

General Information

STATE-SPONSORED/ADMINISTERED FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

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(This represents only a partial listing of ISAC programs. Refer to isac.org for complete information. The number of grants made through programs administered by ISAC, as well as the individual dollar amount awarded, are subject to sufficient annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor.)

Program: Monetary Award Program

Contact: Financial aid administrator or ISAC

Website: <http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/grants/monetary-award-program/>

Eligible Schools: Approved Illinois public and private, two- and four-year colleges, universities, hospital schools, and certain other degree-granting institutions

Description of Program: MAP grants cover tuition and mandatory fees with a maximum award determined each year. Eligibility for MAP is based on financial need. Applicants must file the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) to have eligibility determined. Funding for the MAP grant is limited; to ensure full-year consideration for an award, students should apply early.

Program: Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant

Contact: Local National Guard unit, financial aid administrator, or ISAC

Website: <http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/grants/ing-grant-program.html>

Eligible Schools: Illinois public two- and four-year colleges

Description of Program: This grant is available to active status enlistees and officers in the Illinois Army and Air National Guard who have served at least one year. The award pays tuition and certain fees for up to the equivalent of six academic years of full-time undergraduate or graduate study. Recipients are not required to enroll for a specific number of credit hours each term, but recipients may be required to repay the funds if their service obligation is not fulfilled. Eligibility for this grant is not based on financial need.

Program: Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)

Contact: Local office of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, financial aid administrator, or ISAC

Website: <http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/grants/ivg-program.html>

Eligible Schools: Illinois public two- and four-year colleges and universities

Description of Program: The IVG Program provides payment of tuition and mandatory fees to qualified Illinois veterans or military service members (including members of the Illinois Reserve or Illinois National Guard) with at least one year of federal active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces* and whose service was characterized as honorable. This grant can be used for a period equal to four academic years of full-time enrollment for undergraduate or graduate study. Eligible veterans must have been residents of Illinois six months prior to entering the service, and must have returned to Illinois to reside within six months after separation from the service. Recipients are not required to enroll for a minimum number of credit hours each term.

*Includes veterans who were assigned to active duty in a foreign country at a time of hostilities in that country, regardless of length of service.

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Program: Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship

Contact: Financial aid administrator, college multi-cultural affairs office, or ISAC

Website: www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/minority-teachers-of-illinois-mti-scholarship-program.html

Eligible Schools: Approved Illinois public and private, two- and four-year colleges, universities, and certain other degree-granting institutions

Description of Program: This scholarship provides up to \$5,000 per year to assist individuals of African American/Black, Hispanic American, Asian American, or Native American origin who plan to become teachers at the preschool, elementary, or secondary level. The scholarship is applicable only toward tuition and fees, and room and board or commuter allowances. Recipients must be enrolled at least half time as an undergraduate or graduate student and may receive up to 8 semesters/12 quarters of scholarship assistance. They must sign a teaching commitment to teach one year for each year assistance is received at an Illinois public, private, or parochial preschool, elementary, or secondary school where enrollment consists of at least 30 percent minority students. If the teaching commitment is not fulfilled, the scholarship converts to a loan and the student must repay the entire award amount received, plus interest and collection costs.

Program: Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver Program

Contact: Offices of Illinois Regional Superintendents of Education, Illinois legislative and federal congressional offices, eligible public universities, or ISAC

Website: www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/illinois-special-education-teacher-tuition-waiver-settw-program.html

Eligible Schools: Participating Illinois public four-year universities

Description of Program: The Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver Program encourages current teachers and academically talented students to pursue careers in any area of special education as public, private, or parochial elementary or secondary school teachers in Illinois. Recipients must agree to take courses to prepare for teaching in a special education discipline and be undergraduate or graduate students seeking initial certification in any area of Special Education. Students must be ranked in the upper half of their Illinois high school graduating class. ACT or SAT test scores may also be factors in determining eligibility. The waiver exempts recipients from paying tuition and mandatory fees at eligible institutions for up to four calendar years. There is no minimum enrollment requirement.

Program: Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/ Correctional Officers

Contact: Financial aid administrator or ISAC

Website: <http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/grants/grnt-prgm-dep-p-f-ofcrs.html>

Eligible Schools: Approved Illinois public and private, two- and four-year colleges, universities, hospital schools, and certain other degree-granting institutions

Description of Program: These grants provide payment toward tuition and mandatory fees for spouses and children of Illinois police/fire/correctional officers killed or at least 90 percent disabled in the line of duty. Recipients must be enrolled on at least a half-time basis and may receive up to 8 semesters/12 quarters of payment for undergraduate or graduate study.

STATE-SPONSORED/ADMINISTERED FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

Program: *College Illinois!*[®] Prepaid Tuition Program

Contact: ISAC

Website: www.collegeillinois.org/

Eligible Schools: Approved Illinois public and private two- and four-year colleges, universities, hospital schools, and certain other degree-granting institutions, as well as all non-proprietary out-of-state postsecondary institutions.

Description of Program: ISAC's prepaid tuition program allows families to purchase contracts which lock in future college tuition and fee costs now for attendance at either Illinois public universities or community colleges. The program also allows benefits to be used at private and out-of-state schools, although full payment of tuition and fees at those schools is not guaranteed. The contract may be payable in a lump sum or purchased in term increments with monthly or annual payment options.

Program: MIA/POW Scholarship

Contact: Illinois Dept. of Veterans' Affairs – 800.437.9824

Website: <http://www.illinois.gov/veterans/benefits/Pages/education.aspx>

Eligible Schools: Public colleges and universities in Illinois

Description of Program: This scholarship, which is not based on financial need, provides payment of tuition and certain fees for dependents of veterans or service persons who were Illinois residents at the time they entered active duty and have been declared prisoners of war, are missing in action, died as the result of a service connected disability, or are permanently (100%) disabled from service connected causes as recognized by the U. S. Department of Veterans' Affairs or U.S. Department of Defense.

Program: Nursing Education Scholarship Program

Contact: Illinois Dept. of Public Health, Center for Rural Health – 217.782.1624

Website: dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program

Eligible Schools: Illinois schools offering nursing programs accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN) or approved by the Illinois Dept. of Professional Regulation

Description of Program: Scholarships are awarded to qualified students, with the greatest financial need, pursuing a certificate in practical nursing, an associate degree in nursing, a hospital-based diploma in nursing, a baccalaureate degree in nursing, or a graduate degree in nursing. Within 6 months of graduating, recipients must begin full- or part-time employment as a licensed practical or registered professional nurse in Illinois for a period equivalent to the educational time supported by the scholarship. Students who terminate studies or fail to become licensed or provide Illinois nursing employment documentation must repay the full scholarship amount, with 7 percent interest per year on the unpaid balance. The application cycle begins March 1st and ends April 30th prior to the beginning of the academic year for which the student is applying for the scholarship.

Program: Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois

Contact: Golden Apple Foundation - 312.407.0006

Website: www.goldenapple.org/

Eligible Schools: Illinois participating public or private universities

Description of Program: Program recruits and prepares bright and talented high school graduates who represent a rich ethnic diversity for successful teaching careers in high need schools throughout Illinois and provides scholarships to students pursuing teaching degrees.

In exchange for successful completion of undergraduate college and a commitment to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need, scholars receive financial assistance for four years to attend one of the 53 public and private universities across the state and take part in the summer programs that include teaching internships and enhanced teacher preparation.

MAJOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

NOTE: Federal financial aid programs can be used at approved colleges, universities, hospital schools, and proprietary schools throughout the United States and in some foreign countries.

Program: Federal Pell Grant Program

Contact: U.S. Department of Education at studentaid.ed.gov or 800.4FEDAID (433.3243) or financial aid administrator

Website: studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/pell

Brief Description of Program: This federal grant can be used toward the educational expenses of students. The grants are based upon the financial need of the applicant and/or the applicant's family. This grant can be used for full-, half-, and less-than-half-time undergraduate study. The FAFSA must be filed for eligibility to be determined.

*The maximum award amount is adjusted annually, based on federal funding. For the 2017-18 academic year, the award maximum is \$5,920.

Program: Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program

Contact: Financial aid administrator

Website: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/fseog

Brief Description of Program: This federal grant program provides up to \$4,000 per year for undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need. Sponsored by the federal government, this program is administered by the financial aid office of participating colleges and universities. Applicants must file the FAFSA and any other required institutional documentation.

Program: Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program

Contact: Financial aid administrator

Website: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/work-study

Brief Description of Program: Under this federal need-based program, students may work on or off campus in approved nonprofit positions to earn money to help pay educational expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the student's course of study. Applicants must file the FAFSA and any other required institutional documentation.

Program: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Education Programs

Contact: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Education - Customer Service Office - 888.442.4551

Website: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/

Brief Description of Program: There is a wide range of benefits available to those who have served in the Armed Forces and their dependents. Among the federal educational programs for veterans are the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), Reserve Educational Assistance (REAP), Montgomery G.I. Bill-Active Duty Program, Montgomery G.I. Bill-Selected Reserve Program, Post 9/11 GI Bill, and the Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Program (DEA). The benefits are available to eligible individuals without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or religion. The local U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs office (found under United States Government in the local telephone directory) can be contacted for specific details.

Program: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program

Contact: U.S. Department of Education at studentaid.ed.gov or 800.4FEDAID (433.3243) or financial aid administrator

Website: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans>

Brief Description of Program: Direct loans are low-interest loans for eligible students (subsidized and unsubsidized loans) and parents (PLUS loans) to help cover the cost of higher education at a four-year college or university, community college or technical school. Eligible students and parents borrow directly from the U.S. Department of Education at participating schools.

THE CONTACT GUIDE

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ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING (IACAC)

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To request general information about the IACAC organization or to obtain information pertaining to policies and practices of the admission profession

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS (ILASFAA), INC.

ilasfaa.org

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To request general information about the ILASFAA organization; to obtain updates concerning major changes in financial aid guidelines

THE COLLEGE BOARD

collegeboard.org

Midwestern Regional Office
8700 West Bryn Mawr Ave
Suite 900N
Chicago, IL 60631 ♦ 866.392.4086

To obtain information about the SAT Suite of Assessments and other student and educational professionals services

ACT

act.org

ACT
500 ACT Drive, P.O. Box 168
Iowa city, IA 52243-0168 ♦ 319.337.1000

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ED)

ed.gov

Federal Student Aid Information Center
P.O. Box 84
Washington, DC 20044 ♦ 800.4FED AID (433.3243)

To request information on federal financial aid programs or check the status of a FAFSA or Federal Pell Grant