JOIN THE ISACORPS™

Your life experience is your qualification.

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Who is the ISACorps?

The Illinois Student Assistance Corps (ISACorps) are recent college graduates who work as near-peer mentors to provide Illinois students and their families with the information and the support they need to make informed decisions about college and other options for education after high school. These talented young professionals offer free assistance to all students and families statewide, and have the skills, experience, and training to offer specific supports to those who will be first in their family to attend college, to students from under-resourced communities, and to undocumented students. The ISACorps is a two-year, salaried program.

ISACorps members pay it forward

ISACorps members use the knowledge and experience they gained on their path through college to help others in their community reach their own postsecondary education goals — making a real difference in the lives of students, families, and communities.

The ISACorps is part of the community

ISACorps members partner with local middle and high schools, businesses, and nonprofit organizations to provide free college planning, financial aid information, and career exploration services. They provide workshops, presentations, and one-on-one mentoring for students and families, assisting them with college exploration and selection, college applications, financial aid and scholarship search, financial aid applications, and career exploration.

ISACorps members also help support local college and financial aid events and present at higher education conferences. They build relationships with school counselors, faculty and staff, with communities and regional/local organizations, with parents, and most important, with students.



IS THE ISACORPS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Benefits of working for the ISACorps

The ISACorps program offers a truly unique opportunity for recent college graduates to gain significant on-the-job work experience in a variety of educational settings while making a positive difference in the lives of students.

- ISACorps members receive six weeks of intensive training from ISAC experts and partners so that they can assist students and families with the entire college-going process — from college search and applications to the details of financial aid and assistance in completing financial aid applications.
- Throughout their two years of service, ISACorps members will also hone their presentation and outreach skills and expand their professional networks, all the while serving students and their communities.
- ISACorps members receive a monthly salary and can also take advantage of tuition waivers at select Illinois public universities to further their own education.

Job experience that can get you on your career path

As a result of their training, on-the-job experience, and the relationships they build with ISAC partners, ISACorps alums move on to positions such as financial aid counselors, admissions advisors, college and career counselors, youth counselors, community organizers, outreach specialists, and other similar roles. ISACorps alums often go on to graduate school, and there are alums working at almost every public university in Illinois, at private institutions such as University of Chicago and DePaul University, at high schools throughout Illinois, at nonprofit organizations, at companies like Grainger and Gallup, and at government organizations like the U.S. Census Bureau.

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ARE YOU RIGHT FOR THE ISACORPS?

Who are we looking for?

Here are a few of the key requirements we look for in potential candidates:

Passion for making a difference, for giving back to the community, and for working with middle and high school students and families to help students — especially first generation students and those from under-resourced communities — on their path to postsecondary education.

Recent college graduate. Because ISACorps members act as near-peer mentors, we seek students who graduated from high school within the last six years.

Bachelor's degree or higher.

Excellent written and oral communication skills.

Willingness to commit to the ISACorps program for two years.

Bilingual candidates are encouraged to apply.

All candidates are required to pass a background check.

Do you meet the requirements and want to apply?

Scan our QR code, fill out the brief form, and ISAC will contact you about immediate openings. Don't have your phone? No problem! Visit **http://www.isac.org/jointheisacorps** to complete the form.

Questions?

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