2017-18
June 1, 2018 is the claim deadline date for initial MAP payment requests for third quarter and for second semester at institutions where the second semester began after February 15

In order to be considered timely, claims must be submitted before 7 p.m. on June 1, 2018

Initial claims submitted after 7 p.m. will be considered late and will only be paid if funding is available after paying timely claims.
2017-18 MAP Reminders

- There have been multiple releases of student records from suspended status:
  - The last release was of records with an initial FAFSA receipt date of February 15, 2017 through and including March 9, 2017
  - Applicants with an initial 2017-18 FAFSA receipt date on or after March 10, 2017 remain in a suspense status

- ISAC is currently accepting 2017-18 third term payment claims as well first and second term claims for eligible students who were released from suspended status:
  - Schools may also make adjustments/corrections to first and second term claims
  - All MAP claims must be submitted to ISAC no later than 7 p.m. on June 1, 2018

- Be sure to review the Payment Results/Exceptions report that is generated by ISAC in the Reports section of GAP Access the day after submitting payment requests to confirm that all requests processed as expected

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Additional Reminders

- June 1, 2018 will be the last day 2017-18 Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) data will be received at ISAC and accepted for MAP.
- During the month of August 2018, the 2017-18 MAP component of the GAP Access portal will become available for historical view only.
2017-18 Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant

- Benefit request records are available in the ING Grant system in GAP Access
- Schools should report enrollment hours and benefit dollar amounts for initial, supplemental (adjustments), in-district and out-of-district requests for all terms (fall, spring and summer) as soon as possible and no later than the July 1, 2018 final close-out date
- New data for students eligible for benefits will be available in GAP Access whenever there is a new or updated eligible record for the college
- June 15, 2018 is the final date that the 2017-18 ING application will be accepted for the summer term
2017-18 Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)

- The reporting of benefits used for the spring term was due to ISAC by May 25, 2018.
- Reporting of enrollment hours must take place so that benefit usage can be accurately assessed to student accounts.
- IVG benefit usage functionality is available in the IVG system in GAP Access.
- Enrollment hours and benefit dollar amounts for initial, in-district and out-of-district requests, as well as adjustments to previously-submitted data must be reported no later than July 1.
Launched IVG benefit request process in GAP Access in February 2018. A User Guide and FTP File Specifications have been posted to isac.org for your reference. See the February 21, 2018 e-message for more details and links to the resources.
IVG in GAP Access

- The initial student list that you will see when logging in to the IVG system will be a list of all students who have received an IVG benefit at your institution in the last three academic years.
- You will then have the ability through the Add Student screen to search ISAC’s database for new, additional students who may want to use their IVG benefits at your school.
  - Once you’ve added a student to your list, you will be able to see an eligibility detail screen for them and create a benefit request for them.
  - You will only be able to add eligible students to your school list.
- The academic terms are numbered in the IVG system as follows:
  - 3 = Summer term
  - 1 = Fall term
  - 2 = Spring term
IVG in GAP Access

- To add a student to your school list, you must enter at least two of the three student identifiers.
- If your search does not provide a result, that means either the student is not eligible or is not in ISAC’s database.
  - For example, you will not be able to add a student whose IVG application is in process and has not yet been determined to be eligible or an applicant whose status may have changed from eligible to ineligible.
- If you are unable to locate a student who you believe should be in ISAC’s IVG database, please contact ISAC’s School Services Department for assistance at 866-247-2172 or isac.schoolservices@illinois.gov.
June 15, 2018 is last date that the program application will be accepted for the 2017-18 award year

- For summer term only

Any applicable payment request rosters would be emailed to schools after that date
July 1: Final Close-out Date for 2017-18

- Submissions of all 2017-18 payment requests and/or data for benefits used (including initial claims and supplemental claims) for these ISAC-administered gift assistance programs must be received on or before July 1, 2018
  - Monetary Award Program
  - Illinois National Guard Grant Program
  - Illinois Veteran Grant Program
2018-19
State Budget Not Yet Finalized

- As is ISAC’s practice, we will continue to move forward as much as possible with preparations for the 2018-19 academic year

- However, some aspects of program administration cannot take place until a Fiscal Year 2019 budget is finalized by the Illinois General Assembly and the governor

- Be sure to regularly visit the ISAC Gift Assistance Programs area, where a "Program News" section for each program provides the most up-to-date information
Announcement of 2018-19 MAP grants is suspended for all students whose initial 2018-19 FAFSA® is received by the federal processor on or after February 28, 2018

- The 2018-19 FAFSA remains available online
  - Students who will be attending college between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 are encouraged to complete and submit it for other forms of federal, state and institutional financial assistance
  - The suspension of 2018-19 MAP award announcements does not impact any other financial aid programs

- An announcement posted on fafsa.gov indicates that the IRS Data Retrieval tool is currently unavailable
2018-19 MAP

- 2018-19 start-up activities were implemented in GAP Access in October 2017
  - Based on the 2018-19 start-up formula, the maximum annual award amount for the MAP grant is being reduced by 2%, which makes the effective maximum $4,869
- Applicants whose initial 2018-19 FAFSA® is received by CPS on or after Wednesday, February 28, 2018 will be in suspended status
  - MAP records in suspense status will be reflected in GAP Access with a MAP Suspend Code of “S”
    - The MAP system contains filters that will allow you to identify student records and create a report of those records placed in suspense status

### 2018-19 MONETARY AWARD PROGRAM (MAP) APPLICANT AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT STATUS CHART

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<td>February 28, 2018 and after</td>
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2018-19 Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant

- The 2018-19 ING Grant application is available for students to access at isac.org
  - On the Applications page

- Eligibility data is being provided to schools in the ING Grant system in the GAP Access portal
2018-19 Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers

- The application for the 2018-19 Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire, and Correctional Officers will soon be available for students to access at isac.org
2018-19 Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship

- Initial Certifications are available for schools to complete in My Zone
  - Must be completed regardless of whether the student is eligible or ineligible
  - The only way an applicant will receive a notification letter from ISAC is if the Initial Certification is submitted via My Zone
  - Please complete and submit Initial Certifications as soon as possible to ensure that all of your students will be included in all rounds of awarding that may take place

- The first round of awarding for the 2018-19 MTI program will be announced after the FY19 state budget has been finalized
2018-19 Budget Data Due

- Schools participating in the MAP, IVG and ING Grant programs must report 2018-19 budget data to ISAC on or before June 1, 2018 via GAP Access
  - Specific details regarding how to submit budget data via GAP Access are provided in an May 3 e-Message
  - If a school's annual budget is not final by June 1, the budget data is to be submitted with estimated figures, followed by an e-mail from the financial aid director to ISAC's School Services Department that provides the approximate date by which the final budget will be submitted.
The 2018 collection period for MAP Advising and Course Completion data is expected to open in early June.

Both components of the required data will be submitted at the same time through GAP Access.

- The sections that collect data on MAP advising and support programs will be pre-populated with information from the previous year’s collection process for school review and updating, as needed.
- A section for reporting MAP recipient course completion data has been added in GAP Access.
  - Community colleges will not be required to provide course completion data in GAP Access; the Illinois Community College Board will collaborate with ISAC to compile those metrics.

More detailed information about the data collection process will be included in an e-message when the collection period opens.
ISAC is required to ensure that schools are fulfilling their obligations with regard to providing advising to their students.

Please answer the following three questions:

1. Does your school make academic advising available for all students?
   - Yes
   - No

2. Does your school require mandatory advising for first-year students?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Does your school require mandatory advising for students who are part of an at-risk population identified at your school?
   - Yes
   - No

Please supply data for the following forms:

- Freshman/First-Year Academic Advising Activities
- General Academic Advising Activities
- Support Programs Offered
- MAP Recipient Course Completion Data
Please supply data for the following forms:

**Freshman/First-Year Academic Advising Activities**

Please provide information regarding your freshman/first-year academic advising activities. Your freshman/first-year advising activities may consist of several programs. Please consider the whole of your freshman/first-year academic advising efforts as a single program.

With regard to freshman/first-year academic advising in particular, how is this service delivered to the students?

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Please supply data for the following forms:

**MAP Recipient Course Completion Data**

Individual community colleges are **not required to provide course completion data**: the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) will collaborate with iSAC to compile these metrics on behalf of community colleges.

**School Name**: UNIVERSITY 001

**First-Time Degree- or Certificate-Seeking Students**

Full Time Students, Academic Year 2016-17 Cohort:

Completion Rate = Course Credit Hours earned in Academic Year 2016-17/Course Credit Hours Attempted in Academic Year 2016-17

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ISAC’s Record Retention Policy

- Effective July 1, 2018, records for ISAC-administered gift assistance programs will be required to be retained for three years from the end of the award year the student last attended the institution.
  - This is a reduction in time from the previous requirement of five years.
  - Consistent with ED retention policy.
ISAC’s 2018-19 Administrative Rules

A few minor proposed rule changes will go into effect on July 1, 2018

- Part 2733.40 – Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program
  - Revised to more clearly describe the annual establishment of priority claim dates by term
- Part 2763 – Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program
  - Revised to clarify the grade point average requirements for the program, and non-substantive revisions made to update teacher certification references to teacher licensure to align with terminology used by ISBE
- Part 2764 – Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program
  - Non-substantive revisions made to update teacher certification references to teacher licensure to align with terminology used by ISBE
- Part 2765 – Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program
  - Non-substantive revisions made to update teacher certification references to teacher licensure to align with terminology used by ISBE
OTHER ISAC NEWS & REMINDERS ...
GAP Access Has Been Redesigned

- GAP Access UX enhancements include:
  - An updated color scheme for extended use (easier on the eyes!)
  - Improved navigation and menus
  - Simplification of global navigation, such as program tabs
  - Easy access to primary controls on a page using persistent primary control buttons
  - Improved performance due to optimized loading of resources
  - An easier learning curve due to consistency in controls and location of fields
New look for GAP Access
Students & Parents

Created especially for students of every age who are looking for information about going to college, this area of our website has all your answers. Although it was written with students in mind, parents of college-bound students will find this information helpful, too. Plus, there’s a link below for parent-specific topics.

ISAC Student Portal

Create an ISAC Student Portal profile and access information about your ISAC programs. If you are a member of the Illinois National Guard, the Portal is where you complete, submit and check on the status of your application, keep track of the eligibility units you have received and print a copy of your most recent Notice of Eligibility.

If you have received a Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant(s), you can track the number of MAP Paid Credit Hours (MPCH) you have used.

The Student Portal can also help you with college and scholarship searches, financial aid planning, money management and career and job searches.
COLLEGE PLANNING MADE EASY.

Planning for college can seem pretty overwhelming, but it's a lot easier with the right tools just a click away. And it's even better when those tools are free! Use the ISAC Student Portal to help you choose a college, learn about careers, find scholarships, simplify the financial aid process, learn how to budget your money, and much more. You can even connect with one of our ISACorps counselors for one-on-one help or to find a workshop in your area!
TOOLBOX
Handy tools to help you throughout the college application process.

FinAid Game
How much do you know about student financial aid? Take the quiz and find out.

Internship and Summer Jobs
Use the Job Board to find a co-op position, summer job or internship at an Illinois company.

College Checklist
Stay on top of all the steps you need to take in planning for college.

Event Calendar
Attend a free college application planning, or financial aid workshop in your area.

Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet
Easily compare financial aid offers from colleges.

MAP Estimator
Going to college in Illinois? Find out if you can get a MAP grant.
ISAC PROGRAMS
Apply for and check the status of Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) financial aid programs.

Monetary Award Program
MAP
Check your Paid Credit Hours

Illinois National Guard Grant
ING
Apply here

Illinois National Guard Grant
ING
Check your status

Illinois Veteran Grant
IVG
Apply here

Illinois Veteran Grant
IVG
Status check coming soon
Upcoming Events & Activities

- The next meeting of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Michael A. Bilandic Building in Chicago
  - A list of agenda items will be available at isac.org prior to the meeting
  - An Executive Briefing will be provided on June 18

- College Changes Everything® Conference will be held on July 19, 2018, at the Tinley Park Convention Center
  - Visit www.collegechangeseverything.org/ for more information and to register
Upcoming Events and Activities

- **Monthly Webinars**
  - Wednesday, June 27, 2 p.m. – ISAC Update and a Review of ISAC’s Military Programs
  - Wednesday, July 25 at 2 p.m. – ISAC Update and a Review of MAP and GAP Access

- **Illinois Veterans Coordinators Conference** will be held on July 9, 2018, at Illinois State University
  - Contact: Dan Wellman, IDVA
    - Dan.Wellman@illinois.gov
State Legislative Updates at isac.org

ISAC State Legislative Update

Katharine Gricevich
Director of Government Relations
April 5, 2018

As the General Assembly prepares for the second half of its 2018 spring legislative session, echoes of the extended budget impasse continue to reverberate within higher education.

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Bills and Schedules at General Assembly Website -- ilga.gov
ISAC Contact Information

- A reminder that ISAC email addresses changed a few months ago, removing the “isac” part from the address: (November 2017)
  
  For example:

  Kimberly.Eck@isac.illinois.gov

  is now

  Kimberly.Eck@illinois.gov

- In general, applies to all ISAC staff e-mail addresses
  - A few may have had to add a middle initial

- Old addresses will continue to forward for a period of time, but will eventually be discontinued
ISAC Contact Information

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