Hours (MPCH) cap, effective for MAP-eligible students in the Spring 2020 term
  - Will allow students who are not eligible for federal financial aid to apply for and possibly receive state financial aid.
    - ISAC will implement a RISE Act application process
      - Will use pre-screening questions to determine if student can file the FAFSA
- An information document is accessible at isac.org on the Home page
- Additional information and updates will be provided through a series of e-messages and webinars
RISE Act
75-Hour MAP Limit Removal

A list of potentially impacted students can be obtained by creating a report within the MAP component of the Gift Assistance Programs (GAP) Access portal by:

- using the "Reports" tab and clicking on "Create a New Report",
- selecting "MAP Paid Credit Hours" from the list of report types, and
- entering a range of the number of MAP paid credit hours.

Student records previously indicated as ineligible [V code (reached 75 MAP paid credit hours)] within the MAP system should be reviewed and considered for submission for payment.

Students eligible for MAP as a result of lifting the 75 hour limit, and whose financial aid awards are repackaged, must be informed of the change in their eligibility status by the college, including the estimated award amount. The ISAC-provided 2019-20 required school issued award letter language is to be utilized for this notification, however, the approved language is not being revised mid-year as a result of the removal of the limit, and should be used as originally provided for the 2019-20 award year.
RISE Act - Eligible ISAC Programs

The RISE Act extends eligibility for ISAC programs to those who meet the conditions, as well as all eligibility requirements for each program, including:

- Monetary Award Program (MAP)
- Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program
- Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program

Students are not exempted from meeting existing program eligibility criteria.
RISE Act - Application Process for MAP

- The online, interactive application will be accessible through the ISAC Student Portal
- Pre-screening questions will help students determine which application (RISE vs. FAFSA) should be completed
- If answers to the pre-screening questions show the RISE Act application should **not** be completed, a message will advise them to consult their high school counselor, a financial aid professional, or an ISACorps member for assistance in completing the FAFSA.
- Similar to the FAFSA, skip logic will assist the student in completing the RISE Act application.
- An EFC will be calculated and provided to the college via GAP Access in and will include relevant ISIR data
- MAP award amounts will be calculated for eligible students
RISE ACT APPLICATION

Use to apply for 2020-21 MAP

The RISE Act application allows students interested in attending eligible Illinois colleges, universities and career education programs to apply for the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP). This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

See our RISE Act information & resources
First-Time Applicants

- Click on the “Start” button to start a new 2020-21 RISE Act application
- Do not submit multiple applications for the same academic year

START

Returning Applicants

Update or complete a saved application

Forgot User ID?

Forgot Password?

LOGIN

Submit Parent Signature

Click on the “Parent Signature” button to provide your parent’s signature (required for dependent students)

PARENT SIGNATURE

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has strict security and confidentiality policies and procedures in place to protect the integrity and confidentiality of student records. ISAC has not now, or in the past, shared any information which would indicate a student’s immigration status, either documented or undocumented. ISAC adheres to [placeholder for specific legislation].

FAQ  Privacy Policy  Help

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Do you meet the RISE Act (Public Act 101-0021) criteria for a state eligible noncitizen, as described below?

Select “Yes” (below) if you are 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 (20 USC 1091) but who does meet all the following criteria:

1) you resided with your parent or guardian while attending a public or private high school in Illinois;
2) you graduated from a public or private high school, or received the equivalent of a high school diploma, in Illinois;
3) as of the date you graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma, you had attended school in Illinois for at least three (3) years;
4) you agree to provide your college or university with an affidavit stating that you will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity you are eligible to do so; and,
5) you have not established a residence outside of Illinois.

Final wording pending legal review.

☐ Yes
☐ No

CONTINUE
Applications for ISAC programs other than MAP will be updated as necessary to accommodate the RISE Act provisions.

Those applications will be available later this fall

- As is ISAC’s practice, we will announce their availability as we open each program for the 2020-21 academic year.
FAFSA Mandate in Illinois

- Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, public high school students in Illinois must complete the FAFSA or an alternative state financial aid application as a condition of graduation.

- Students graduating during or at the end of the 2020-21 school year will be required to complete the 2021-22 academic year FAFSA (or RISE Act application, if applicable) or to submit a waiver indicating that they opt not to do so.
  - The waiver will attest that the parent, guardian, or the student (if 18 or emancipated) understands what the FAFSA is and is choosing not to file it.
  - The Illinois State Board of Education will work with high schools to provide information about the waiver process.
ISAC FAFSA Completion Initiative in GAP Access

- Allows high school counselors to identify which students have completed the FAFSA® in a given academic year.
- The list of students for each high school is populated as part of the process used to determine Illinois State Scholars.
  - High school counselors use GAP Access to provide sixth semester data to ISAC, and ACT/SAT data is imported into GAP Access from the testing organizations.
  - These resources are used to create the initial lists in GAP Access, and then schools/counselors can add or remove students from their schools lists as needed.
  - On a weekly basis, ISAC updates the records in GAP Access based on FAFSA completion data received from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Due to the nature of the student information systems used by Chicago Public Schools (CPS), there is a different, non-GAP Access process in place to provide FAFSA completion data to CPS counselors.
  - The weekly report that ISAC provides to Chicago Public Schools also includes a flag indicating whether or not the student has been selected for federal verification, but it does not include information about the verification tracking group.
- In order to access FAFSA completion data in GAP Access, schools must agree to the terms and conditions of ISAC’s participation agreement, and there is a similar agreement in place with Chicago Public Schools that defines the terms and conditions regarding the information that the counselors can receive and how it can be used.
When high school counselors log in to GAP Access and select the FAFSA Initiative option, they see aggregate data for their entire student body, including how many students have filed a FAFSA, have received an EFC, are Pell-eligible, and are MAP-eligible.
FAFSA Completion Initiative

Counselors can then access more specific data for students

- There are no indicators regarding verification flags.

The college choice data is aggregate and provides the number of applicants who have listed a particular school as their 1st choice.

- Counselors do not have access to the college choice for each student.
FAFSA Completion Initiative

EFC data is provided in ranges, and is not provided in a manner that is specific to each student.

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  ▪ Uses 2017 tax info | • FAFSA dates: October 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021  
  ▪ Will use 2018 tax info | • FAFSA dates: October 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022  
  ▪ Will use 2019 tax info |
| **Monetary Award Program (MAP)** |                       |                       |                       |
|                         | • Maximum award - $5,340  
  ▪ FAFSAs submitted on or after May 27, 2019 are in suspense | • Start-Up begins in October 2019  
  ▪ Minor changes to the 2020-21 MAP award letter language | • Start-Up begins in October 2020  
  ▪ Information about SNAP benefits will be added to the 2021-22 MAP award letter language |
| **MAP Priority Access Deadline Date** |                       |                       |                       |
|                         | • Priority filing date announced in September 2019 for returning students who receive MAP in 2019-20  
  ▪ Priority access deadline date is December 1, 2019  
  ▪ Applicable for 2020-21 FAFSA | • Priority filing date will be announced in September 2020 for returning students who receive MAP in 2020-21  
  ▪ Applicable for 2021-22 FAFSA | • Priority filing date will be announced in September 2020 for returning students who receive MAP in 2020-21  
  ▪ Applicable for 2021-22 FAFSA |
| **RISE Act**            | • Mid-year implementation on January 1, 2020  
  ▪ 75 Hour Cap removed for spring term MAP recipients | • State RISE Act application will be available on January 1, 2020  
  ▪ Will calculate EFC for 2020-21 MAP awards  
  ▪ No 75 MPCH cap for MAP | • State RISE Application will be available on October 1, 2020  
  ▪ Will calculate EFC for 2021-22 MAP awards |
| **FAFSA Mandate**       | • Public high school students in IL will be required to complete a FAFSA as part of their graduation requirement; may opt out  
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Illinois Residency Questions: TVDL and TDL

- Is a Temporary Visitor’s Drivers License (TVDL) acceptable documentation to confirm Illinois residency for MAP?
  - *Because of the nature of the document, a TVDL is not considered acceptable documentation to confirm Illinois residency for ISAC programs. However, just because a parent has a TVDL does not mean that they do not meet the residency requirements for MAP.*
  - *In order to obtain a TVDL, a person had to have resided in IL for 12 months prior to it being issued, so the student or parent could provide the same documentation they used to obtain a TVDL.*

- Is a temporary driver’s license (TDL) valid for confirming IL residency?
  - Yes. *A temporary driver’s license is now issued in Illinois before they mail/provide the permanent card to the individual, so it would be acceptable if the school is comfortable with the condition of the document. Or, the school could require the student to bring in the actual license once they’ve received it. It is ISAC’s understanding that the permanent card is received in fairly timely manner.*
Upcoming Events & Activities

- Monthly Webinars
  - December – ISAC will offer a series of webinars to provide information about RISE Act Implementation
    - December 11, 2 p.m.
    - December 12, 10 a.m.
    - December 18, 2 p.m.
    - December 19, 10 a.m.

- Next Commission Meeting is December 5 in Chicago
Save the Dates

Roaring into the Future …

the 2020 ILASFAA Annual Conference

will be held at the

Chicago Marriott in Naperville, IL

March 9 – 11, 2020
Transitioning to the New & Improved ilasfaa.org

- The new ILASFAA site went live on November 18th
- All existing information from our member’s profiles will be imported to the new site
- Emails will continue to come from ‘@ilasfaa.org’
- Members will receive an email after the site goes live, which will contain a link to the new site, along with their temporary username and password.
  - For the username, we will initially use the name used in the member’s email address, which can be changed if they want to use
  - Once they receive the email, the Electronic Committee would like members to go to the new site and review/update their profile information.
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- The listserv has been switched to a Message Board format
  - Members need to simply Opt-in if they want notifications from any of the boards.
    - These operate very similar to Message Boards or Forums they see on many other sites
- If someone is a new member, or has made a recent payment, we’ve worked hard to keep all or the records in sync, but if you have any questions, feel free to send an e-mail to: support@ilasfaa.org.
- The new site will accept electronic payments for memberships/registrations/etc.
- Coming in the near future – job boards and newsletters.
President's Welcome

I am honored to serve as ILASFAA President for the 2019-2020 year. As we enter the 2020s, I look forward to working with each of you to continue supporting Illinois’ student financial aid professionals.

Looking toward the future of our organization, I have charged our board and committee chairs with focusing on two priorities. The first is to complete modernization of our website and communication capabilities. The second is to increase ILASFAA membership and deepen volunteer engagement. These will help solidify ILASFAA’s foundation for the future as we strive to execute the strategic plan and fulfill ILASFAA’s mission. I believe everything we do should be mission-focused, so here’s reminder of why ILASFAA exists:

Mission Statement:

ILASFAA is a professional organization of student financial aid administrators representing institutions, supporters, and state agency personnel, engaged in or concerned with the ethical administration and/or disbursement of funds provided for educational purposes under Federal, State, or Private programs.
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Thank you for attending today!