Agenda

- Hot Topics from the 2019 Federal Student Aid (FSA) Conference
- ISAC Update
  - 2019-20
  - 2020-21
- RISE Act & the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid
- Questions/Comments
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Hot Topics

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- All video recordings and downloads are available now.
- Download PDF of Open Forum Unanswered Q&A Follow-Up
- View the 2019 FSA Training Conference photo gallery.

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until the 2020 FSA Training Conference in Atlanta, GA.
INFORMED BORROWER TOOL

Next Gen DCC

- Loan Status and Forecasts
- Estimated Monthly Payments
- College Scorecard Data
PARTNER PORTAL

Next Gen PPO

- Single Front Door
- Real-Time Status
- School and Student
- Electronic Signature

NEXT GEN PPO: TOOLS AND TRAINING

- Redesigned IFAP
- Updated Handbook
- New Training Model
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

- PPO Focus Group
- Harper College
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Taylor Business Institute
- Northeastern Illinois University
- National Louis University
- Columbia College Chicago
What Is the Informed Borrower Tool (IBT)?

- Designed to assist borrowers in understanding the financial responsibility of funding their education
- Borrowers will see a user-friendly interface to view cumulative loan balance and repayment obligation
- Available on StudentAid.gov - initially as an informational tool
What Is the IBT Confirmation Process?

- Starting in 2020-21, all Direct Loan (DL) borrowers (students and parents) will be required to confirm they have viewed the IBT before loans can be disbursed.
- Schools must receive the confirmation for each borrower each award year before disbursing funds.
- IBT Confirmation Process requirement will be implemented in April 2020.
23. In 2017, Florida passed a statute requiring certain institutions to send out disclosures to students about federal student loans. The Informed Borrower Tool would seem to provide the same information on an annual basis. Do you think that Florida schools would need to lobby on the state-level to remove the state-level requirement or will the Department explain that this is now a requirement for students that are receiving federal loans?

The Department has begun discussions on this issue. The Informed Borrower Tool was recently renamed the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement. As you know, each state may have different rules or regulations that could be affected by the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement. FSA will research the various state requirements to see how the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement might be used by institutions to fulfill those state requirements. We would also like to collect information from conference attendees to help with this research. Please contact FSA’s Michael Ruggless at Michael.Ruggless@ed.gov, if you have additional examples.
## IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) 2020-2021

- IRS DRT function is available for the 2020-2021 FAFSA processing year
- All DRT data continues to be encrypted, FAFSA applicants cannot make corrections, only institutions will be able to make corrections
- IRS data field flags identify what, if any, information was changed
- IRS DRT is mobile ready
Verification Rates

- Using a new Machine Learning Model (MLM) to choose FAFSA filers for verification.

- A smarter model for choosing FAFSA filers.

- Traditionally, around 30% of FAFSA filers overall were chosen for verification. Since October 1, 2018, around 22% of filers were chosen for verification.

- Selected about 900,000 fewer FAFSA filers for the 19-20 FAFSA when compared to the 18-19 FAFSA.
Verification Rates

**How do we get to a lower selection rate?**

- The Machine Learning Model (MLM) chooses FAFSA filers based on a risk score.
- FSA also chooses a small sample to be a control group and a random sample as a treatment group.
- Overall selection rate is just over 22%.
Verification Rates

What is the impact of a reduced verification rate?

- Verify about 900,000 fewer FAFSA filers for the 19-20 FAFSA in comparison to the 18-19 FAFSA.

- A verification melt rate of 11% means that nearly 100,000 (99,000) more students may continue the process and receive federal aid that helps them to access higher education.

- If the verification melt rate is higher (some estimates put it as high as 25%) that number climbs to 225,000 students who will now access federal aid to fund their postsecondary education.
Verification Rates

What are FSA’s goals for verification?

- Reducing the burden of verification on institutions, and on students and families while responsibly controlling for improper payments.

- Machine Learning Model is retrained every year.
Verification – General Session 4

Acceptable Documentation

• An institution may request applicants submit a tax transcript as documentation of income and tax information

• A signed copy of the income tax return is also acceptable

• An institution may not require a tax transcript in lieu of a signed copy of the income tax return unless the institution has concerns about the validity of the tax return submitted

• In those circumstances the institution may require a tax return transcript or other documentation specified in the annual Federal Register notice

• The institution must document the reason why the income tax return was not acceptable
Application Processing Update – General Session 5

Tax Changes – 1040NR & 1040NR-EZ

2019-20

What type of 2017 income tax return did your parents file?

- IRS 1040
- IRS 1040A or 1040EZ
- Foreign tax return
- A tax return with Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory or Freely Associated State

2020-21

What type of 2018 income tax return did your parents file?

- IRS 1040
- Foreign tax return, IRS 1040NR or IRS 1040NR-EZ
- A tax return with Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory or Freely Associated State
Application Processing Update – General Session 5

Tax Changes - Combining Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions & Pensions

2019-20

Student Questions for Tax Filers Only

2020-21

Student Questions for Tax Filers Only

Did you have any of the following items in 2017/2018? Enter amounts for all that apply:

- Federal grant and scholarship - Report on IRS Form 1040, line 12.
- gåva or special combat pay - Report on IRS Form 1040, line 12.
- Student loan interest - Report on IRS Form 1040, line 12.
- IRA distributions and payments from IRA Form 1040, line 12.
- Tax exempt interest income from IRA Form 1040, line 12.
- Other qualified plans (excluding RSA, Keoghs, IRAs, etc.) - Report on IRS Form 1040, line 12.

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FAFSA Questions 35 & 82

2020-21 60-day FAFSA draft

35. Did (or will) you file a Schedule 1 with your 2018 tax return? See Notes page 9.  
   Yes ☐  No ☐  Don't know ☐

2020-21 30-day FAFSA draft

35. Did (or will) you file Schedule 1 with your 2018 tax return? Answer "No" if you did not file Schedule 1 or only filed it to report an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend. See Notes page 9 for other exceptions.  
   Yes ☐  No ☐  Don't know ☐

2020-21 final FAFSA question language

35. Did (or will) you file a Schedule 1 with your 2018 tax return? Answer "No" if you did not file a Schedule 1 or only filed a Schedule 1 to report an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend or one of the other exceptions listed in the Notes on page 9.  
   Yes ☐  No ☐  Don't know ☐
Examples of help text updates based on user feedback:

Did (or will) you file a Schedule 1 with your 2018 tax return?

This question is option 35 on the paper Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form.

Generally, taxpayers file a Schedule 1 to report income or adjustments to income that can’t be entered directly on Form 1040.

This question is used to help determine if you may be eligible to skip certain questions in the FAFSA form.

Select “No” if you (and if married, your spouse) didn’t or won’t file a Schedule 1.

Or

Select “Yes” if you (and if married, your spouse) filed or will file a Schedule 1 but only to report one or more of the following additions or adjustments to income on Schedule 1:

1. Capital gain (Line 13 may not be less than 0)
2. Unemployment compensation (Line 19)
3. Other income to report an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend (Line 21 may not be less than 0)
4. Educator expense (Line 23)
5. IRA deduction (Line 32)
6. Student loan interest deduction (Line 33)
2019-20 (FY20)
Monetary Award Program (MAP)

- Currently accepting initial MAP payment requests for second semester/quarter
  - The second term payment claim deadline date is **March 6, 2020**
  - Review the Payment Results/Exceptions Report in the MAP system the day after submitting payment requests to confirm that all claims processed as expected

- All 2019-20 MAP grants for eligible students with initial FAFSA® receipt dates on or after May 27, 2019 remain in suspense status
  - We are continuing to monitor FY20 claims and will evaluate whether we can do an additional release of records from suspense after the second term payment deadline of March 6th

- The 75-hour limit on MAP paid credit hours was lifted on January 1, 2020
  - Students who were not eligible in the fall 2019 term due to this limit may now be eligible for the spring 2020 term
  - The overall maximum of 135 MAP paid credit hours remains in effect.
ISAC Teacher Programs

- Payment requests for the 2019-20 Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship and Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois programs continue to be accepted for first and second terms.
  - MTI and Golden Apple results for payment requests received will be available via each program's online system (in GAP Access).
  - After vouchers are generated, they are sent via e-mail to financial aid directors.
- Colleges are encouraged to continue certifying eligibility for 2019-20 MTI Scholars
- The Golden Apple Foundation completes certification for Golden Apple recipients
  - Any adjustment to a student's academic level during the award year that would impact a student's award amount must be reported to the Golden Apple Foundation so that they can update the student's certification record.
  - Once the certification record has been updated, the school will be able to submit a payment request for the updated award amount.
  - The contact person at the Foundation is Cheryl Flores (flores@goldenapple.org).
ISAC Military Programs

- Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant
  - Application deadline date for second semester, second and/or third quarter consideration is March 1
  - Benefit reporting function for the Spring 2020 term is available in GAP Access
    - Colleges should submit 2019-20 second-term benefit usage data for the ING Grant as soon as possible.

- Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)
  - Benefit reporting function for the Spring 2020 term is available in GAP Access
    - Colleges should submit second-term 2019-20 IVG benefit usage data as soon as possible.
    - For each term of usage, schools should report enrollment hours and benefit dollar amounts

- Although ISAC did not receive an appropriation to reimburse institutions for 2019-20 IVG or ING Grant awards, benefit reporting must still take place so that benefit usage can be accurately assessed to students' accounts
Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers

- **Application**
  - 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

- **Payment**
  - The fall term rosters for the 2019-20 PFC program were e-mailed to financial aid directors. Roster deadline date was November 15, 2019.
  - The winter/spring term Certification of Enrollment for Payment rosters will be emailed to financial aid directors in March
  - Refer to the PFC Payment Procedures page in the FAA section of isac.org for additional payment information
2020-21 (FY20)
Monetary Award Program (MAP)

- **2020-21 MAP Start-Up Formula**
  - Effective maximum start-up annual award amount is $5,340
    - No reduction factor

- **2020-21 MAP Recompute Formula**
  - Will be announced after an FY21 budget has been approved by the General Assembly and the Governor

- **2020-21 MAP Suspense**
  - ISAC has not yet announced a suspense date for 2020-21 MAP grants

- **Student Notification Reminders**
  - Clearly identify the MAP award as: *State of IL MAP Grant (Est)*
  - Include required MAP award letter language on or with the school-issued award letters
  - There is no 75 hour MAP Paid Credit Hour limit for 2020-21 MAP recipients
ISAC Teacher Programs

- 2020-21 MTI Scholarship Program Application is available online via the ISAC Programs area of the ISAC Student Portal
  - The priority consideration date for the 2020-21 academic year is March 1, 2020

- 2020-21 SETTW Application/Teaching Agreement/Promissory Note is available to print from the Application, Forms and Brochures page
  - The priority consideration date for the 2020-21 academic year is March 1, 2020
RISE ACT/
ALTERNATIVE
APPLICATION
RISE Act Provisions: Removal of 75 MPCH Cap

- Effective January 1, 2020, the 75 MAP Paid Credit Hour (MPCH) cap is no longer in effect for MAP recipients who are not yet at the junior level
  - Freshmen and sophomores who had 75 MPCHs for the Fall 2019 term may receive MAP for the Spring 2020 term even if they are not at the junior level for the spring term

- Although the RISE Act does not include any specific counseling requirements, ISAC’s General Provisions require schools to have advising and support programs in place for MAP recipients
  - **Section 2700.30 General Institutional Eligibility Requirements**
    - e) Postsecondary institutions that participate in MAP are required to have in place or establish a program, determined by the institution, that is intended to improve MAP recipients' success, retention and completion in higher education at that institution. Institutions shall annually submit to ISAC retention, completion and graduation rate data as well as advising and support program information. This information is intended to enhance ISAC's ability to evaluate and improve MAP effectiveness.
RISE Act Implementation: Removal of 75 MPCH Cap

- GAP Access parameters were adjusted in early January 2020 to no longer disqualify students who may have been at the 75 MPCH level.
- Students who are eligible for a MAP award in Spring 2020 as a result of the cap being removed should automatically be provided with the award.
  - Schools are required to notify students of changes in their MAP eligibility, including situations when they become eligible once the cap is removed.
  - Students being newly-awarded for the Spring term should be provided with the required 2019-20 MAP Award Notification Language.
    - Because the change is being made in the middle of an award year, the required award notification language for 2019-20 will not be updated to remove the reference to the 75 cap.
    - The reference to the 75 MPCH cap has been removed from the 2020-21 award notification language.
- Students can choose to decline their MAP award if they want to preserve their MPCHs for a later time.
  - In those cases, schools are strongly encouraged to have a process in place for students and schools to document the decline.
- Colleges are encouraged to provide counseling to their students to remind them that there is still a 135 MPCH cap.
RISE Act Provisions: Expanded Eligibility for ISAC Programs

- Provides the opportunity for a student attending college in Illinois who is deemed an Illinois resident for tuition purposes and is not otherwise eligible to receive federal financial aid to apply and receive consideration for state financial aid
  - Includes any student aid or benefit funded or administered by:
    - the state
    - a state agency, or
    - any public institution of higher learning
  - Includes, but not limited to:
    - Scholarships
    - Grants
    - Awards
    - Stipends
    - Free room and board
    - Tuition waivers, or
    - Other financial or in-kind assistance

- Does not exempt students from having to meet general eligibility criteria for ISAC programs as well as criteria specific to each individual program
RISE Act Implementation: Alternative Application for MAP

- In January 2020, the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid was made available for students who meet the criteria to apply for MAP according to the provisions of the RISE Act
  - The application is modeled after the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and collects most of the same data
  - It will only be available as an online application and will begin with pre-screening questions to help the applicant determine if they are eligible to complete the Alternative Application
    - If answers to the pre-screening questions indicate the Alternative Application should not be completed, a message will advise the student to complete the FAFSA
  - Students and parents must sign the application electronically using PINs provided by ISAC as part of the application process
  - An EFC will be calculated and used in the 2020-21 MAP Formula
  - MAP award amounts and relevant application data will be provided to colleges in the MAP system in GAP Access
RISE Act Implementation: Other ISAC Programs

- The RISE Act extends eligibility to all ISAC programs for those who meet the RISE Act eligibility requirements as well as the eligibility requirements for the program.
- As 2020-21 applications are made available for other ISAC programs, they will be updated to accommodate the RISE Act provisions.
- Those applications will be available in early 2020.
  - As is ISAC’s practice, we will announce their availability as we open each program for the 2020-21 academic year.
In Summary …
What Does the RISE Act Do?

- Lifts the 75 MAP Paid Credit Hour (MPCH) cap for students who have not reached junior level
- Provides a pathway for undocumented students to apply for ISAC programs
- Creates a carve out for transgender students who are unable to complete the FAFSA to apply for ISAC programs
- Provides for an alternative MAP application process for students who are unable to apply for federal aid and complete the FAFSA
  - Transgender students may choose the application process that best suits their individual situation.
- Relies on criteria already in state law that’s used to determine eligibility for in-state tuition at public institutions
- Impacts all Illinois colleges – public and private, two and four-year institutions
- Applies to all ISAC gift assistance programs
- Provides access to other state financial aid programs as well
Updates to ISAC’s Administrative Rules

- General Provisions
  - Section 2700.20 Definitions
    - “Eligible Noncitizen” – A noncitizen who is eligible for federal student assistance pursuant to section 484 of the HEA (20 USC 1091); or a noncitizen or person who is not a permanent resident of the United States, who does not meet the eligibility criteria for federal student assistance pursuant to section 484 of the HEA but who meets all of the following criteria:
      - the individual resided with his or her parent or guardian while attending a public or private high school in this State;
      - the individual graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State;
      - the individual attended school in this State for at least 3 years as of the date the individual graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State;
      - the individual provides an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so; and
      - the individual has not established a residence outside of this State.
Updates to ISAC’s Administrative Rules

General Provisions

Section 2700.20 Definitions

- “Rise Act Application” – The FAFSA substitute for State student aid and benefits under the Retention of Illinois Students and Equity (RISE) Act that may be used only as an alternative to the FAFSA, when appropriate, and shall be substituted accordingly for the FAFSA when the FAFSA is referenced in ISAC rules.

- “Rise Act Application Receipt Date” – The date upon which ISAC receives an applicant’s initial RISE Act Application for an academic year.

Section 2700.40 General Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- i) An applicant shall comply with Selective Service registration requirements, pursuant to 34 CFR 668.37 et seq. unless contrary to State law (RISE Act (P.A. 101-21)).
Updates to ISAC’s Administrative Rules

- Monetary Award Program
  - Section 2735.30 Program Procedures
    - n) A recipient may use more than 75 MAP paid credit hours while enrolled at the freshman or sophomore level, although doing so may leave the student with insufficient remaining MAP eligibility to apply to all remaining credit hours required for the completion of a baccalaureate degree.

- Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program
  - Section 2763.20 Applicant Eligibility
    - a) A qualified applicant shall:
      - 3) be a citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States
Clarification on RISE Act Eligibility Requirements

- The individual resided with his or her parent or guardian while attending a public or private high school in this State
  - The guardian does not have to be a “legal guardian” to meet this criteria … it could have been a grandmother, aunt, older sibling, etc.
  - When completing the dependency questions on the application, the definition of “legal guardianship” is the same as on the FAFSA
  - If a dependent student is not residing with a parent (FAFSA definition) whose true, fixed and permanent home is in IL, the student would not meet the MAP residency requirement
- The individual graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State
  - Even though a current high school senior may not meet this criteria at the time they will be completing the application, they should still complete the application if they plan to graduate (or have the equivalent) before starting college in the 2020-21 award year
  - We will likely adjust this language in future rule updates to clarify
Clarification on RISE Act Eligibility Requirements

- the individual attended school in this State for at least 3 years as of the date the individual graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State
  - The years do not have to be consecutive and can include any years in an Illinois school, not just the high school years
  - Attendance had to occur prior to high school graduation
- the individual provides an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so; and
  - The applicant does not need to provide an affidavit to the institution
  - This criteria is met when the student agrees to the certification/affidavit statement in the last section of the application and provides their electronic signature (PIN)
  - The parent’s certification statement does not include a reference to an affidavit
- the individual has not established a residence outside of this State
  - The applicant must be a resident of Illinois to be eligible for ISAC programs
  - Illinois must be their true, fixed and permanent home … not just for educational purposes
Alternative Application Data

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Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid

Alternative Application to apply for 2020-2021 Illinois MAP Grants

The Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid allows qualifying undocumented students and transgender students who are not otherwise eligible for federal financial aid to apply for Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants to attend eligible Illinois colleges, universities, and career education programs.

The pre-screening questions in this application will help you determine if you are a qualifying undocumented or transgender student who is not eligible for federal financial aid.

See our User Guide & Resources for this program >>

First-Time Applicants
- Click on the "Start" button to start a new 2020-2021 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid
- Do not submit multiple applications for the same academic year

Returning Applicants
- Update or complete a saved 2020-2021 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid
- Forgot Username?
- Forgot Password?

Submit Parent Signature
- Click on the "Parent Signature" button to provide your parent's signature (required for dependent students)
Alternative Application Process

- Pre-screening questions will help applicants determine if they are eligible to complete the application, and the same application will be used by both undocumented and transgender students who are eligible to proceed
  - The pre-screening questions will help the student determine if they should file the Alternative Application or the FAFSA

- Applicants who indicate in the pre-screening process that they are a transgender student will be asked to provide their Social Security Number
  - The SSN will be not be provided to the college; only ISAC ID numbers will be provided to colleges for Alternative Application applicants

- A gender question will be asked on the Alternative Application and it will be optional for the applicant to complete
  - Responses to the gender question will be not shared with the colleges
Alternative Application Process

- A unique ISAC identification number will be assigned to each applicant who creates a Student Profile and begins the process of completing an Alternative Application.
- The same financial data elements that are collected in the FAFSA will also be collected in the Alternative Application so that an EFC can be calculated.
- Once the application has been signed and submitted, an EFC will be used in the MAP Formula in the same way that it is used for FAFSA applicants.
- The EFC, the eligible MAP award amount, and other relevant data elements will be provided to colleges as the Alternative Application Student Record in GAP Access.
- Students should not complete both a FAFSA and an Alternative Application.
Alternative Application Process

- Accessing the Alternative Application
  - The Alternative Application is only available as an online application, and can be accessed at isac.org
  - A RISE Act information page can be found on the home page of ISAC’s website and provides the pathway to the Alternative Application
  - The Alternative Application is NOT accessible in ISAC’s Student Portal or on the general ISAC Applications page at isac.org with other ISAC program applications
Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid FAQs

Q: Can anyone complete the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid?

A: No. This application is only for students who are not eligible for federal student financial aid, including qualified undocumented students and for transgender students who are not eligible for federal financial aid because they did not register for selective service. Most students will still complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) to apply for financial aid. If you are an undocumented student or a transgender student and you are not sure whether you should complete this Alternative Application or the FAFSA, the pre-screening questions at the beginning of the application will help you to determine which application you should file. We also encourage you to talk with your school counselor or the financial aid office at your college or university to help you decide which application to file.

Q: What kinds of financial aid can I receive by completing the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid?

A: The Alternative Application is currently an application only for Monetary Award Program (MAP)

The Retention of Illinois Students & Equity (RISE) Act, which went into effect on January 1, 2020, provides that “a student who is an Illinois resident and who is not otherwise eligible for federal financial aid, including, but not limited to, a transgender student who is disqualified for failure to register for selective service or a noncitizen student who has not obtained lawful permanent residence, shall be eligible for state financial aid and benefits …”.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has developed the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid to provide a pathway for students who meet the provisions of the RISE Act to apply for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) for the 2020-21 award year. The Alternative Application collects much of the same data as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®), but is administered by ISAC.
Alternative Application Process

- **Determining Eligibility to Complete the Alternative Application**
  - Once a student has navigated to the Alternative Application, the student will start the process by selecting the Start button for first-time applicants.
  - They will then be presented with a series of pre-screening questions to determine if they are eligible to complete the Alternative Application or if they should, instead, complete the FAFSA.
  - If it’s determined that as either an undocumented or transgender student the student is eligible to proceed, the student will be prompted to create a Student Profile and begin the application process.
  - Data provided by applicants in the pre-screening questions is not provided to colleges.
Alternative Application Process: Pre-Screening Questions

STUDENT

Welcome!

Completion of the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid is required to determine Monetary Awards eligibility for RISE Act (Public Act 101-0021) eligible students. For more information on the RISE Act see the website. Your application will be processed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

Before you complete the application, the following questions will determine whether this is the MAP application you should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). Your responses to these questions are not be shared with your school or third parties (even after you complete the application). ISAC has strict security policies and procedures in place to protect the integrity of student records.

To ensure your data is secure be sure to log out and close your browser when completed. In some instances data is not just logged out, and your browser could potentially still be storing personally identifiable information.

CONTINUE

STUDENT

This application is for individuals who are not eligible for federal student financial aid, including qualifying undocumented applicants, as well as transgender applicants who did not register for Selective Service.

The following questions will help determine if you may be eligible to apply for federal student aid or whether you are eligible to use this application to apply only for state student financial aid. You are encouraged to speak with a financial aid counselor at your school or an ISAC counselor to assist you with determining which application to file.

You may be eligible for federal student aid if you are a U.S. citizen (U.S. national) or what the federal government calls an "eligible noncitizen".

If you are a U.S. citizen, skip to the bottom of this page and select "Yes."

If you are not a U.S. citizen, you may still be eligible for federal student aid if you are what the federal government calls an "eligible noncitizen." Select "Yes" at the bottom of this page if any of the descriptions of an "eligible noncitizen" below apply to you:

- U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as an Alien Registration Receipt Card or "Green Card")
- Conditional permanent resident (I-551C)
- Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant"
- A citizen of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MI), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FM).
- Hold a T nonimmigrant status ("T-Visa") for victims of human trafficking or your parent holds a T-1 nonimmigrant status
- A "demonstrated immigrant qualified alien" who is a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Are you a U.S. citizen (U.S. national) or someone who meets the description of an "eligible noncitizen" in one of the dot points above?

- Yes
- No
Alternative Application Process: Pre-Screening Questions

A “No” answer to the U.S citizen/eligible noncitizen question will lead to this screen.

A “Yes” answer to the U.S. Citizen/eligible noncitizen question will lead to this screen.
Alternative Application Process: Pre-Screening Questions

Have you already filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) for the 2020-21 academic year?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Based on the responses you provided, you are eligible to file an Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

Remember that this Alternative Application is only for state financial aid, and the FAFSA® is for BOTH federal and state aid. For more information about transgender students and eligibility for student financial aid, access a helpful FAQ.

Before completing this application, you may want to speak with your financial aid counselor or an ISAC representative to determine which application you should complete. Contact an ISAC Call Center representative at 800.899.ISAC (4722). Option 3.

If you are ready to proceed in completing this 2020-2021 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, click on the "Start Application" button below.
Alternative Application Process

- Creating a Student Profile
  - Once a student has navigated through the pre-screening questions and is determined eligible to complete the Alternative Application, the student will be prompted to complete a Student Profile.
  - All fields are required, and the applicant should make note of the email, password and challenge question used to create their profile.
  - The e-mail address provided should be a permanent one that the student will have regular, permanent access to (and not one used just for high school purposes).
  - If the applicant also has an ISAC Student Portal Account, they will need to use a different e-mail than the one used for the Portal.
  - Once the Profile is complete, ISAC will assign an ISAC ID number that is unique to the student.
Account Information

First Name*

Last Name*

E-mail*

Confirm E-mail*

Password*

Confirm Password*

Personal Information

Challenge Question*

Challenge Answer*
Introduction

This application should take approximately one hour to complete depending on your answers and whether or not you have the necessary information available.

Red messaging will indicate if you have not provided information for a required field, and you won’t be able to proceed to the next page until information has been entered in the required field.

- Documents needed to complete the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid
- How can I get help completing my Alternative Application?
- Can I save my Alternative Application if I can't finish it?
- Signing the Alternative Application

CONTINUE TO APPLICATION
Completing the Application

- There are seven sections in the application
  - Sections 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 are about the student
  - Section 4 is about the parent
  - Section 7 is for signatures and certification
- The questions in each section are essentially the same as the questions on the FAFSA
- Students should answer all questions as accurately as possible
  - Some fields are optional, but most are required
  - Messaging will be presented for required fields that are left blank and the student will need to provide answers before they can navigate to the next page
- A Save button allows students to save their data and return at a later time to finish completing the application
Alternative Application Process

- Completing the 2020-21 Alternative Act Application
  - Documentation that applicants will need:
    - 2018 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned
    - Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
    - Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
    - List of colleges the student would like to attend
    - Transgender applicants who have a Social Security Number should be prepared to provide it in the pre-screening section of the application
      - The SSN will not be passed to the college in the student’s RISE Act Student Record
  - Parents of dependent students will also need most of the same information listed above
The e-mail field on this screen is pre-populated with the e-mail address provided when creating a Student Profile. Once the Next button is selected on this screen, an e-mail with the student’s PIN will be sent to the applicant.
PIN E-mail: FW: Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid

To:

From: ISAC.NoReply@Illinois.gov <ISAC.NoReply@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 8:43 AM
To:
Subject: Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid

You are receiving this e-mail because you created an account to complete the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid to apply for the Monetary Award Program (MAP), administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). The PIN that you will need to sign your application is provided below.

PIN 1415

Please keep your PIN confidential and do not share it with anyone.

If you did not create this account, please contact one of our Call Center Representatives at isac.studentservices@illinois.gov or 800.899.ISAC (4722).
Student Information > Personal Information

What is your marital status as of today?
- I am Single
- I am Married or Remarried
- I am Separated
- I am Divorced or Widowed

Month and year you were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed.

What is your state of residence?
- Illinois

Did you become a resident of this state before January 1, 2015?
- Yes
- No

If you were not a resident before January 1, 2015 give the month and year you became a resident of this state.

The question below is OPTIONAL and the answer will be used for research purposes only. The awarding of financial aid does NOT depend on whether or how you answer this question. This information allows ISAC to continue to optimize the work it does in serving students. Your answer will NOT be shared with your school or third parties.

What is your gender?
- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Not listed
STUDENT INFORMATION

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, you are considered a dependent student. This means you must provide parental information.

If you have special circumstances and are unable to provide parental information, you will not be able to submit your Alternative Application. This will cause a delay in the processing of your application. We recommend that you discuss your circumstances with the Financial Aid Office at the school you will be attending.

OK

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Parent Information > Demographics

Your ISAC ID Number: 24336566

Answer all the questions in Section Four even if you do not live with your legal parents (biological, adoptive, or as determined by the state) [for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate]. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, widowed stepparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings are not considered parents for this application unless they have legally adopted you. If your legal parents are married to each other, or are not married to each other and live together, answer the questions about both of them.

As of today, what is the marital status of your parents?
- Married or Remarried
- Never married
- Divorced or Separated
- Widowed
- Unmarried and both legal parents living together

Month and year they were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed.

Parent 1

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER If your parent does not have a Social Security Number, you must enter another identification Number (ITIN).

Last name

First Initial

Your parents' e-mail address. We require your parents' e-mail address so we can send them a PIN needed to sign your application. This e-mail will also be shared with the schools you select on your application.

What is your parents' state of residence?

Illinois

Did your parents become residents of this state before January 1, 2015?

- Yes
- No
Sample Parent E-mail

ISAC.NoReply@Illinois.gov

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You are receiving this e-mail because your dependent student created an account to complete an Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid to apply for the Monetary Award Program (MAP), administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). The link you will need to access the signature process and the PIN needed to sign your dependent student's application are provided below.

Link

PIN 3581

Please keep your PIN confidential and do not share it with anyone.

If your dependent student did not create an account, please contact one of our Call Center Representatives at isac.studentservices@illinois.gov or 800.899.ISAC (4722).
The applicant can enter up to 10 school choices.
Alternative Application Process

Signing and Certifying

- Step 7 of the application provides the opportunity to review all of the data entered
  - Students/parents can navigate back to an appropriate section if a correction or update is needed at this point

Student signature process

- Applicants will be provided with a review of the RISE Act eligibility requirements, followed by the Certification/Affidavit, which is part of the RISE Act eligibility requirements
- If the student is in agreement with the statements on the certification page, they then click on the Provide Signature button and will be presented with a field to enter their PIN
  - The student’s PIN is provided by ISAC in an e-mail to the applicant after the Student Demographics page has been completed in Section 1 of the application.
  - The student’s PIN is associated with the ISAC ID Number that is created and assigned to the student as part of the application process.
Illinois Student Assistance Commission

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Section 1 - Student
- Demographics
  - Last name: RODRIGUEZ
  - First name: TANIA
  - Middle Initial
  - Number and street (include apt. number): 1755 LAKE COOK ROAD
  - City (and country if not U.S.): DEERFIELD
  - State: Illinois
  - ZIP Code: 60015
  - Your date of birth: 05/01/1998
  - Your telephone number: 11123471234
  - Driver’s license number: R326541215641

Your ISAC ID Number: 624339169

Application was successfully saved.

REVIEW
- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- CERTIFICATION/AFFIDAVIT
- PARENT SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

Your e-mail address. We require your e-mail address so we can send you your PIN needed to sign your application. Your e-mail will also be shared with the schools you select on your application.

@GMAIL.COM

NEXT >
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REVIEW | ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS | CERTIFICATION/AFFIDAVIT | PARENT SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

YOU MUST READ THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS BELOW:

You must certify your eligibility to file this Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. By completing this application, you will be certifying that you meet the criteria listed in Eligibility Status 1 OR Eligibility Status 2, below.

Eligibility Status 1:

You are NOT a U.S. citizen (U.S. National) AND you are NOT an "eligible noncitizen". ("Eligible noncitizen" is described in the text box below.)

AND

You meet all of the following requirements:

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

Eligibility Status 2:

You are a U.S. Citizen (U.S. National) OR you are an "eligible noncitizen". ("Eligible noncitizen" is described in the text box below.)

AND

You are a transgender person.

Generally, an eligible noncitizen is defined by federal law as any of the following:

- U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as an Alien Registration Receipt Card or "Green Card"
- Conditional permanent resident (I-551C)
- Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant"
- A citizen of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MI), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)
- Hold a T nonimmigrant status ("T-visa") (for victims of human trafficking) or your parent holds a T-1 nonimmigrant status
- A "battered immigrant-qualified alien" who is a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent resident spouse, or you are the person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
By signing this application electronically using my username and password and/or any other credential, I certify that I have read the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid requirements and that I either meet the requirements of Eligibility Status 1 or Eligibility Status 2, as stated, making me eligible to complete this Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

I also understand that I am applying to be considered for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant and that my eligibility will be determined based on additional factors, including, but not limited to, my financial condition, my Illinois residency and the availability of funds appropriated by the State.

If I am not a U.S. Citizen (U.S. National) or eligible noncitizen as defined in federal law, I hereby swear on oath that I will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity I am eligible to do so.

I further certify that I am the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password and/or any other credential to anyone else.

I understand that any person who, by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation, or through other fraudulent device obtains or attempts to obtain or aids or abets any person in obtaining student aid from the Illinois Student Student Assistance Commission to which the person is not entitled, will be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and the award obtained by such means will be recoverable in a civil action. (110 ILCS 947/120)

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information and attestations provided in this application are true, accurate and complete.
Signature Status

Both you and a parent need to sign your Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

You may only sign for yourself. Your parent must sign using your ISAC ID Number and the parent PIN that was provided to your parent in an earlier e-mail. If your parent cannot locate the e-mail containing the PIN, click the button labeled, "Resend Link & PIN".

Required Student Signature: UNSIGNED

RESEND LINK & PIN

PROVIDE SIGNATURE

Please provide 4-digit PIN sent to student e-mail

SAVE CANCEL

SUBMIT
Alternative Application Process

- **Signing and Certifying**
  - **Parent signature process**
    - The parent may sign the application after the student has completed his/her signature process either at the same time, or the parent may log in to the student’s application at a separate time.
    - To log in, a parent will need the Student’s ISAC ID number and the parent PIN, which will be provided to the parent in an e-mail after their e-mail address has been provided on the application.
    - The field for the parent address is in Section 4, page 1 and is a required field.
      - Once the next button is selected to navigate to page 2 of Section 4, an e-mail will be sent to the parent from ISAC and it will include the parent PIN.
    - The student and the parent must have separate e-mails.
  - For initial release in January 2020, dependent students cannot submit the application without parental data and a parent signature.
By signing and submitting this signature page, I agree, if asked, to provide documentation that verifies the accuracy of the completed Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, a copy of my U.S. or State income tax form or pay stubs.

I understand that any person who, by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation or through other fraudulent device obtains or attempts to obtain or aids or abets any person in obtaining student aid (from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission) to which the person is not entitled will be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and the award obtained by such means will be recoverable in a civil action. (110 ILCS 947/120).

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge all information and attestations provided in this application are true, accurate and complete.

Please provide 4-digit PIN sent to parent e-mail
Alternative Application Process

- Submitting the application
  - Once all applicable signatures have been provided, the Submit button will be enabled
    - The Signature Status field must indicate “Signed” for each required signature in order for the student to be able to submit the application
  - The application receipt date for MAP will be the date that the application is submitted
    - An unsigned application is not considered complete and will not be assigned an initial receipt date until all applicable signatures have been provided
  - A confirmation screen will be presented upon submission
  - The student applicant will receive a confirmation e-mail from ISAC once all required signatures have been provided
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Application Submission Confirmation

Congratulations, TANIA
Your Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid was successfully submitted to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

ISAC ID Number : 830702425

What Happens Next

- Your Alternative Application information will be made available to the school(s) you listed on your application. The information will be used to determine the financial aid, including MAP, you will be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if more information is needed and/or to inform you about your financial aid award package.
- If you have questions about your financial aid award package, contact your school(s).
- Corrections to information you submitted on the application are not currently being accepted. The corrections process is expected to open no later than the end of February 2020. We encourage you to contact the financial aid office of the school you plan to attend to discuss information that needs to be corrected.

An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address:
4@yahoo.com

PRINT THIS PAGE
Confirmation E-mail

From: ISAC.NoReply@Illinois.gov <ISAC.NoReply@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 8:53 AM
To: 
Subject: Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid Successfully Submitted

This e-mail confirms that your 2020-2021 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid - used to apply for the Monetary Award Program (MAP), administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) - was successfully submitted.

Application Receipt Date: 01/06/2020

Schools listed on your application:

1AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ART (001628)

What Happens Next
• Your Alternative Application information will be made available to the school(s) you listed on your application. The information will be used to determine the financial aid, including MAP, you will be eligible to receive.
• Your school(s) will contact you if more information is needed and/or to inform you about your financial aid award package.
• If you have questions about your financial aid award package, contact your school(s).
• Corrections to information you submitted on the application are not currently being accepted. The corrections process is expected to open no later than the end of February 2020. We encourage you to contact the financial aid office of the school you plan to attend to discuss information that needs to be corrected.
Some Functionality Not the Same as FAFSA on the Web

- For the initial release of the Alternative Application in January 2020, these are some key functional differences from FAFSA on the Web:
  - Once the application has been submitted, neither the student or parent can make corrections to the application data
    - A correction process will be implemented in early 2020 that will allow students to make corrections after submission
  - Dependent students cannot submit an application without parental data and a parent signature
    - Messaging will explain that if students have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental data, they will not be able submit the application and should contact the financial aid office at the college they plan to attend
  - Comprehensive skip logic will not be available in the initial release of the application. Students will need to complete all required fields presented to them.
    - Messaging will identify fields that can’t be left blank if a student tries to navigate to another page without completing the required fields
  - Automatic reminders to prompt for signatures will not be sent to the applicant
Determining Eligibility/Awarding MAP

MAP will be awarded concurrently to both FAFSA and Alternative Application applicants until the point at which ISAC projections require the announcement of a suspense date for 2020-21 applicants.

There is not a separate pool of funding for Alternative Applications and preference is not given to either pool of applicants.

Once students have applied for MAP through either the FAFSA or the Alternative Application, they are incorporated into the MAP system in GAP Access and are subject to all of the same eligibility requirements and the annual suspense date.

A maximum annual award amount will be provided for applicants who meet all of the eligibility requirements, based on their calculated EFC.
Operational Information for Colleges

- The Alternative Application collects the same critical data elements needed to calculate an EFC as the FAFSA does.
- The same MAP formula will be used for FAFSA filers and Alternative Application filers.
  - All will have an EFC used in the MAP formula to determine their eligibility for the need-based MAP grant.
- Alternative Application applicants will be identified as eligible in GAP Access in the same manner that FAFSA applicants are.
  - Once a student has been determined to be eligible for MAP, they are considered MAP applicants regardless of the pathway or application used.
- When colleges submit payment requests for MAP, they must ensure, as they currently do, that all students for whom a MAP payment claim is submitted meet the MAP eligibility requirements as stated in ISAC administrative rules (General Provision and MAP).
- All MAP recipients must be Illinois residents as defined in ISAC rules.
Verifying Application Data

- For 2020-21 Alternative Application applicants, ISAC does not plan to select records for verification.
- If, however, schools become aware of conflicting or inaccurate data on a student’s Alternative application, they would be expected to resolve it according to their current policies and procedures.
- Schools are not expected to verify that students meet all of the RISE Act eligibility criteria.
  - Alternative Application applicants self-certify their eligibility based on their answers in the pre-screening questions and with their signature in the Certification/Affidavit section of the Alternative Application.
- Schools are expected to confirm that all students are meeting MAP eligibility requirements.
MAP Eligibility Criteria

To receive a MAP grant, a student must:

- be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- be a resident of Illinois
- demonstrate financial need
- be enrolled in a minimum of three credit hours in a degree or certificate program throughout the institution’s tuition refund/withdrawal adjustment period
- be an undergraduate student who has not received a baccalaureate degree
- comply with federal Selective Service registration requirements
- maintain the satisfactory academic progress standards of the institution
- not be in default on any student loan, nor owe a refund or repayment on any state or federal grant or scholarship
- not be incarcerated
- not have exceeded the equivalent of 135 semester credit hours of MAP benefits paid
Illinois Residency Requirements

- General Provisions, Section 2700.20 Definitions
  - "Resident of Illinois" –
    - A dependent student is a resident of Illinois if the parent of the dependent applicant, who is required by the instructions to complete the FAFSA or the Alternative Application, physically resides within the State of Illinois, and Illinois is his or her true, fixed and permanent home.
    - An independent student is a resident of Illinois if the applicant physically resides within the State of Illinois (at the time of application), and has so resided for a period of 12 continuous, full months immediately prior to the start of the academic year for which assistance is requested and Illinois is his or her true, fixed and permanent home.
Confirming MAP Eligibility for FAFSA & Alternative Application

The point at which a school submits MAP payment requests for students is the point at which the school is certifying that the students are meeting all of the program’s eligibility requirements.

- **Section 2700.50 Determining Applicant Eligibility**
  - g) By requesting payment for ISAC gift assistance programs, the postsecondary institution is certifying that the applicants are eligible for the assistance being sought.
  - h) If an institution subsequently determines a student is no longer eligible for all or part of the awarded assistance, the institution must inform ISAC and submit the appropriate refund within 60 days after the receipt of payment or the end of a term, whichever is later.
  - i) Institutions may request first term payment even though verification is not yet complete. If, after verification, an ISAC payment adjustment is appropriate, institutions must submit the appropriate refund. If verification is not completed within 60 days after the conclusion of the regular school year, the institution shall return the first term payment to ISAC. For other than the first term of eligibility in an academic year, the verification process must be completed before the institution may request payment.
Confirming Illinois Residency for MAP

- A list of suggested acceptable documentation is provided in ISAC’s General Provisions
- FAQs are available on the Partner Training page in the E-Library
  - Is a Temporary Visitor Driver’s License (TVDL) acceptable documentation to confirm Illinois residency for MAP?
    - Because it states on the TVDL that it is not valid for identification, the TVDL is not considered acceptable documentation to confirm Illinois residency for ISAC programs.
    - However, just because a parent has a TVDL does not mean that they do not meet the residency requirements for MAP.
    - In order to obtain a TVDL, a person had to have resided in IL for 12 months prior to it being issued, so the student or parent could provide the same documentation they used to obtain a TVDL.
GAP Access

- ISAC creates a student record for each student who completes the Alternative Application.
- The student record contains all of the information reported on the Alternative Application, much like the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) provides all the information reported on the FAFSA.
- Alternative Application data that is critical to determining eligibility for MAP is provided to schools in the MAP system in GAP Access for each student who has listed that college as a school choice on the student’s Alternative Application.
- Similar to how ISIRs are imported from the U.S Department of Education (ED), Alternative Application Student Records may be uploaded to colleges' internal system(s).
- Reports can be extracted from the MAP system in GAP Access by selecting the File Extractions tab, choosing the Alternative Application Student Record option from the Select Report drop down menu, and if desired entering a date range of the records being requested. The report will display on Notepad.
The file layout for the Alternative Application Student Record can be found in the Electronic Tools section of the e-Library at isac.org
Resources

Resources for Non-Eligible, Non-Citizens

links. We will continue to update these resources as more information becomes available.

- FAQ’s on DACA from Homeland Security
- IACAC’s College Advising Guide for Undocumented Students
- U.S. Department of Education - Federal Student Aid
  [Please note that students who have been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) do not qualify for state financial aid in Illinois. Please consult with the college you plan to or are attending to determine if a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for institutional awards, and for further assistance.]
- Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
  - Attorney Referral List for Immigration Matters
  - An Undocumented Student’s Guide to College
  - Immigrant Student Scholarship Guide
  - A Counselor’s Guide to Resources for Undocumented Students

Illinois DREAM Act

On August 1, 2011, Governor Quinn signed the Illinois DREAM Act, contained in SB 2185 (Cullerton/Acevedo). Designed to make scholarships, college savings, and prepaid tuition programs available to undocumented students who graduated from Illinois high schools, the Act creates an Illinois DREAM Fund, and a nine-member Illinois DREAM Commission, appointed by the Governor with Senate consent.
Resources

- Selective Service Resources
  - https://www.sss.gov/Registration/Immigrants-and-Dual-Nationals
  - https://www.sss.gov/Registration-Info/Who-Registration

- Resources for Transgender Students
  - How the Selective Service Impacts Transgender People:
    - https://transequality.org/sites/default/files/docs/resources/Selective_Service_only.pdf
Future Plans

- A verification guide will be made available for colleges will soon be available to provide guidance for 2020-21
- In early 2020, ISAC will implement a correction process for Alternative Application applicants
- For the 2021-22 award year, the Alternative Application will be available on October 1, 2020 when the 2021-22 FAFSA becomes available
- It is likely that ISAC will incorporate a selection process for verification of financial data for the 2021-22 award year
ISAC Contact Information

School Services
866-247-2172
isac.schoolservices@illinois.gov

ISAC Call Center – Student Services
800-899-4722
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Questions/Comments?

Thank you for attending today!