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

November 29, 2017
Agenda

- ISAC Update
- ISAC Teacher Programs
  - Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program
  - Golden Apple Scholars Program
  - Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver Program
- Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers
- Resources
- Questions/Comments
2017-18 (FY18)
2017-18 MAP

- Applicants with an initial FAFSA® receipt date on or after January 16, 2017 are in suspense status
  - The 2017-18 Recompute Formula allows for an approximate two-week extension of award announcements, however, a final determination regarding the extension of award announcements will not take place until after the first-term priority claim deadline

- First term payment requests are now being accepted
  - Priority claim deadline for the first term is Friday, December 8, 2017
    - Colleges may submit claims via the GAP Access portal, as well as by File Transfer Protocol (FTP).
  - Colleges were asked to hold requests until the payment cycle was initiated, which was on Friday, October 6, 2017
    - Any claims submitted prior to October 6 will need to be resubmitted for processing
What's New?

- MAP Payment Detail screen includes a new **NSLDS Default Release override**, which allows schools to request MAP payment and certify/confirm that students are eligible despite a National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) default status.

- This functionality, which applies exclusively to NSLDS default status (not ISAC Default), is available only via the Payment Detail screen of the MAP system.

- Schools are not able to override the NSLDS default status through any other means of payment request.
MAP Reminders

- Beginning with the 2017-18 MAP payment processing cycle, a GAP Access user ID and password are required to access ISAC's secure FTP site (located at https://transfer.isac.org/).
  - As a result, encryption (password protection) of files is no longer necessary.

- Be sure to review the Payment Results/Exceptions report in the Reports section of MAP the day after submitting payment requests to confirm that all requests processed as expected.
Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program

- An online IVG application is now available at isac.org
- If your school's website includes a link to the IVG application, please make sure it is updated to direct students to the new online option
- As part of the online application process, required documentation may be scanned and uploaded
  - Allowable formats are PDF, JPG, JPEG, DOC and DOCX files
- Veterans who may have submitted a paper version of the application in prior years and were determined eligible to receive IVG benefits do not need to submit the interactive application
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!
IVG Application

- Although the online option is the preferred method of applying, applicants who are unable or prefer not to submit an IVG application electronically can download and print a PDF version at isac.org and complete the application process by mail.
  - The paper application has been revised to match the enhancements made to the online application.
  - Although ISAC will continue to accept paper applications, we ask you to discard any old paper versions.
  - The current version has the date of 6/17 in the footer.

![IVG Application Form]

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2017-18 Illinois Veteran Grant

- IVG benefit requests can be submitted via the My Zone portal or File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
  - Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (CT).
  - Even though there is no appropriation to reimburse schools, reporting of enrollment hours must still take place so that benefit usage can be assessed to student accounts
  - Summer term data was due by September 15, 2017
  - Fall term data is due on or before January 15, 2018
  - Spring term processing will be accepted starting January 16, 2018 and data will be due on or before May 25, 2018

- IVG benefit request processing will transitioned to GAP Access later this year
2017-18 Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program

- Online application can be accessed:
  - On the Applications page at isac.org
  - Through the ISAC Programs tab in the ISAC Student Portal at studentportal.isac.org

- Application deadline dates are:
  - October 1, 2017 for full-year consideration
  - March 1, 2018 for spring-term and summer-term consideration
  - June 15, 2018 for summer-term consideration only

- Benefit reporting functionality is available in GAP Access for the fall term
  - Deadline to submit fall term benefit request information is December 8, 2017
2018-19 (FY19)
2018-19 MAP Start Up

The proposed Start-Up Formula, which is the same as the 2017-18 Recompute Formula, was approved at the November 15, 2017 Commission meeting

- Maximum annual award amount for the 2018-19 MAP grant is $4,869
- For more information about the Start-Up Formula, see the agenda item that was posted to isac.org in the ISAC’s Governing Board: The Commission section (About ISAC area)

- Start-up activities were implemented in GAP Access on October 23
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 each 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
See List of Participating Schools:
www.isac.org/students/during-college/documents/1718MTISchools.pdf

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GAS Program

- A scholarship program that identifies talented high school seniors, as well as first and second-year college students, who have the promise to be excellent teachers in high-need schools
  - Created in 1988 by the Golden Apple Foundation
    - Not-for-profit organization based in Chicago
      - www.goldenapple.org
    - Prepares student teachers for lasting success in the most challenging teaching environments
- Eligibility criteria, application process and selection is handled by Golden Apple Foundation
  - 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

- Any Illinois high school student interested in a teaching career may apply by completing an online application at goldenapple.org
  - Must also provide ACT scores and transcripts to Golden Apple.
- Teachers, principals, counselors, or mentors can also nominate a student for the Golden Apple Scholars program
  - Once the nomination form is submitted, the nominated student will receive an email with login information and a link to apply online.
- Golden Apple educators then review the applications, choose the finalists to be interviewed, and select the new group of Scholars.
TESP Processing

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

Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program

Program News
(last updated November 16, 2017)
2017-18 Program Funding
2017-18 Payment
2017-18 Award Determination
2017-18 Qualification
2017-18 Certification
2017-18 Application
Enrollment Status Verification
Additional MTI References

2017-18

Program Funding
The 2018 fiscal year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) appropriation for the Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship is $1,900,000.

Payment
As announced in a November 9 e-Message TESP payment request rosters for MTI can be completed online and submitted electronically to ISAC via TESP Payment Online at My Zone. Results for
The Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program and Golden Apple Scholars (GAS) Program are administered via ISAC’s My Zone portal.

- My Zone is available Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (CT).
MY ZONE PROGRAM SELECTION

Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP)

Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Eligibility 2017-2018

Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP)

MY ZONE TESP PROGRAM SELECTION

Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP) Certification 2017-2018

Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP) Payment Request Roster

Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP) Payment Authorization

Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP) Enrollment Status Verification

Log Off
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
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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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.

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
  - 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**
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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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

- Repayment is to be completed within 10 years after the assistance converts to a loan
  - For SETTW recipients who were awarded a waiver prior to July 1, 2014, the repayment term is five years
MTI Program News

- **2017-18 Academic Year**
  - Initial awarding for all qualified and eligible applicants took place on October 26 and an additional round of awarding took place on November 15
    - Award Notifications have been mailed to eligible students
  - Payment request rosters can be completed and submitted via My Zone
  - Payment results will be available in My Zone after vouchers have been generated and voucher numbers have been entered into My Zone by ISAC
    - Colleges are encouraged to check My Zone every Tuesday morning for new payment results

- **2018-19 Academic Year**
  - The 2018-19 interactive online application will be available in December
  - The priority application deadline date will be March 1, 2018
    - Encourage students to apply as long as the application is available online
  - Schools will be notified in the spring when it’s time to begin the initial certification process
GAS Program News

- **2017-18 Academic Year**
  - Initial awarding for all qualified and eligible applicants took place on October 26 and an additional round of awarding took place on November 15
    - Award information is available to colleges at My Zone
  - Payment request rosters can be completed and submitted via My Zone
  - Payment results will be available in My Zone after vouchers have been generated and voucher numbers have been entered into My Zone by ISAC
    - Colleges are encouraged to check My Zone every Tuesday morning for new payment results

- **2018-19 Academic Year**
  - Golden Apple Foundation is currently accepting applications for 2018 Scholars
    - Priority Application Deadline: December 1
    - Regular Application Deadline: February 15
SETTW Program News

- **2017-18 Academic Year**
  - All tuition waivers have been awarded
    - The final round of awarding took place on November 13 and ISAC has mailed award notifications to qualified applicants.

- **2018-19 Academic Year**
  - Application will be available at isac.org in December
  - Priority consideration date will be March 1, 2018
Annual Enrollment Status Verification Process

- Each year colleges are required to verify the enrollment status of award recipients of programs with teaching requirements and practice agreements.
  - Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship Program (IOESP)
  - Minority Teachers or Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program
  - Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program
- TESP Enrollment Status Verification for 2016-17 award recipients must be completed online via the My Zone portal
- Verification should be completed and submitted to ISAC on or before November 30, 2017
Annual Enrollment Status Verification Process

- Data should be reported based on each student's last date of enrollment in the required teaching program, regardless of whether that date falls within the 2016-17 academic year or the current 2017-18 academic year.

- Only enrollment status verification rosters and the SETTW TWCF for 2016-17 recipients are available at My Zone.
  - 2015-16 rosters have been removed.

- Enrollment status verification data is available to be updated only if the roster has not yet been submitted to ISAC.

- If enrollment status verification or TWCF data that has already been submitted needs to be changed (for current or previous academic years), contact the School Services Department.
TESP ENROLLMENT STATUS VERIFICATION: DATA SUBMITTED ON - 11/3/2017

School Code: 001 UNIVERSITY

Program Type: MTI

Due Date: 11/30/2017

Provide the date on which the student’s enrollment status changed.

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**Program Type:** SETTW

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TESP Enrollment Status Verification

TESP Enrollment Status Verification Overview
Each year, colleges are required to verify the enrollment statuses for recipients in the programs with teaching requirements/practice agreements. ISAC monitors recipients’ fulfillment of the program requirements for:

- Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship (IOESP)
- Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship
- Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW)

TESP Enrollment Status Verification Quick Reference Guide

Steps to enter and submit TESP Enrollment Status Verification and the SETTW Tuition Waiver Conversion Form (TWCF) via My Zone.

1. Access TESP Enrollment Status Verification
   - Select Teacher Education Scholarship Programs (TESP) Enrollment Status Verification from the My Zone Program Selection screen to access the Enrollment Status Verification View screen.
   - Students in the IOESP program will display when the screen is first accessed. Select Program Type from the drop-down box to display the students in a different program (IOESP, MTI & SETTW). Only students for whom ISAC records indicate previously received TESP funds and may have been enrolled during the 2016-17 academic year with an “In School” status (‘I’) (sorted in ascending Social Security Number (SSN) order) will display.
   - The Academic Year is grayed out and cannot be changed.
   - Click on the <Go> button.

2. Enter TESP Enrollment Status Verification
   - If a student is no longer enrolled, select a different status from the drop-down box in the Enrollment Status field. The statuses that display for SETTW recipients are different than those for all other programs. See the Enrollment Status chart below.
   - A Status Date is required if the enrollment status is changed from an In-School status. Click on the calendar icon in the Status Date field and select a date. Use the right and left arrows to decrease or increase the months. Click on the month banner (a faster way to access a different year) to display a box of months and years. Click the month and year to display the calendar for that month. Double click on a date to select the date of the status change.

3. Enter SETTW Tuition Waiver Conversion Form
QUESTIONS?
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
# Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers Application

## 2017-18 Academic Year – Fall 2017 Through Summer 2018

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 pages 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, 2018 as the final date of acceptance for the summer term of the 2017-18 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 2017-18 for which he/she plans to receive funds. It is also the applicant’s responsibility to retain documentation that the application was mailed. ISAC is not responsible for misdirected or illegible applications.

**Deadline dates for applying:**
- October 1, 2017 – Full Year Consideration;
- March 1, 2018 – Only 2nd Semester (2nd/3rd Quarter) and Summer Consideration;
- June 15, 2018 – 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

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A listing of Illinois 2 or 4 year colleges approved to participate in the Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers, including each college’s 3-digit ISAC College Code, is available online at isac.org.
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
- [ ] No, Complete Sections II & III

Name of Qualified Family Member: __________________________

Prior name of Qualified Family Member (if applicable): __________________________

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): __________________________

Position held by Officer: __________________________

Police [ ] Fire [ ] Correctional [ ]

Employer at time of death or disability:

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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.

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<th>Name</th>
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<th>IF IN HIGH SCHOOL OR OLDER, PLAN TO ATTEND AN ILLINOIS COLLEGE? Indicate YES or NO or NOT SURE</th>
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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

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- 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
Awards 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
- Must return the roster even if a student isn’t eligible
  - Provide the reason for ineligibility
Certification of Enrollment for Payment
Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers
2016-17 Academic Year

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<th>Applicant’s Name</th>
<th>Social Security Number</th>
<th>Application Date</th>
<th>Max Term Amt. Awarded</th>
<th>Requested Amount</th>
<th>Total Hours Enrolled</th>
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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: __________________________________________

______________
Signature & Title of Certifying Official

______________
Date

______________
Phone Number

______________
E-mail Address

Return to: D2A, School Services
ISAC
1755 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield IL 60015-5209
866.247.2172

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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
isac.org – ISAC Rules

2017-18 ISAC Rules
Select order in which to view the 2017-18 ISAC Rules:
Listed Alphabetically
Listed by Program Type/Topic

2017-18 ISAC Rules - Listed Alphabetically

• Administrative Wage Garnishment [Part 2722]
• Alternative Loan Program [Part 2721]
• Americans With Disabilities Act Grievance Procedure [Part 1400]
• Child Welfare Student Loan Forgiveness Program [Part 2769]
• College Planning Act [Part 2774]
• College Savings Bond Bonus Incentive Grant (BIG) Program [Part 2771]
• Community College Transfer Grant (CCTG) Program [Part 2740]
• Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) [Part 2720]
• General Provisions [Part 2700]
• Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program [Part 2764]
• Grant Program for a Child Raised by Grandparent [Part 2738]
• Grant Program for Dependents of Correctional Officers [Part 2731]
• Grant Program for Dependents of Police or Fire Officers [Part 2732]
Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers

Program News
(last updated November 8, 2017)

2017-18 Payment
2017-18 Program Funding
2017-18 Application

2017-18

Program Funding
The 2018 fiscal year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) appropriation for the Grant Programs of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers is $1,192,100.

Payment
Certification of Enrollment for Payment fall term rosters for the 2017-18 Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers (PFC) program were emailed to financial aid directors. Rosters should be returned to ISAC on or before December 8, 2017.

Application
The 2017-18 Grant Program for Dependents of Police, Fire, or Correctional Officers Application is available at https://isac.org/FAA.aspx.
Grant Program for Dependents of Police or Fire Officers

The number of grants made through this program, as well as the individual dollar amount awarded, are subject to sufficient annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor.

For details regarding program funding levels for a specific academic year, see the Processing Updates section of this page.

You may either scroll through this page, or click on any of the following links to go directly to a specific topic:

- Program Description
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- Application Deadline Dates
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Program Description
# List of Participating Schools

## 2017-18 Grant Program for Dependents of Police or Fire Officers

### Approved Illinois Schools

Last Updated October 4, 2017

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Application deadline dates are:
- October 1, 2017 for full-year consideration
- March 1, 2018 for spring-term and summer-term consideration
- June 15, 2018 for summer-term consideration only

Announcements of eligibility are being made to students as applications are received and processed

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ISAC Contact Information

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isac.schoolservices@illinois.gov

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