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Claiming a State Scholar Program Badge

Congratulations, State Scholar! Your hard work throughout high school has earned you the honor of being part of a select group.

Each State Scholar is assigned a unique ID that you can use to claim a digital State Scholar badge to add to your online profiles and social media accounts and share with others as you choose.

Follow these steps to claim and share your badge:

- Log in to the ISAC Application Portal.
- Open the Programs & Resources menu by clicking on "Programs and Resources".
- Under Additional resources, click on State Scholar Badge Claim.
- Enter your first and last names, and unique badge ID. You must enter your name and badge ID exactly as they appear on your State Scholar congratulatory letter. The fields are not case sensitive, **however be careful to distinguish between the letter "O" and the number "0" and the letter "I" and the number "1" in your badge ID**.
- Click the "Submit Badge ID" button.
- Download or copy your badge:
    - Clicking on "Download your badge" will open an image in your viewer that can be saved and attached to your online profiles and social media accounts.
    - Clicking on "Copy your badge" will save a link to your clipboard that you can copy and share with others as you choose.
- Those with whom you share your badge may wish to validate its authenticity. You will need to provide them your badge ID or the link to State Scholar Badge Verification.
    - If using a badge ID, the verifier will need to access the State Scholar Badge Claim area of the ISAC Application Portal.
    - If using a link, the verifier will user the link to access Badge Verification. The badge ID is automatically populated, so the user need only click on Check Badge ID to validate the badge.

You may access your badge as many times as you like. In order to access it after the first time, click on Update Profile after entering the Application Portal.

If you have questions about accessing your badge that are not answered on this page, contact us by using the phone number or email address listed above.

Access the ISAC Application Portal anytime and take advantage of the resources and interactive tools for college and financial aid planning.

Exploring College and Career Resources

- College and scholarship searches through Appily (formerly Cappex)
- Advice about education after high school, future careers and money management through Claim Your Future.
- Career and salary exploration, resume building and job search through Illinois CIS 360
- College Checklist – keep on top of next steps and due dates in the college planning process
- Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet – compare financial aid offers from colleges
- Event Calendar – find out about financial aid presentations, FAFSA completion workshops or College Fairs in your area
- MAP Estimator – find out if you can get a MAP grant
- Check out ISAC's YouTube page for short videos with helpful tips and information about college and financial aid.

Get Free Help and Support

- Get one-on-one help with choosing and applying to college, financial aid questions and completing the your financial aid application from your local ISACorps member