An Overview of ISAC's Teacher Programs & Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers

November 2016

ISAC
Illinois Student Assistance Commission

The ABCs of ISAC's Teacher Programs

MTI	• Minority Teachers of Illinois
GAS	• Golden Apple Scholars
SETTW	• Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver
TESP	• Teacher Education Scholarship Programs

MTI Program

- Available to minority students enrolled in a teacher education program
  - Undergraduate or graduate student
    - Includes freshmen
    - May give preference to juniors and above
- Requires a one-year teaching commitment for each year of scholarship received
  - Converts to a loan if commitment is not met

MTI Benefits

- Award amount is up to $5,000 per year
- Can receive for a maximum of 8 semesters or 12 quarters
- Can be used for tuition, fees, room and board or commuter charges (cannot exceed Cost of Attendance)

MTI Eligibility Criteria

- To qualify, a student must:
  - Be a minority student
  - Be an Illinois resident
  - Be enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate or graduate student
  - Be pursuing a teaching degree
  - Maintain a cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
  - Meet satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution

MTI Definitions

- African American/Black
  - A person having origins in any of the black racial groups in Africa
- Asian American
  - A person with origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, including Pakistan, and the Pacific Islands, including among others, Hawaii, Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia
- Hispanic American
  - A person of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race
- Native American
  - A person who is a member of a federally or state recognized Indian tribe, or whose parents or grandparents have such membership, including the native people of Alaska

Applying for MTI

- Applicants must complete the Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Application
  - Online application requires a State of Illinois digital ID to sign the application
    - Must have a valid Illinois Drivers License or State ID to obtain digital ID
    - Applicants who do not have a digital ID will be prompted to request one at the start of the application process
    - Applicants who are unable to obtain a digital ID from should contact an ISAC Call Center Representative
  - Application also serves as a promissory note

Applying for MTI

- A new application is made available in December each year
- Priority application filing date is March 1 prior to the start of the academic year
- Renewal applicants must submit a new application year
- ISAC will send a letter to applicants acknowledging receipt of the application
  - If the application was incomplete, the letter will identify the additional information that is needed

GAS Program

- Created in 1988 by the Golden Apple Foundation
  - Not-for-profit organization based in Chicago
    - www.goldenapple.org
    - Promotes excellence in Pre K-12 education
    - Recruits and prepares diverse group of students for successful teaching careers
- Scholars are selected from three distinct paths
  - High school seniors
  - College sophomores attending a partner university
  - Community college students
- Ensures the quality of Scholars through a rigorous selection process
- Recipients commit to teach for five years at an Illinois school of need

GAS Benefits

- Maximum annual award for freshmen and sophomores: $2,500
  - Semester schools receive $1,250 per term
  - Quarter schools receive $834 for the first quarter, $833 for the second quarter, and $833 for the third quarter
- Maximum annual award for juniors and seniors: $5,000
  - Semester schools receive $2,500 per term
  - Quarter schools receive $1,667 for the first quarter, $1,667 for the second quarter, and $1,666 for the third quarter
- Scholars also receive a $2,000 stipend to attend summer institutes

GAS Eligibility Criteria

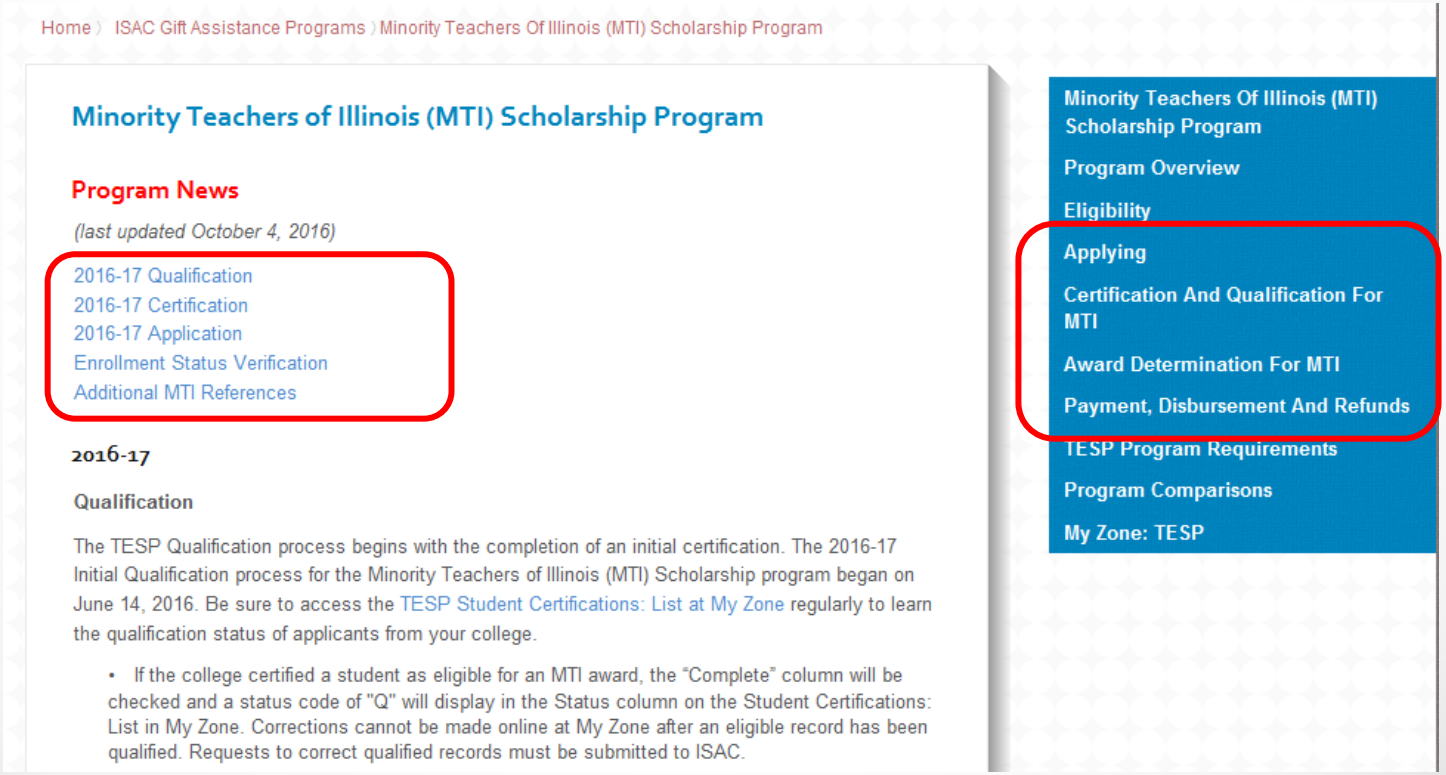
- To be eligible for a GAS award, a student must
  - be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
  - be a resident of Illinois
  - be a high school graduate or hold a General Educational Development (GED) certificate
  - be enrolled at a four-year institution designated as a participating college by the Golden Apple Foundation
  - be enrolled in a course of study leading to initial teacher certification or taking additional courses needed to gain Illinois State Board of Education approval to teach
  - enter into a program agreement and promissory note with the Golden Apple Foundation and ISAC
  - participate in all required programs and adhere to residential guidelines and standards of conduct
  - not receive funds from ISAC's MTI or SETTW Program during the same term(s) for which the student is receiving a GAS award
  - earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (if a sophomore, junior or senior)

Applying for GAS

- Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, principals or other non-family adults, or they can apply themselves
- Eligibility criteria, application process and selection is handled by Golden Apple Foundation
  - Prospective scholars must submit an application with essays, letters of reference, test scores and transcripts, and must interview at the finalist stage
  - www.goldenapple.org for more information

TESP Processing

- Application
- Certification and Qualification
- Rank and Awarding
- Notification



TESP Processing

- Application
  - For MTI, students submit applicant data to ISAC via an online application
    - An Initial Certification record is created in My Zone when the application process is complete
  - For GAS, the Golden Apple Foundation provides data to ISAC about eligible applicants
    - An Initial Certification record is created in My Zone for each eligible applicant

Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Application

Welcome to the online application process for the Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program.

Important information regarding this program may be accessed by selecting from among the options that appear in the menu at the right margin of this page. Be sure you read and understand this information prior to submitting an application.

Browser Compatibility

In order to ensure successful submission, this application must be accessed on a PC with Java (versions 8 or prior are acceptable), using one of the following browsers:

- Internet Explorer (versions 5.5 – 11.0)

A browser check will automatically be performed before you begin completing this application. If your browser is not compatible with this application, you will receive a message indicating you cannot continue without a compatible browser.

For your convenience, clicking on the logo to the left will take you directly to the Microsoft website, where you can download Internet Explorer.

If you have any questions regarding these programs or the application process, select the "Contact ISAC" link located at the bottom of the page.

Launch the Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Application

NOTE: If you are unable to access the online application, you may instead download and print a PDF version and submit the completed application to ISAC.

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› APPLY NOW
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PROGRAM ENTRY POINTS

Golden Apple Scholars are selected from these distinct paths:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

› Graduating in 2017

PATHWAY PROGRAM

› College Freshmen and Sophomores attending a Partner University in Illinois or;

› 2nd-year Community College Students in Illinois

For further questions, contact us at scholars@goldenapple.org or call 312-407-0006.

› Scholars Make a Difference

Learn more about the program from our Scholars.

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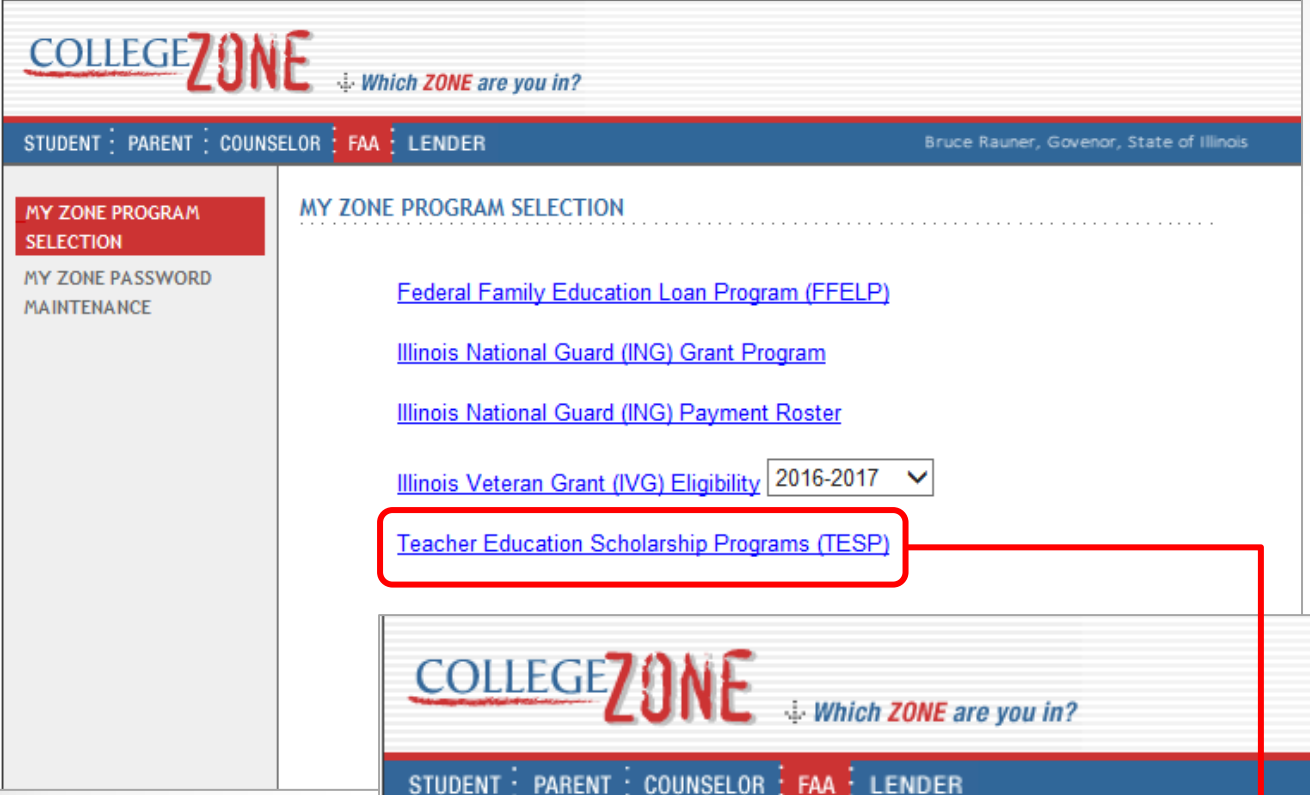
From its beginning in 1989 with

TESP Processing

- Certification and Qualification
  - Initial Certification records appear in My Zone for MTI and GAS
  - Schools must verify enrollment and certify eligibility in order for students to be considered for an award
    - All Initial Certifications should be completed regardless of whether or not the student is eligible or ineligible
      - The only way an applicant will receive an award notification letter from ISAC is if the Initial Certification is submitted
  - For MTI, the Student Certification: List identifies each applicant as being in one of three categories:
    - Renewal Timely Applicants
    - New Timely Applicants
    - All Untimely
  - Corrections to a certification record can be made online until the Qualification process runs
    - If a status code displays in the Status column, corrections must be made by ISAC.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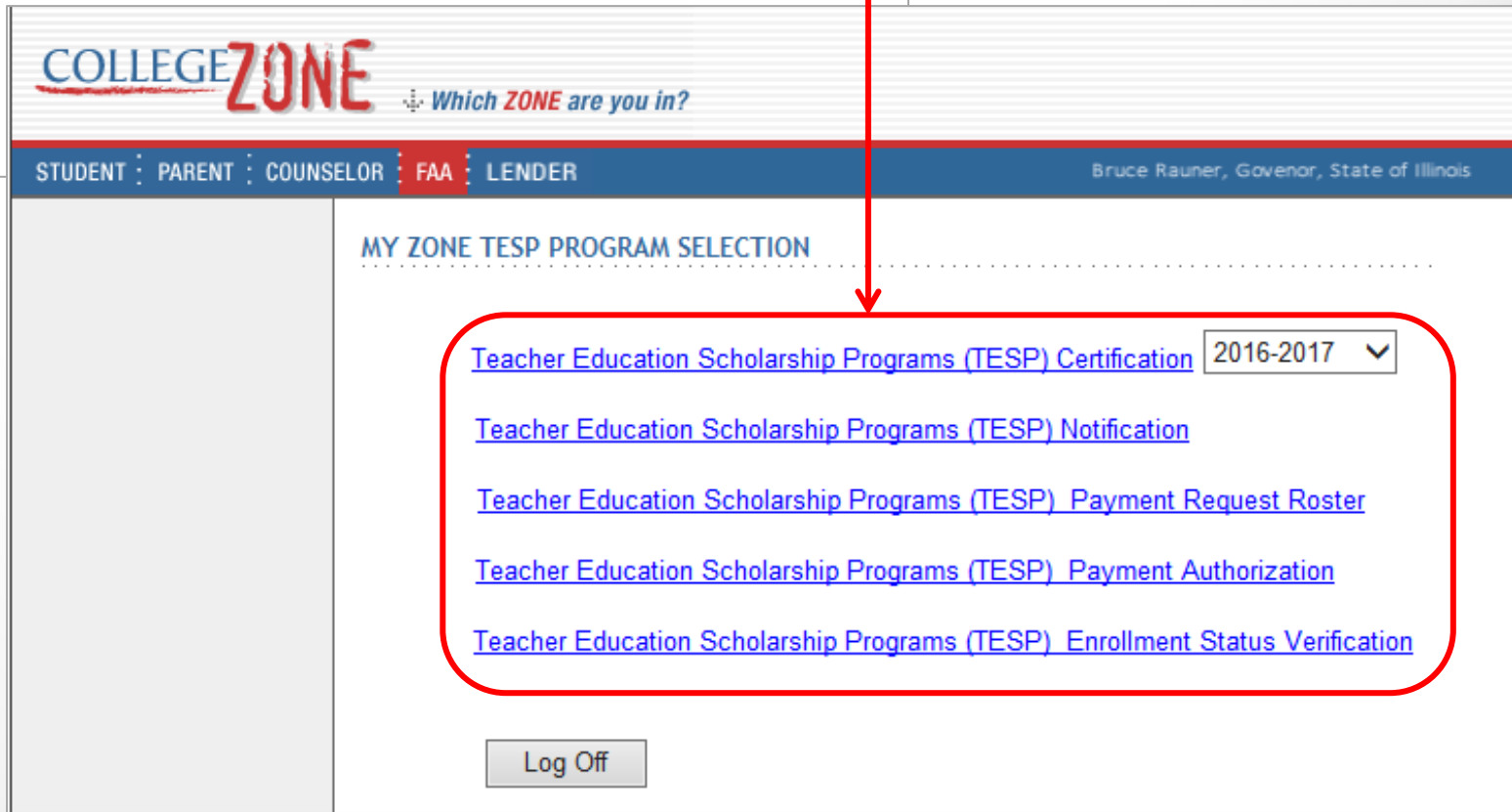
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Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP) Notification
Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP) Payment Request Roster
Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP) Payment Authorization
Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP) Enrollment Status Verification
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COLLEGE ZONE — Which ZONE are you in?

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STUDENT CERTIFICATIONS

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- OUTSTANDING CERTIFICATIONS FOR GAS-MTI
- OUTSTANDING CERTIFICATIONS FOR GAS
- OUTSTANDING CERTIFICATIONS FOR MTI
- COMPLETED CERTIFICATIONS FOR GAS-MTI
- COMPLETED CERTIFICATIONS FOR

STUDENT CERTIFICATIONS: LIST

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	S		Q	GAS	2015/06/16	Timely Renewal	1S 2S	2015/06/16	2015/09/18
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	M		U	MTI	2015/03/01	Timely New		2015/03/31	2015/10/14
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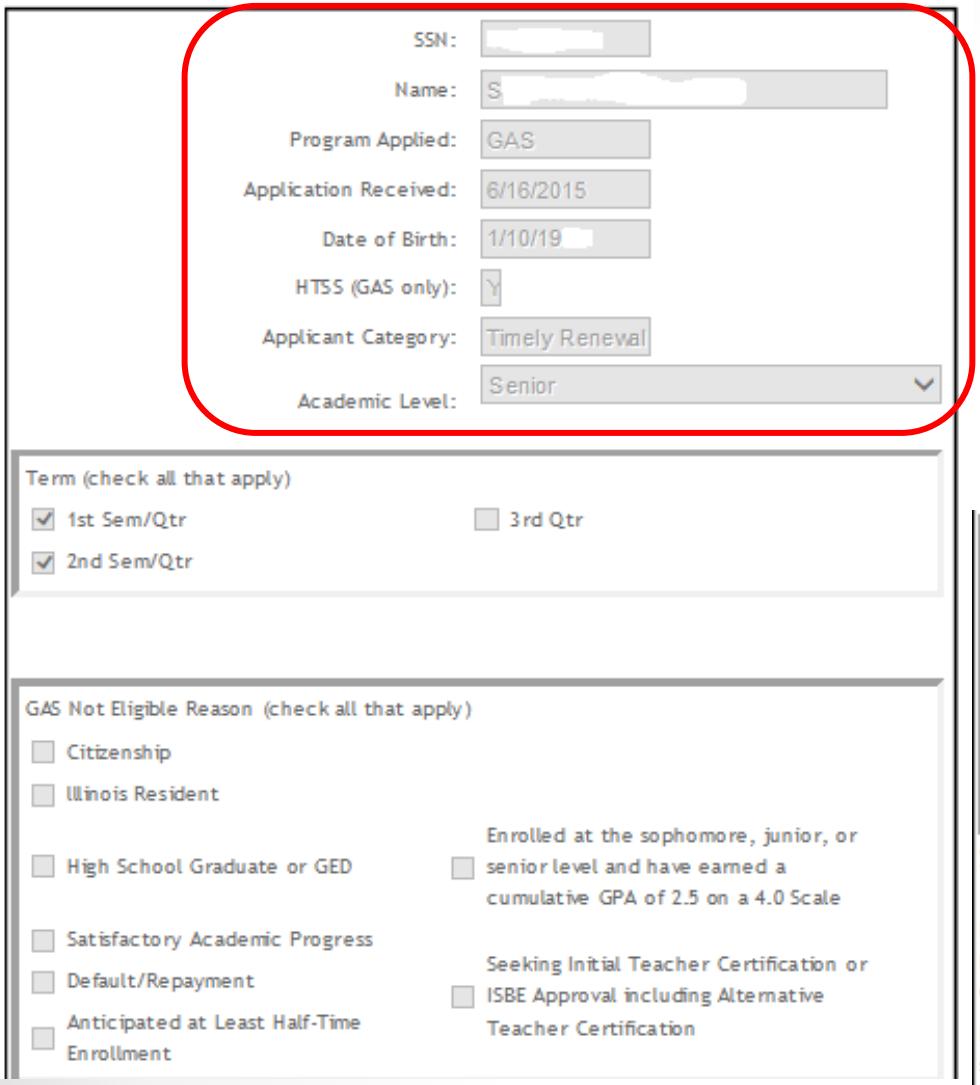
STUDENT CERTIFICATION DETAIL



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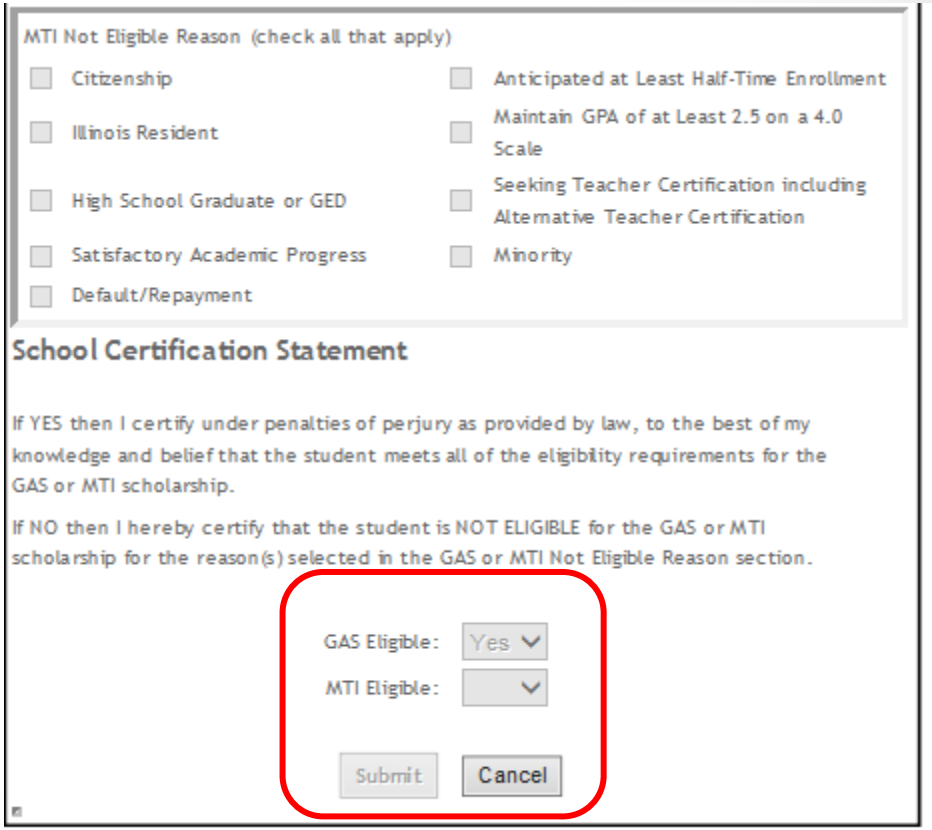

TESP Certification Entry Instructions

Fields To Be Completed by the College or University
Cancel Data Entry
Submit a Certification Record to ISAC
Processing Certification Records

A TESP certification record for MTI is available at My Zone the day after a complete application is received at ISAC. (i.e., if a student tells an FAA that they've submitted their MTI application online, a certification record will appear on the Student Certifications: List screen on the following day.) A certification record for GAS applicants will appear on the Student Certifications: List screen when application information is received from the Golden Apple Foundation. A college can run one of the Outstanding Certification reports listed in the right-hand menu of the Student Certification: List screen for a list of certifications that need to be completed.

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Processing Certification Records

A certification record is created and available for entry after an application is processed. The Status column on the Student Certifications: List screen will be blank when certification record is available to be completed.

One of the following codes will display in the Status column on the following business day after the certification record is processed.

- U – Unqualified
- Q – Qualified
- E – Exceeds maximum eligibility units.
- W – Withdrew application
- D – Disqualified
- DW - Disqualified due to withdrawal of the application
- DE – Disqualification due to exceeding maximum eligibility units
- T – Transferred

A certification record for GAS and MTI can be made online when the status code is blank, W, E or U. After an eligible record has been qualified, corrections to a certification record cannot be made online. If a status code is Q, D, DW, DE or T, corrections must be made by ISAC.

All requests for corrections can be submitted to ISAC by e-mail, FAX or telephone at:

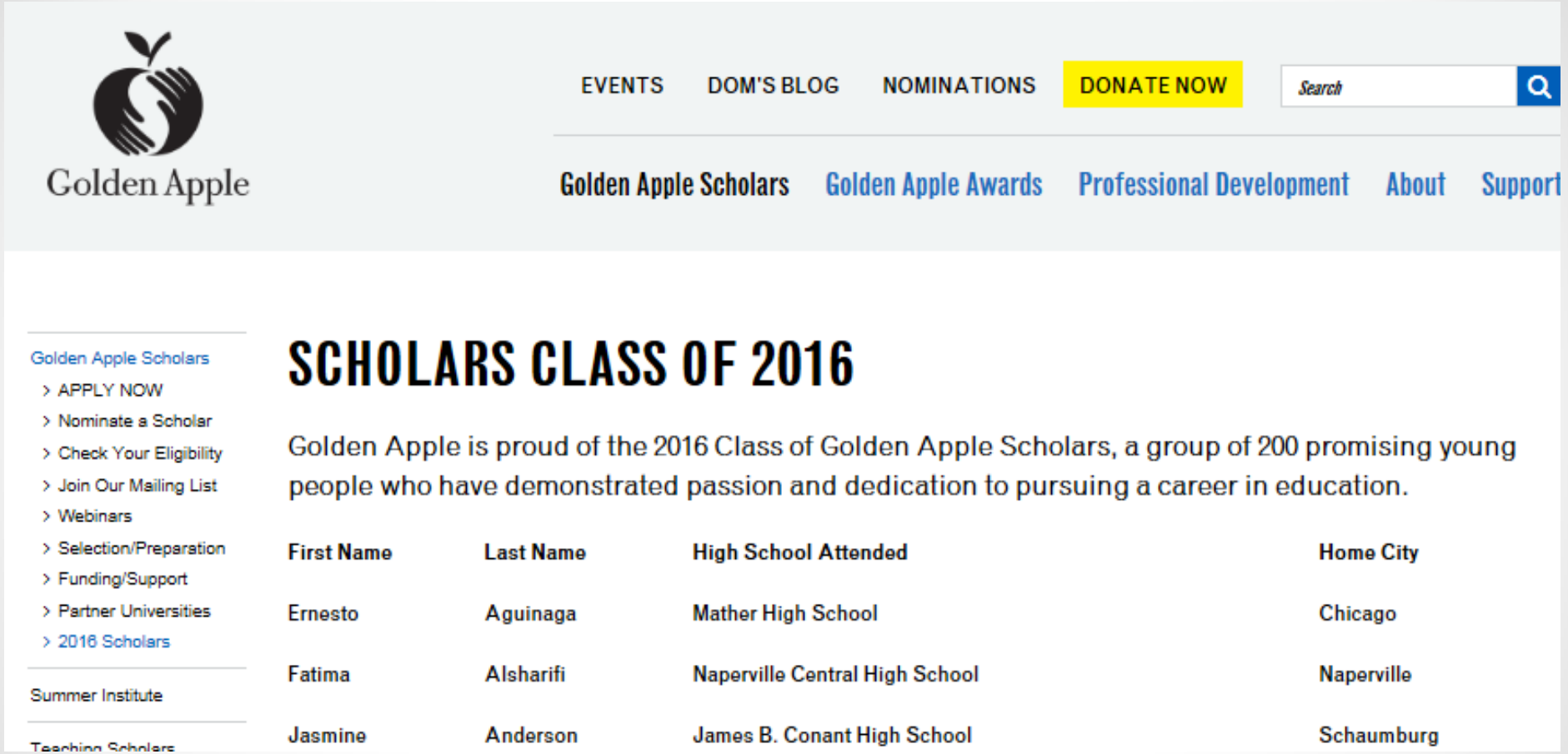
ISAC
Attention: School Services Department – D2A
1755 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL 60015
FAX: 847.831.8327

TESP Processing

- Rank and Awarding
  - For MTI:
    - All timely, certified applicants are considered in the initial awarding
      - If funding is insufficient for all timely qualified applicants, awarding is based on the date-received order of applications as follows:
        - Qualified renewal applicants
        - Qualified applicants at or above the junior level
        - Other qualified applicants
    - At least 30 percent of the MTI appropriated funds must be reserved for qualified male applicants until January 1
  - For GAS:
    - All timely, certified applicants are considered in the initial awarding
      - To qualify to be awarded an applicant must meet all eligibility requirements of the Golden Apple Foundation and ISAC
  - Students cannot be awarded MTI and GAS in the same award year
    - MTI and GAS cannot be used with SETTW

TESP Processing

- Award Notification
  - ISAC sends letters to MTI applicants
    - *Eligible - Funded* letter– sent to students who are eligible for the award
    - *Eligible - Unavailable Funds* letter – sent to students who are eligible for the award, but for whom funds are not available
    - *Notification of Ineligibility* – sent to applicants determined to be ineligible for the award
    - *Notification of Disqualification* -- sent to students who no longer qualify for the scholarship
  - Golden Apple Foundation notifies Golden Apple Scholars
  - Schools receive information via My Zone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SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2016
Golden Apple is proud of the 2016 Class of Golden Apple Scholars, a group of 200 promising young people who have demonstrated passion and dedication to pursuing a career in education.
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Ernesto
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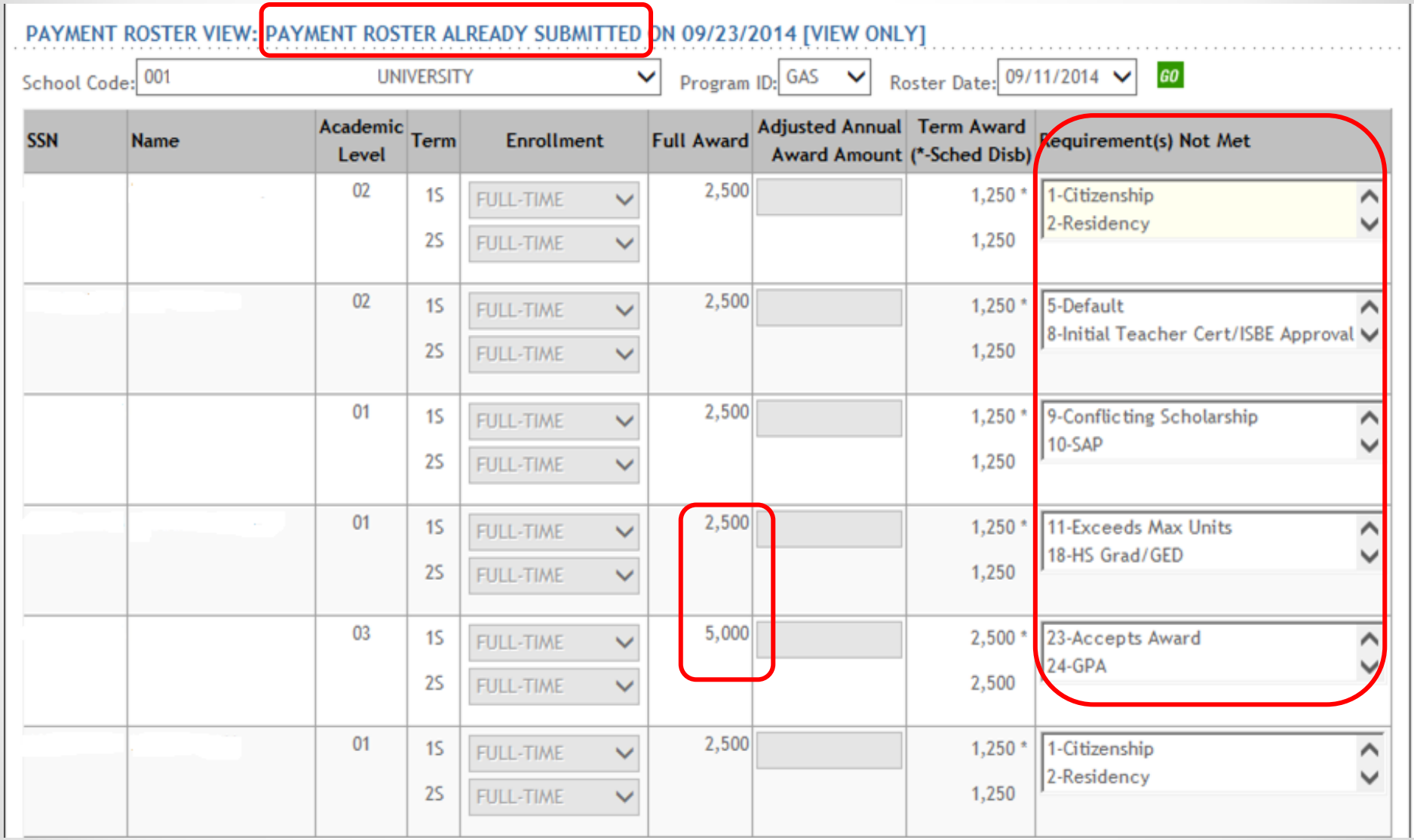
Mather High School
Chicago
Fatima
Alsharifi
Naperville Central High School
Naperville
Jasmine
Anderson
James B. Conant High School
Schaumburg

TESP Payment Processing

- Payment Request Rosters for MTI and GAS are completed and submitted to ISAC via My Zone
- After the Payment Request Roster is processed and a voucher number and date have been authorized, a Payment Authorization Report will be available in My Zone
    - Will include all students for whom payment was claimed
    - Report can be viewed online, printed or saved and will remain available for the entire academic year.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Program ID: GAS
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PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION VIEW

School Code: 001 UNIVERSITY — Program Type: GAS

Report	Voucher #	Voucher Date
001 -GAS-20150511.rtf	110	05/20/2015
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001 -GAS-20150420.rtf	101	04/23/2015
001 -GAS-20150406.rtf	99	04/22/2015
001 -GAS-20150302.rtf	76	03/09/2015
001 -GAS-20141208.rtf	52	01/09/2015

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2014-15 GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS OF ILLINOIS
Payment Requests Approved on 12/08/2014

UNIVERSITY - 001 /00

SSN	Name	Term	Advise Date	Request Amount	Approved Amount
		1S	09/11/2014	$2,500	$2,500
		1S	09/11/2014	$1,250	$1,250
		1S	09/11/2014	$1,250	$1,250
		1S	09/11/2014	$625	$625

MTI Teaching Requirements

- MTI recipients must teach on a full-time basis one year for each academic year for which an award was received
- The teaching obligation must be fulfilled at a nonprofit Illinois public, private or parochial preschool, elementary 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)
  - The percentage of an Illinois school's enrolled students meeting minority status requirements can be found at ISBE's eReport Card Public Site
- Recipients must begin teaching within one year following termination from the program of study funded by the scholarship and continue until the teaching obligation is fulfilled

GAS Teaching Requirements

- Scholars agree to teach for five years in an Illinois School of Need
  - The five year teaching commitment must be completed within seven years of earning the bachelor's degree and teacher certification
- Beginning with 2013-14 scholarships, the five-year teaching commitment must start within two years after completion of the degree or certificate program for which the scholarship was awarded
  - For scholarships received *prior to* 2013-14, award recipients were required to begin their teaching commitments within one year after completion of the degree or certificate program

Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program

- SETTW is a tuition waiver for attendance at public universities in Illinois
- Awards are not subject to annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor
  - Only available at the 12 public universities in Illinois
- Purpose of the program is to encourage current teachers and academically talented students to pursue careers in the area of Special Education
- Recipients are exempt from tuition and mandatory fees for up to four calendar years
- Recipients must make a commitment to teach in Special Education at an Illinois school for at least two of the five years following graduation

SETTW Eligibility

- Student must:
  - Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
  - Be an Illinois resident
  - Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate or graduate student in an area of special education at one of the participating institutions
    - Must be enrolled within 10 days after the beginning of the term for which the waiver was initially awarded
  - Meet school's satisfactory academic progress criteria
  - Remain in attendance on a continuous basis for up to four years
- Student cannot:
  - Be in default on a federal student loan or owe a refund on any state or federal grant or scholarship
  - Be a prior recipient of this waiver or be awarded MTI or GAS for the same academic year
- A qualified SETTW applicant who is also eligible for MAP must use the SETTW award first

SETTW Eligibility

- Student must meet one of the following:
  - Graduated from an approved high school in the academic year in which the award is made and be performing in the upper half of the graduating class
  - Graduated from an approved high school prior to the academic year in which the award is made and do not hold a valid teaching certificate
  - Hold a valid teaching certificate that is not in the discipline of special education

Applying for SETTW

- Applicants must complete the Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver Application
  - Download/print from isac.org
  - Three sections
    - Section A – all applicants must complete
    - Section B – required for certified teachers only
      - Must also attach a copy of teaching certificate
    - Section C – high school applicants must complete
      - Must be signed by a high school official
- Signed original must be mailed to ISAC by the priority consideration date
  - Must be postmarked on or before March 1 (prior to start of the academic year) to be considered timely
    - Faxed copies are not accepted
- Application also serves as a promissory note
- Notice of Eligibility is sent by ISAC to each qualified applicant

SETTW Processing

- Verification Roster
  - Used to verify enrollment status and program eligibility for each student applicant
  - The institution completes and returns to ISAC by due date indicated on accompanying cover letter
- Verification Roster Certification Form
  - Certifies that eligibility and enrollment status have been verified for each student listed on the school's roster
  - Must be signed by financial aid director or person authorized to sign on their behalf
  - Due date will be shown at the bottom of the form
- Leave of Absence Form
- Tuition Waiver Conversion Form

SETTW Teaching Requirements

- Recipients must teach two years on a full-time basis in the field of special education
- The teaching obligation must be fulfilled at a nonprofit Illinois public, private, or parochial preschool, elementary or secondary school beginning within one year immediately following graduation or termination of enrollment and continuing for two of the subsequent five years

Repayment of Teacher Programs

- If teaching requirements are not fulfilled, the assistance received converts to a loan
  - Recipient must repay the entire amount of the award prorated according to the fraction of the obligation not completed, plus interest at a rate of 5% and any reasonable collection fees.
  - Interest begins to accrue on the date the repayment obligation begins
- For IFTC and MTI, repayment is to be completed within 10 years after the assistance converts to a loan
- For SETTW, the repayment period is 5 years

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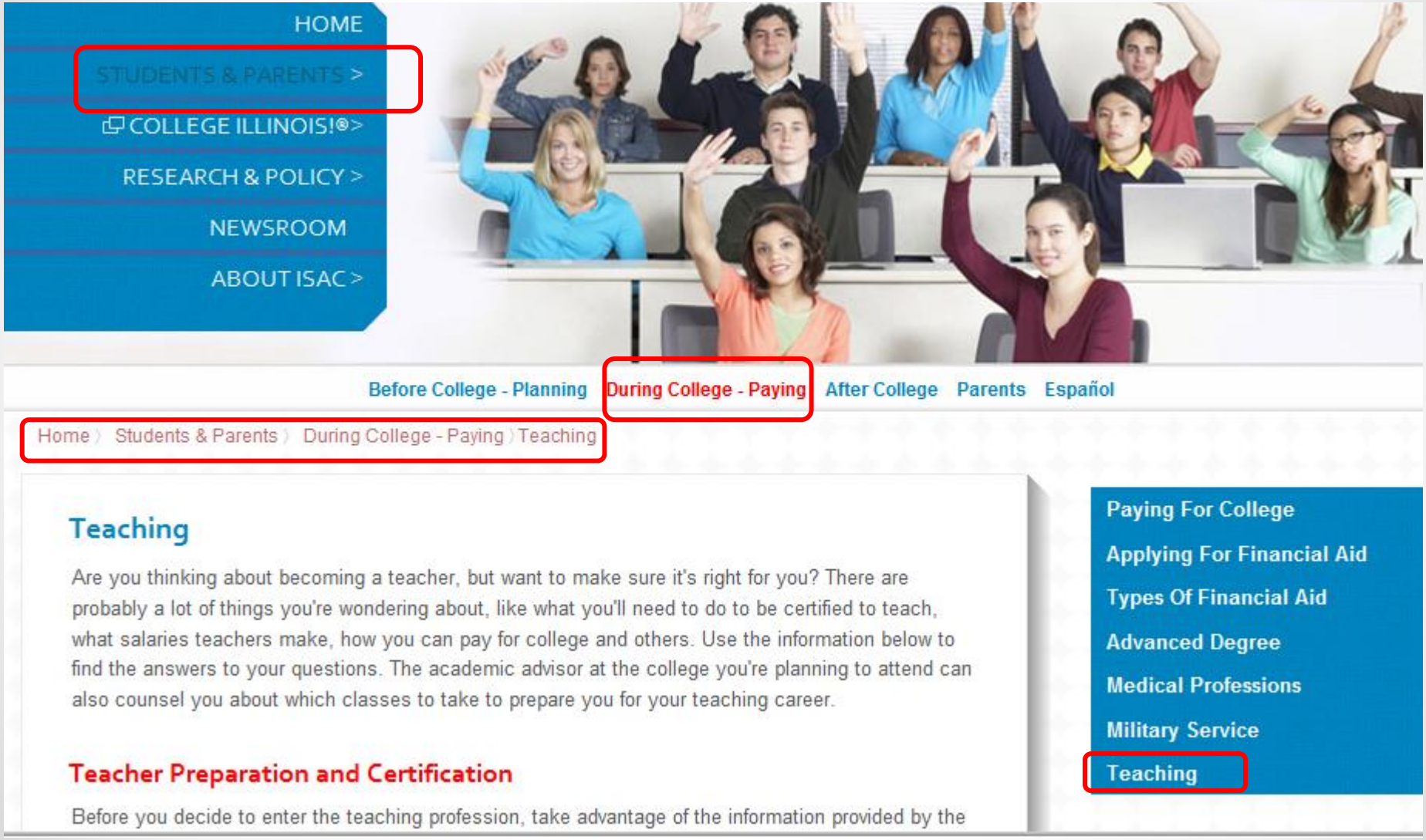

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State of Illinois/ISAC Programs

There are several programs designed specifically for students studying to become teachers, to help pay for college, including the Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program, the Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program, and the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program.

Federal Programs

The federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program was designed to benefit current and prospective teachers.

The U.S. Departments of Education and Defense offer the Troops to Teachers program to help military personnel begin a new career as teachers in public schools. Illinois Troops to Teachers provides information specific to teaching in Illinois, including teacher certification requirements, information about teaching degree programs and assistance in locating employment opportunities.

Programs Comparison

A comparison chart provides a side-by-side view of the MTI Scholarship, Illinois SETTW, federal TEACH Grant, and Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois programs.

Program Requirements

Some financial aid programs – including many teacher programs – have requirements that must be fulfilled as a condition to receiving the financial aid. If the conditions are not met, the financial aid received will convert to a loan. Be sure you understand what you're agreeing to before accepting the award(s). To learn about the requirements associated with ISAC's programs, refer to our Program Requirements page.

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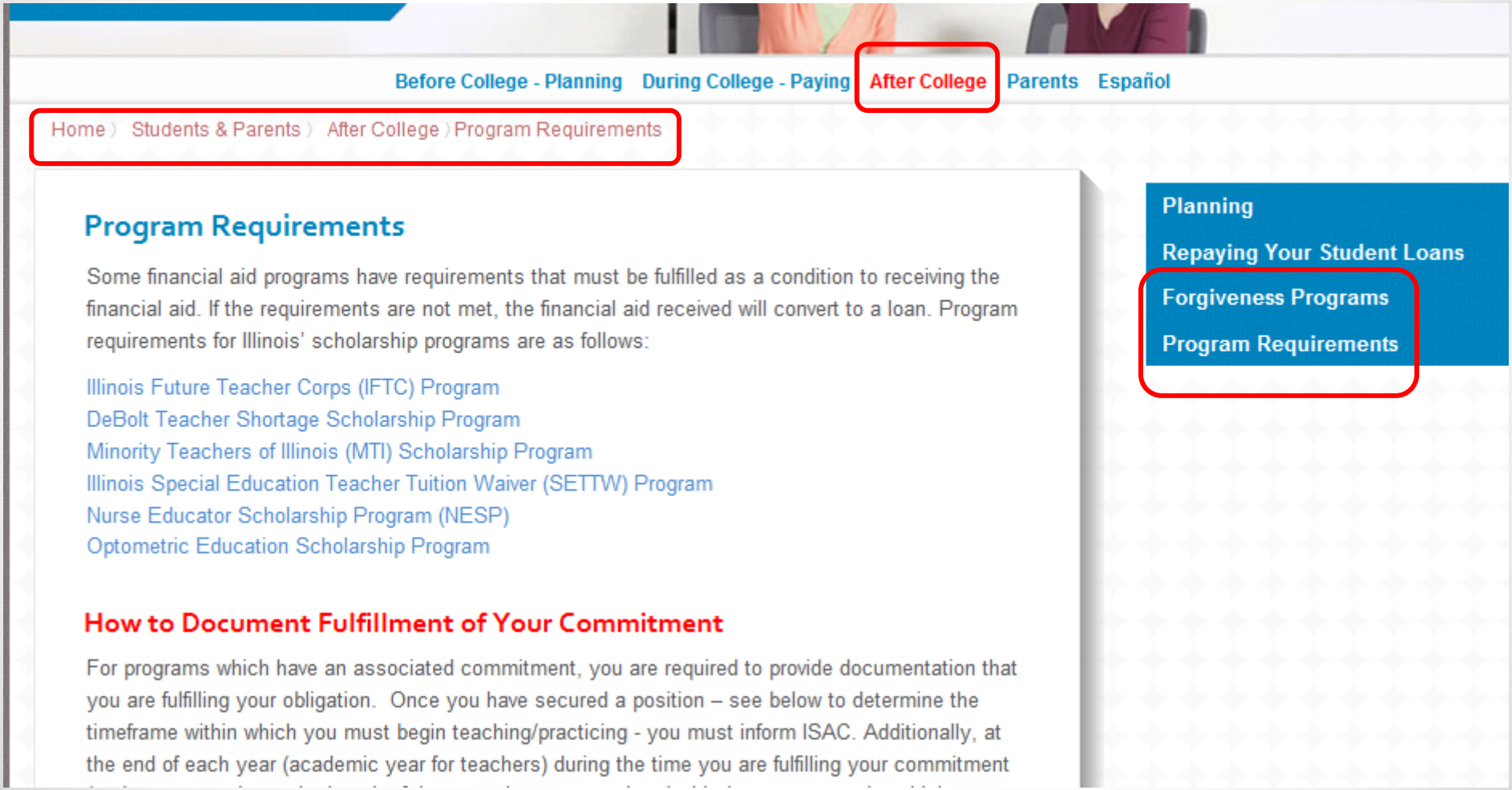

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Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program

If you are a MTI Scholarship recipient, you must teach on a full-time basis one year for each academic year, or portion of an academic year, in which you received the award. This teaching obligation must be fulfilled at a nonprofit Illinois public, private or parochial preschool, elementary 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). You must begin teaching wi following termination from the program of study funded by the scholarship, and conti teaching obligation is fulfilled.

The percentage of an Illinois school's enrolled students meeting minority status requ found at ISBE's eReport Card Public Site. School information is available dating bacl

Extensions

The period to fulfill the teaching requirement may be extended if you are:

- serving, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Arm
- enrolled full-time as a graduate student in a course of study related to your fie an institution of higher learning;
- temporarily totally disabled, for not more than three years, as established by of a licensed qualified physician;
- actively seeking but unable to find, full-time employment as a teacher at a no public, private or parochial preschool, elementary or secondary school, at which percent of the enrolled students are minority students as certified by ISBE, for o period, not to exceed two years in duration;
- taking additional courses, on at least a half-time basis, needed to obtain certi teacher in Illinois; or
- fulfilling teaching requirements associated with other programs administered l unable to concurrently fulfill them in a period of time equal to the length of the te

To qualify for any of these extensions, you must complete and provide to ISAC the P Requirements Extension Form. Contact the ISAC Call Center for more information.

Repayment

If the teaching obligation is not fulfilled, the scholarship converts to a loan, and you must repay the entire amount of the scholarship(s) prorated to the fraction of the teaching obligation not completed, plus interest, within 10 years. If applicable, you will pay reasonable collection costs. The interest rate is 5 percent.

The repayment period starts and interest begins to accrue on the earliest of the following dates:

- six months after the first day of the calendar month after you stopped pursuing, on a half-time basis, a course of study leading to certification as a teacher at the preschool, elementary or secondary school level;
- the date ISAC is informed that you do not plan to fulfill the teaching obligation; or
- the day after the latest date upon which you must have begun teaching.

Award recipients will not be required to repay the amount of the scholarship(s) received if they become permanently totally disabled (as established by the sworn affidavit of a licensed qualified physician), or if their representative provides ISAC with a death certificate or other evidence that they have died.

Deferments

If a recipient is required to repay any portion of the scholarship, the repayment period must be completed within 10 years after the scholarship converts to a loan. The repayment obligation may be temporarily postponed if you are:

- serving, for not more than three years, as a member of the United States Armed Forces;
- temporarily disabled, for not more than three years, as established by the sworn affidavit of a licensed qualified physician;
- seeking, but unable to find, full-time employment for one continuous period, not to exceed two years;
- withdrawn from a course of study leading to certification as a teacher, but remain enrolled full-time in another academic discipline; or

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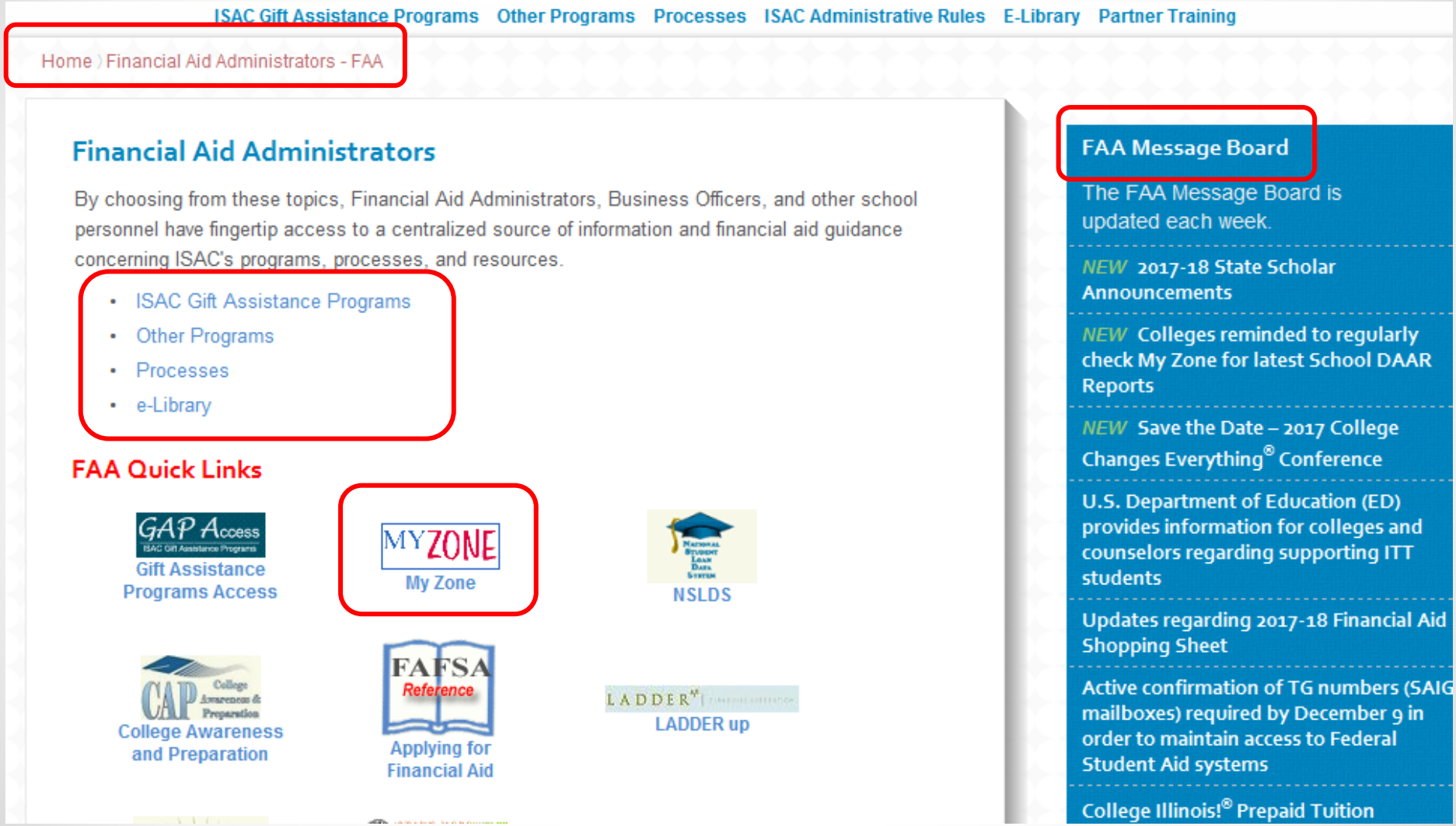

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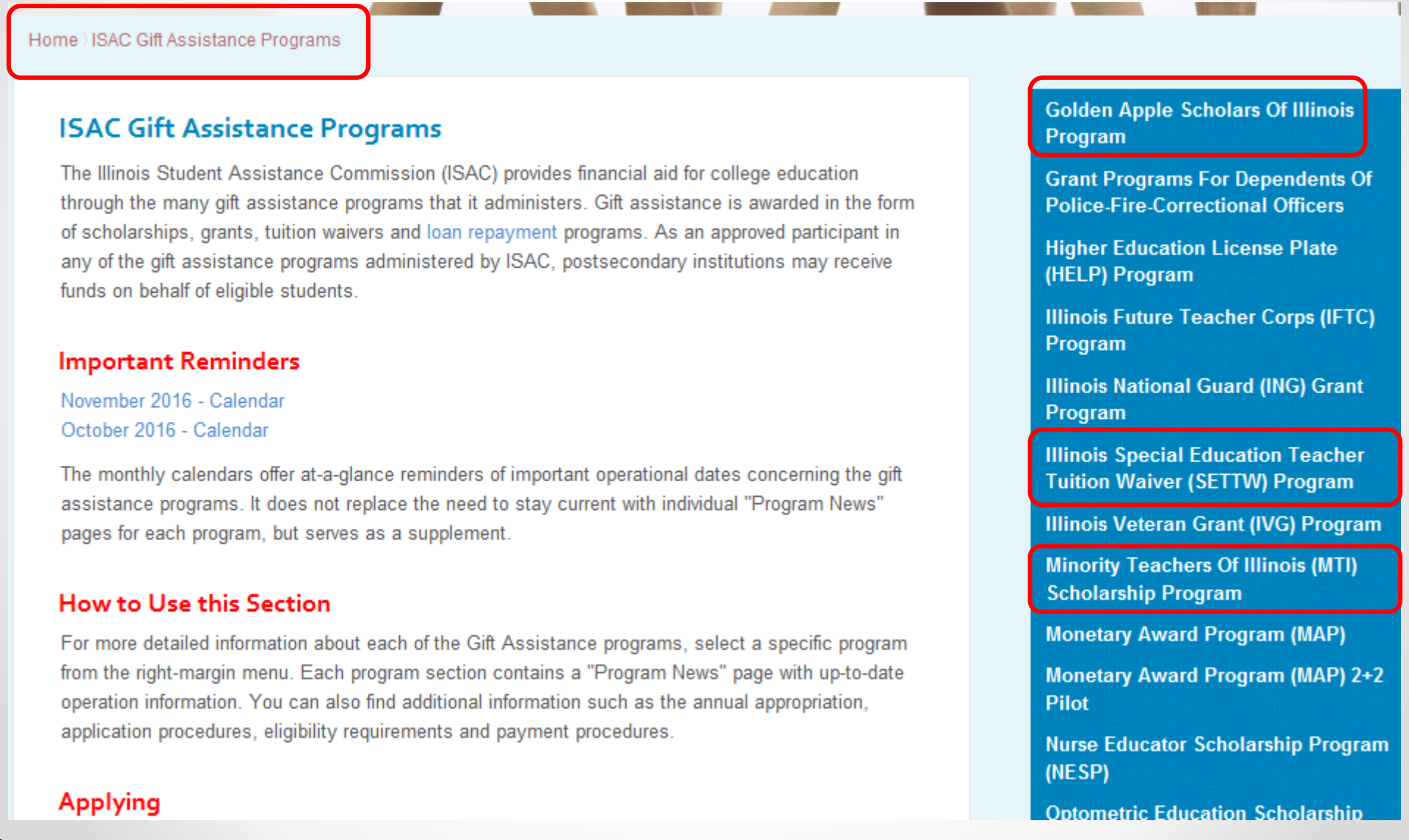

MTI Scholarship Program News

- **For the 2016-17 Academic Year**
  - The online application for the 2016-17 MTI Program remains available
  - Although 2016-17 MTI applications continue to be accepted, the state budget that funds the program has not yet been finalized
  - The priority application consideration date for the 2016-17 academic year was March 1, 2016
    - Complete applications received after this date will continue to be considered for the program for as long as funding remains after all timely qualified applicants have been awarded
    - The date through which 2016-17 MTI applications will be accepted is dependent upon application volume and available funding
  - Students interested in this program who have not already applied are encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible
  - Schools should continue to certify applicants in My Zone

- **For the 2017-18 Academic Year**
  - ISAC is planning to launch the 2017-18 interactive online application for the MTI Program in mid-December of 2016

GAS Program News

- **For the 2016-17 Academic Year**
  - Golden Apple Scholarship Initial Certification records can be completed online and submitted electronically via My Zone
    - Results will be available in real-time
  - All Initial Certifications available in My Zone must be completed regardless of whether the school certifies a student as eligible or ineligible
  - Only applicants with a complete and eligible certification record will be considered for an award
  - The schedule for awarding 2016-17 Golden Apple Scholars will be dependent upon the status of the FY17 state budget

- **For the 2017-18 Academic Year**
  - Priority Application Deadline for 2017 Scholars is December 1, 2016
    - Decision notification date for priority applicants is January 2017
  - Regular Application Deadline for 2017 Scholars is February 15, 2017
    - Decision notification date for this deadline is February/March 2017

SETTW Program News

- **For the 2016-17 Academic Year**
  - All 2016-17 tuition waivers have been awarded
  - Award notifications were mailed to eligible applicants in April 2016
  - A final round of awarding took place on November 9, 2016, and those eligible applicants have been notified
  - ISAC has notified all other qualified applicants that they were not selected
    - Additional 2016-17 recipients will only be chosen if students decline the award or are determined ineligible through the college certification process
    - Should this occur, ISAC will select recipients from the existing qualified pool of applicants who were not previously awarded

- **For the 2017-18 Academic Year**
  - ISAC is planning to make the 2017-18 Illinois SETTW Program application available at isac.org in mid-December of 2016

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On the path to college? ISAC can help...

...every step of the way! ISAC is committed to helping make college more accessible and affordable for Illinois families. In addition to grant and scholarship administration, our prepaid tuition program, and the online resources we provide, ISAC's **college access and outreach initiatives** provide direct assistance to students and families in navigating the college-going and financial aid process. Check out our free resources, including in-person assistance from our **ISACorps**, available

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Student and Parent FAQs: Impact of State Budget Delay on ISAC Gift Assistance Programs

Last updated: September 14, 2016

Like many programs and services, ISAC's gift assistance programs have been impacted by the budget issues in the State. Pursuant to a variety of court orders and separate funding measures, some fiscal year 2016 programs and services were funded either in part or in full, and some funding came after the official end of the fiscal year. Some programs were left unfunded. Fiscal year 2017 began on July 1, 2016, without a final budget. We understand that students and parents may have questions and concerns, so the following FAQ is designed to address general questions regarding the

- Paying For College
- Applying For Financial Aid
- Types Of Financial Aid
- Advanced Degree
- Medical Professions
- Military Service
- Teaching

FAQs: 2015-16 Academic Year

I applied for the Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program (MTI) for the 2015-16 academic year but never found out if I got an award. Will I still get the scholarship now that the academic year is over?

Due to the budget delay, ISAC was unable to announce MTI awards for 2015-16 and sufficient funds were not ultimately provided to fund all non-MAP programs. At this point, it does not appear that the 2015-16 MTI scholarships will be retroactively funded.

I applied for the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program for the 2015-16 academic year. I received funding for the fall 2015 term but did not receive any funding for the spring 2016 term. Will I still get the scholarship now that the academic year is over?

A funding bill that was approved in June included funding intended for the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program, and it is covering costs incurred during the 2015-16 academic year. During the month of August 2016, payments to colleges and universities were processed to cover 2015-16 Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program grants for the second and third terms for students who were eligible to receive them.

FAQs: 2016-17 Academic Year

Will there be MTI scholarships available for the 2016-17 academic year?

While there currently is no funding for MTI for 2016-17, we remain hopeful that there will be a final budget agreement later in the fall or winter that will provide funding for this program for the 2016-17 academic year.

Will there be Grants for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers available for the 2016-17 academic year?

While there currently is no funding for these grant programs for 2016-17, we remain hopeful that there will be a final budget agreement later in the fall or winter that will provide funding for these grants for the 2016-17 academic year.

Will there be funding for Golden Apple Scholarships for the 2016-17 academic year?

While there is currently not adequate state funding to pay Golden Apple Scholarships for 2016-17, we remain hopeful that there will be a final budget agreement later in the fall or winter that will provide adequate funding for this program for the 2016-17 academic year.

Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers

Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers

- Grant programs 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

P/F/C Eligibility

- To be eligible, a student must either be:
  - a natural or legally adopted child or a child in the legal custody of the police, fire or correctional officer who was disabled or killed in the line of duty
  - the spouse of the individual who was disabled or killed in the line of duty
    - Common law partners are not eligible
- A student must also be:
  - a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
  - enrolled at least half-time at a MAP-approved school
  - making satisfactory progress toward a degree or certificate
- A student does not have to:
  - be an Illinois resident at the time of enrollment
  - demonstrate financial need

P/F/C Eligibility

- An applicant is not eligible if he or she is:
  - A spouse who remarries after a police, fire or correctional officer is killed
  - A spouse who divorces a permanently disabled police, fire or correctional officer
  - A stepchild who, at the time of the officer's death or permanent disability, was not in the legal custody of the officer

Applying for P/F/C

- An ISAC application must be submitted each year by the deadline dates:
  - 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
- Eligibility in one academic year does not carry over into future years

Applying for P/F/C

- First-time applicants must also submit a certified death certificate or certified physician's statement
  - Documentation must prove that the death or disability occurred in the line of duty
  - The physician's statement about the disability must certify that there is a mental or physical condition that is reasonably certain to continue throughout the lifetime of the officer, resulting in a 90% to 100% incapacity from performing substantial and material duties

Applying for P/F/C

- If an application is incomplete, a notice will be sent to the applicant to request missing information
  - For example, if the doctor does not state the percentage of disability, the application would be considered incomplete
- Once eligibility has been established for one member of a family, it is established for all qualified applicants in the family
  - Thereafter, a simplified application will be required from each student on an annual basis

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GRANT PROGRAMS FOR DEPENDENTS OF POLICE, FIRE OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS APPLICATION
2016-17 ACADEMIC YEAR – FALL 2016 THROUGH SUMMER 2017

You may contact an ISAC Call Center Representative via telephone at 800.899.4722 or e-mail at ISAC.studentservices@isac.illinois.gov regarding information on this application and/or visit our website at isac.org. Mail or fax page 1 and 2 of this application (see above).

APPLICATION INFORMATION

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE that your Social Security number is needed for identification, verification and processing purposes in furtherance of your request for financial aid.

Apply Early/Check Applicant Status

Complete applications received by ISAC after the deadline dates listed below will be processed only for subsequent terms, with June 15, 2016 as the final date of acceptance for the summer term of the 2016-17 academic year. Allow at least four weeks for the processing of this application. Visit the website at isac.org for processing updates.

It is the applicant's responsibility to allow sufficient mailing time in order for complete applications to be **received** at ISAC on or before the applicable deadline date, based on the term in 2016-17 for which he/she plans to receive funds. It is also the applicant's responsibility to retain documentation that the application was mailed or faxed. ISAC is not responsible for misdirected or illegible applications.

Deadline dates for applying: October 1, 2016 – Full Year Consideration; **March 1, 2017** – Only 2nd Semester (2nd/3rd Quarter) and Summer Consideration; **June 15, 2017** – Only Summer Term Consideration

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN INK OR TYPE. The applicant is to answer each of the items below, sign the certification statement, date the application and send it to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Incomplete applications may result in the delay of payment or disqualification. Applicants must read the second page of this form regarding eligibility, benefits and application procedures.

SECTION I: APPLICANT'S INFORMATION (Applicant must reapply each academic year)

STUDENT'S RELATIONSHIP TO POLICE, FIRE OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

Social Security Number	Last Name	First Name	MI
___ - ___ - ____			
Prior Last Name, if applicable	Date of Birth		
Permanent Address	Area Code and Telephone Number ( ) -		
City	State	ZIP Code	
E-Mail Address (optional)	Program of Study (Major)		
☐ New (First Time Applicant) ☐ Renewal (Prior Qualified Applicant)	☐ Citizen ☐ Eligible noncitizen A# _____		

College/University applicant will attend _____ ISAC College Code (optional) ___

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**.

Check the terms that the applicant plans to attend:
☐ 1st Semester/Quarter 2016 ☐ 2nd Semester/Quarter 2017 ☐ 3rd Quarter 2017 ☐ Summer 2017

2016-17 Academic Level	Anticipated Graduation Date: (month/day/year)

SECTION II: OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Once eligibility has been established for one member of the family, it is established for all qualified applicants in the family. Only the first family member to apply who is subsequently determined to be a qualified applicant for this grant must complete this section and supply the officer's certified death certificate or the certified statement of a licensed physician. The physician's statement, on his/her letterhead, must certify that the officer has a mental or physical condition that is reasonably certain to continue throughout the lifetime of the officer, resulting in a 90% to 100% incapacity from performing substantial and material duties previously discharged. Separate documentation must be submitted to prove that the death or permanent disability occurred in the line of duty (usually from the officer's pension board or employer).

Has the applicant or qualified family member been determined eligible for this grant?

☐ Yes, Skip Section II and complete Section III only
Name of Qualified Family Member: _____ Prior name of Qualified Family Member (if applicable): _____

☐ No, Complete Section II & III

Name of Officer	Social Security Number: ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___
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:

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SECTION II: (continued)

Please provide information regarding natural children, legally adopted children or children in the legal custody of the officer at the time of the officer was killed in the line of duty or at the time a permanently disabling injury occurred in the line of duty.

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	IF IN HIGH SCHOOL OR OLDER, PLAN TO ATTEND AN ILLINOIS COLLEGE? Indicate YES or NO or NOT SURE	ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE FROM COLLEGE (month/day/year)

Section III: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify, under the penalties of perjury as provided by law, that all information on this application and the required documentation submitted with the application is true and correct and that I meet the eligibility requirements itemized on page two of this application. I certify that I am not in default on an educational loan nor do I owe a refund on a federal or state grant. I certify that I meet federal Selective Service registration requirements. I have read both pages of this application before signing it. Further, I give my consent to the college I attend to release information to ISAC concerning my eligibility for the Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire and Correctional Officers. I certify that this is a true and original application form provided by ISAC.

_____ Applicant's Signature

_____ Date

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
  - 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 P/F/C recipient is also eligible for a MAP grant, the P/F/C 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 P/F/C
- If a P/F/C 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

Awarding Reminders

- The total amount of a student's gift assistance may not exceed the student's cost of attendance at the institution
  - Any excess gift assistance is considered an overaward and the institution is required to notify ISAC to reduce the grant and/or other gift assistance to prevent an overaward
- 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

- Certification of Enrollment for Payment Rosters are typically sent to schools each term after the application deadline has passed
  - Program is subject to appropriation, so the awarding and claim process is currently on hold
- Must return the roster even if a student isn't eligible
  - Provide the reason for ineligibility

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Certification of Enrollment for Payment

Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers
2015-16 Academic Year

School Name _____ School Code _____

Term: Requested _____ Due Date _____

Applicant's Name	Social Security Number	Application Date	Max Term Amt. Awarded	Requested Amount	Total Hours Enrolled

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: _____

Signature & Title of Certifying Official _____ Date _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Return to: D2A, School Services
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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

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

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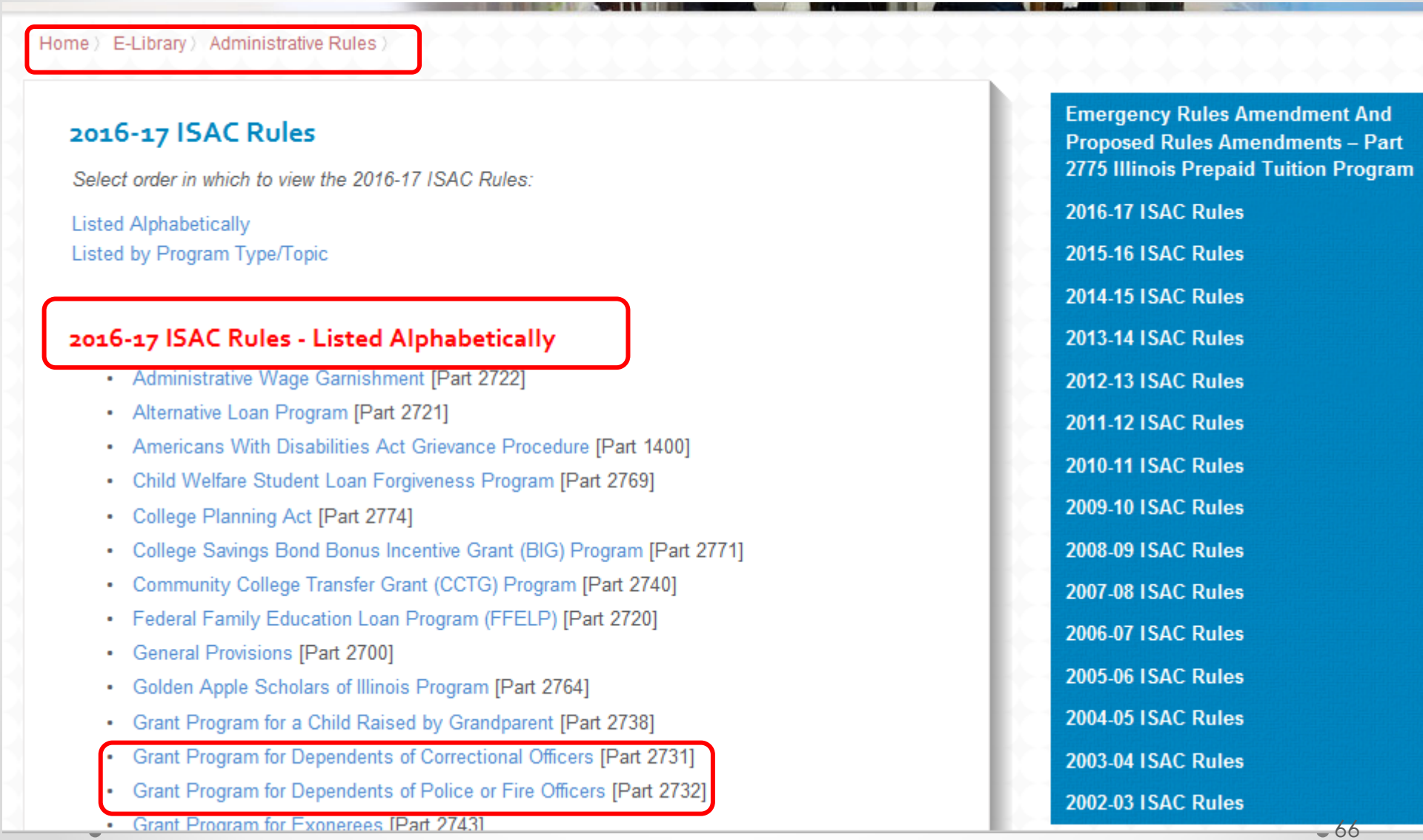

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Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers

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(last updated October 4, 2016)

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Program Funding

Announcements of program eligibility are being made to students as applications are received and processed; however, colleges will not certify enrollment or request payment on behalf of students until the fiscal year 2017 state budget has been finalized.

Application

The 2016-17 Grant Program for Dependents of Police, Fire, or Correctional Officers Application is available to print from College Zone. In order to receive full-year consideration an application must be received on or before October 1 of the academic year for which grant assistance is requested. For spring-term and summer-term consideration, the deadline date is March 1. For summer-term consideration only, applications must be received on or before June 15. Applications received by ISAC after these deadline dates will be processed only for subsequent terms, with June 15 as the final date of acceptance for the summer term.

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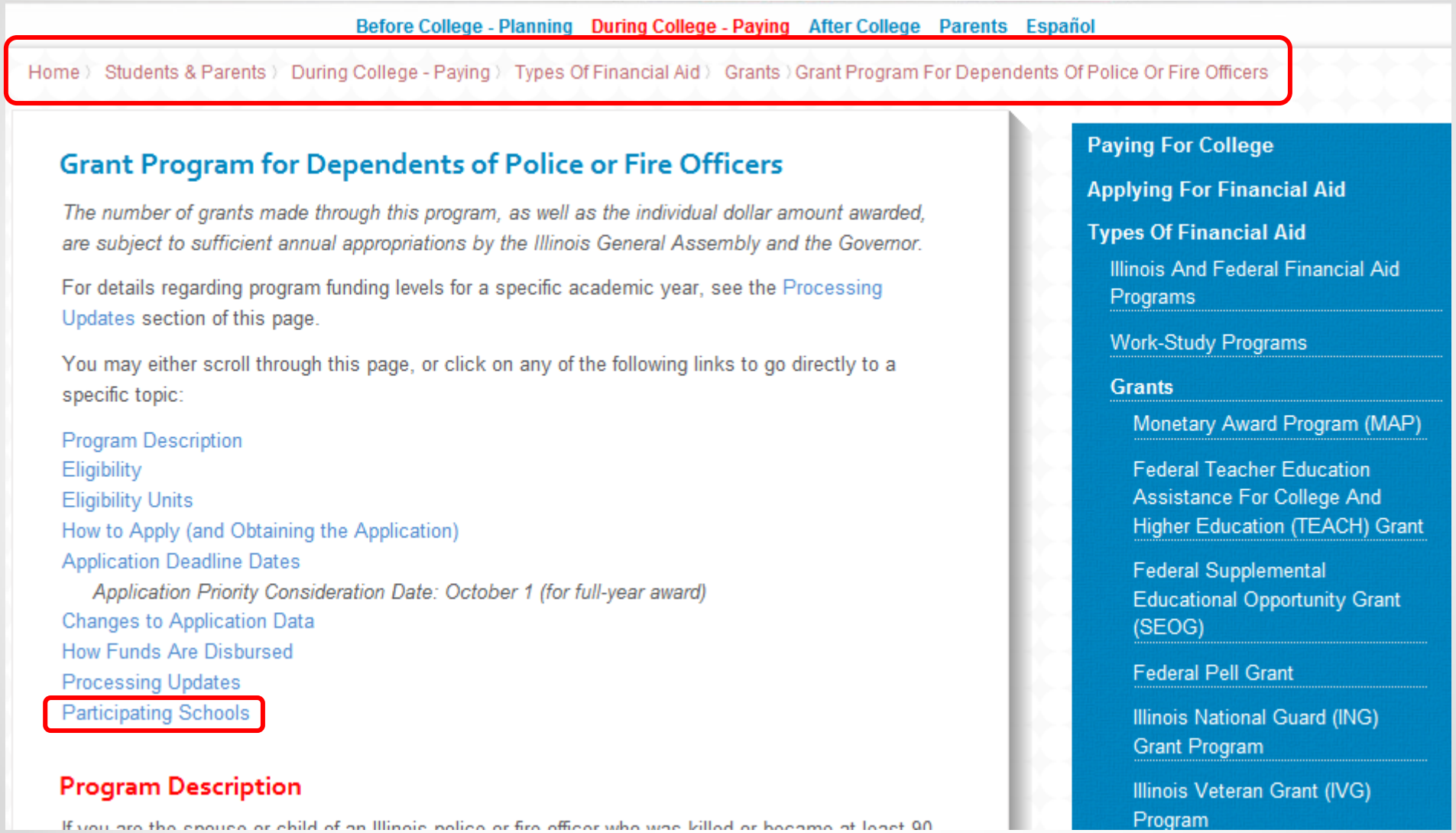

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2016-17 Grant Program for Dependents of Correctional Officers
Approved Illinois Schools
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ISAC COLLEGE CODE	FEDERAL SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL NAME	SCHOOL CITY
400	001628	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ART	CHICAGO
001	001633	AUGUSTANA COLLEGE	ROCK ISLAND
002	001634	AURORA UNIVERSITY	AURORA
058	001767	BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY	LISLE
103	001638	BLACK HAWK COLLEGE	ALL LOCATIONS
005	001639	BLACKBURN COLLEGE	CARLINVILLE
358	006214	BLESSING-RIEMAN COLLEGE OF NURSING	QUINCY
006	001641	BRADLEY UNIVERSITY	PEORIA
172	016426	CAPITAL AREA SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING	SPRINGFIELD
106	007265	CARL SANDBURG COLLEGE	GALESBURG
500	006385	CHAMBERLAIN COLLEGE OF NURSING	ADDISON
010	001694	CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY	CHICAGO
032	006656	COLLEGE OF DUPAGE	GLEN ELLYN
074	007694	COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY	GRAYSLAKE
090	001665	COLUMBIA COLLEGE	CHICAGO
011	001666	CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	RIVER FOREST
012	001669	DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	DANVILLE
013	001671	DEPAUL UNIVERSITY	CHICAGO
176	010727	DEVRY UNIVERSITY	ALL IL LOCATIONS
055	001750	DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY	RIVER FOREST
150	015310	EAST-WEST UNIVERSITY	CHICAGO
014	001674	EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	CHARLESTON

P/F/C Program News

- **For the 2015-16 Academic Year**
  - The lump sum appropriation included in the "bridge" state budget that was approved on June 30, 2016 (Public Act 99-0524) provided funds for 2015-16 P/F/C fall term claims to be paid in full at 100%.

- **For the 2016-17 Academic Year**
  - Announcements of program eligibility are being made to students as applications are received and processed
  - Colleges will be asked to certify enrollment or be able to request payment on behalf of students until the fiscal year 2017 state budget has been finalized
  - The 2016-17 Grant Program for Dependents of Police, Fire, or Correctional Officers Application is available to print at isac.org
  - In order to receive full-year consideration, the application must have been received on or before October 1, 2016
  - For spring-term and summer-term consideration, the deadline date is March 1, 2017
  - For summer-term consideration only, applications must be received on or before June 15, 2017

ISAC Contact Information

- School Services Communication Center
  - Exclusively for school inquiries
  - Phone: 866.247.2172
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- Kim Eck, Training Services
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Questions/Comments?

Thank you for participating today!

Next webinar: December 14 at 2 p.m.

Topic: ISAC Update and
an Overview of ISAC's Loan Repayment Programs