

ISAC Operational Update and Program News

May 27, 2026



Agenda

- 2025-2026 Operational Update
- 2026-2027 Operational Update
- Important Dates & Contact Information
- Questions

2025-26 Award Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2026

MAP Payment Processing – Suspense Release

- The deadline date for submitting first-term claims for claims that were released from suspense, as well as second-term claims, was **April 28, 2026**.
- Third term (Quarter schools) deadline was **Friday, May 8, 2026**.
- ISAC encourages schools to continue to submit eligible MAP claims even though they will be held as a late claim
- We monitor the appropriations daily to determine if additional late claims can be paid.
- For more information and updates and information on MAP suspense, see: isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/map/suspense/

Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program (TISP)

- ISAC is accepting payment **requests for the first, second, and third term.**
- Priority claim **deadline dates are not being set** for the 2025-26 academic year
 - Schools are encouraged to submit claims as soon as possible.
- The timely submission of payment requests allows ISAC staff to monitor program funding levels and ensure that available dollars are best leveraged to award as many scholarships as possible without exceeding the appropriation.

TISP Payment 1/5

To create a payment request:

1. Log in to GAP Access and select the **TI** program from the **Programs** drop-down menu.
2. Click the **Payment** tab. This will show a list of eligible awarded students that payment requests can be completed. (This will also be the tab where Payment Requests will be submitted).
 - **“Award Amount”** column – shows the maximum annual award that a student can claim.
 - **“Term”** column – shows the term (1, 2, or 3) that the student has been awarded. Payment requests must be submitted for each term.
3. Click the **Green Dollar** symbol next to the student’s name and appropriate term to begin creating a payment request on the **Payment Detail** screen.
 - Alternatively, click the **Student** tab, then click the **Green Dollar** symbol next to an awarded student to be taken to the **Payment Detail** Screen for that student.
 - Return to the student tab to select the next student.

TISP Payment 2/5

School Programs 2 & 3

Home / TI / Payment

Home Student Certification **Payment** Reports

Submit Payment Requests

#	S...	P...	Elig...	Sel	Re...	Term	SSN	Last Name	First Name	Annual Award ...	School Code	Request Code
1		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1						
2		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1						

OR

School Programs Change Program TI Academic Year 3.a

Home / TI / Student List

Home **Student** Certification Payment Reports

Reset Filter Show / Hide Columns

#	S...	P...	Elig...	Co...	Sel	Current SSN	Last Name	First Name	Units	School Code	Application Co...	Applicant Cate...	Award Amount
1		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									
2		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									

TISP Payment 3/5

4. Complete the required information on the Payment Detail screen.

a. Request:

- Payment – to request a payment.
- Cancel – to cancel a previously requested award.
- Ineligible – to be selected for students who are ineligible.
- Delete – to remove the payment request before submitting.

b. Enrollment Status:

- Full Time
- Half Time

TISP Payment 4/5

- c. **Ineligible Reason:** If student is marked as ineligible in the request section one of the following reasons must be selected. Depending on the ineligible reason selected, the system will de-obligate/remove a student's award. Below is a summary of the ineligible reasons and which will de-obligate/remove the award and which will not.

Award Retained

- Not enrolled this term
- Defaulted student loan
- Not pursuing an early childhood education major
- Not making satisfactory academic progress
- Enrolled less than 3 credit hours
- No remaining unmet cost

De-obligate/remove award

- Not a US Citizen/eligible non-citizen
- Not a HS grad/no GED
- Student is not accepting TI scholarship

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d. **Requested Amount:** Enter the requested award amount.

- The maximum award amount that may be claimed during the academic year is populated in the “Award Amount” column of the TI system. There are no term award limits for this program – colleges must determine the term award amount(s) based on other financial aid the student is receiving, keeping in mind that the TI Scholarship is last payer and can be used for any cost of attendance component.
- Awards may not go over the cost of attendance. Reduce award if amount exceeds cost of attendance.
- Ineligible students – a \$0 amount should be entered.

5. Click Save Payment Details or Discard to delete entry.

6. Repeat steps 1-5 for each required student.

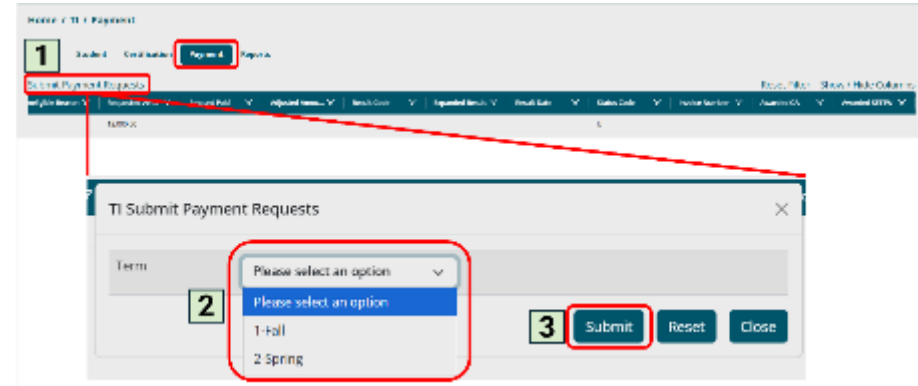
7. After creating each payment request, Submit Payment Requests to officially submit the generated requests for payment

The screenshot shows the 'Payment Detail' form in the TI system. The 'Payment' tab is selected in the top navigation bar. A red box highlights the 'Payment Detail' link in the 'Eligible' section. A green box labeled '4. a-d' highlights the 'Term 2' dropdown menu, which is currently set to '00199'. Below the dropdown are three more dropdown menus, each with the text 'Please select an option'. A green box labeled '5' highlights the 'Discard' and 'Save Payment Details' buttons at the bottom right of the form. The form also includes a 'Student Search' section with a search bar and 'Clear' and 'Search' buttons. The left sidebar contains a list of parameters: Term 2, School Code, Requester, Enrollment Status, Ineligible Reason, and Requested Amount.

TISP Submit Payment Requests

After generating all the payment request. The requests must be submitted to complete the payment request process.

1. From the Payment tab, click “Submit Payment Requests” on the left side above the student list.
2. The TI Submit Payment Requests pop-up will appear. Select the term for payment submission.
3. Click Submit.
 - a. A red line of text will appear in the TI Submit Payment Request pop-up: “Payment Submitted for # records”.
 - b. A green notice will appear in the upper right of the screen: “Payment submission request was saved successfully!”



TISP Payment Results/Exceptions Summary Report

Payment reports can be generated from the Reports tab. Once payment requests are submitted, a Payment Results/Exceptions summary report is generated the next morning. The Payment Result/Exceptions Summary and Invoice Detail Report can be viewed or printed by:

1. Select the Reports tab.
2. Select the desired report by clicking the pdf icon to the left.
 - a. The report includes Payment Results and Payment Exceptions as well as Invoice Detail about the payment claim.

Note: The Payment Results/Exceptions report should be reviewed regularly to see which requests, if any, did not process as expected.



The screenshot shows the TISP Reports interface. The 'Reports' tab is highlighted with a red box and a green box containing the number '1'. Below the navigation tabs, there is a 'Generated Reports' section with a 'Filter' button. A table displays the following data:

Actions	Status	Report Type	Date	File Size(kb)	User Name
 	Completed	Payment Results/Exceptions	05/19/2026 18:50:13	6.932	Tinivce

TISP – User Guide

- The [Teacher of Illinois Scholarship Program \(TISP\) User Guide](#) is available on our website.
- This document has been updated to include payment screens.



Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE)

- The priority claim deadline for **third-term** (spring for quarter schools) was **May 8, 2026**
- Although the priority claim deadline dates have passed, colleges may continue submitting second-term claims.

ECACE – Complete Payment Requests for ALL Students

- To best leverage funds for students, we encourage schools to complete payment requests for all students including students that are ineligible.
- If a student will not be utilizing the scholarship, mark the student as ineligible and select the appropriate reason.
- This will allow ISAC to utilize the award for other students.
- **ISAC will notify schools of if additional ECACE recipients are determined.**

Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program

- The third-term priority claim deadline was **Friday, May 8, 2026**.
- Although the priority deadline dates have passed, colleges may continue submitting claims for these terms.
- We encourage claims to be submitted as soon as possible.
- See [Submit 2025-26 Claims and Benefit Usage Data for Second Term \(January 16, 2026\)](#) e-Message for more information.

Nursing Education Scholarships (NES)

- ISAC is accepting claims for the *summer* term.
 - The *summer-term* priority claim deadline is **Wednesday, July 1, 2026**.
- The *third-term* priority claim deadline was **Friday, May 8, 2026**.
- Although the *first, second, and third-term* priority claim deadlines have passed colleges may continue submitting these claims.
- For more information see:
 - [Submit 2025-26 Claims and Benefit Usage Data for Second Term](#)

Illinois Veteran (IVG) & National Guard (ING) Grants

IVG

- ISAC is accepting IVG Grant benefit usage data for the winter quarter and spring term (semester and quarter).
- Timely submission for winter- & spring-term is **Friday, May 29, 2026**.

ING

- ISAC is accepting ING Grant benefit usage data for the winter quarter and spring term (semester and quarter).
- Timely submission for winter- & spring-term is **Friday, May 29, 2026**.
- For more information see these e-Messages:
 - [Submit 2025-26 IVG & ING Grant Benefit Usage Data \(August 21, 2025\)](#)
 - [2025-26 Claims and Benefit Usage Data Updates and Reminders \(December 3, 2025\)](#)
 - [Submit 2025-26 Claims and Benefit Usage Data for Second Term \(January 16, 2026\)](#).

Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program (SWSP)

- The *second-term* priority claim deadline was **Monday, March 30, 2026**.
- As part of our ongoing efforts to best leverage appropriated funds to award as many eligible students as possible, priority payment request (i.e., claim) deadline dates are established for each term.
 - Although the priority claim deadline dates have passed, colleges may continue submitting claims for these terms.
 - Claims submitted after a term's priority claim deadline date will be paid only if funds remain after all timely claims have been paid.
 - The timely submission of claims and cancellations/adjustments allows ISAC staff to monitor remaining funds and award other students, as applicable.
- See the [Submit 2025-26 Claims and Benefit Usage Data for Second Term \(January 16, 2026\)](#) e-Message for more information.

PFC Payment

- As part of our ongoing efforts to best leverage appropriated funds to award as many eligible students as possible, priority payment request (claim) deadline dates are established for each term.
 - The third-term priority claim deadline was **Friday, May 8, 2026**.
 - Although the priority claim deadlines have passed, colleges may continue submitting claims for these terms.
 - Claims submitted after a term's priority claim deadline date will be paid only if funds remain after all timely claims have been paid. For more payment information see:
 - [December 30 "2025-26 PFC Processing via GAP Access" e-Message](#)

Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship

- The 2025-26 online application is available in the ISAC Student Portal
 - The date by which an application must be submitted is based on the first term for which the applicant is requesting funds. For the 2025-26 academic year:
 - **June 15, 2026** – summer term only consideration
- Students may use the 2025-26 application to apply for the fall 2025, spring 2026, and summer 2026 terms.

Grant Program for Exonerees and Their Dependents (GPE)

- The 2025-26 online application is available in the ISAC Student Portal.
- Applications are processed in date-received (i.e., "first come, first served") order.
 - For priority consideration each year, a complete application – including any supporting documentation – must be submitted as soon as possible after it becomes available.
- Funds can be applied only to tuition and mandatory fees and only for two semesters or three quarters in a regular school year.

2025-26 Gift Assistance Programs Final Close-out

Due by July 1:

- Summer-term payment requests for NES, PFC, and Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship (Social Work Scholarship) Program
- ING Grant summer-term benefit usage data
- All submissions of 2025-26 payment requests for all programs.
 - including initial claims and supplemental claims,

Accepted up to July 30:

- **Adjustments to cancel or reduce awards** will be accepted after this date for:
 - MAP
 - ECACE
 - Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois,
 - ING & IVG
 - NES
 - PFC
 - Social Work Scholarship
 - Teachers of Illinois Scholarship
- Colleges are encouraged to continue the process of reconciling 2025-26 data, which assists ISAC staff in determining whether sufficient funds will be available to pay late claims.
- Remember, due to the [payment offset process](#), only data reconciliation activities should take place at this time.



2026-27 Award Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2027

2026-27 Applications Available

Program	OPEN?	Priority Deadline for 2026-27
Monetary Award Program (MAP)	Y	ISAC is suspending the announcement of MAP awards for all students whose initial FAFSA® is received by FPS, or whose initial Alternative Application for Illinois Financial is received by ISAC, after Thursday, April 23, 2026
Golden Apple (GA)	Y	TBD – Apply through the Golden Apple Foundation website .
Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW)	Y	Was March 1, 2026 (Can still apply but will only be considered after priority applications have been awarded)
Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program	Y	May 31, 2026 (Can still apply late but will only be considered after priority applications have been awarded)
Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program (TISP)	N	TBD
Nursing Education Scholarship (NES)	Y	May 31, 2026 (Can still apply late but will only be considered after priority applications have been awarded)
Illinois National Guard Grant (ING)	Y	Rolling basis, must apply w/ enough time for ISAC to review application for the term recipient wants benefits used for.
Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)	Y	Same as ING above.
Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program (DEWSP)	N	October 1, 2026 – Full year consideration March 1, 2027 – Spring-term June 15, 2027 – Summer-term
Grant Programs for Dependents of Police-Fire-Correctional Officers (PFC)	N	October 1, 2026 – Full year consideration March 1, 2027 – Spring-term June 15, 2027 – Summer-term

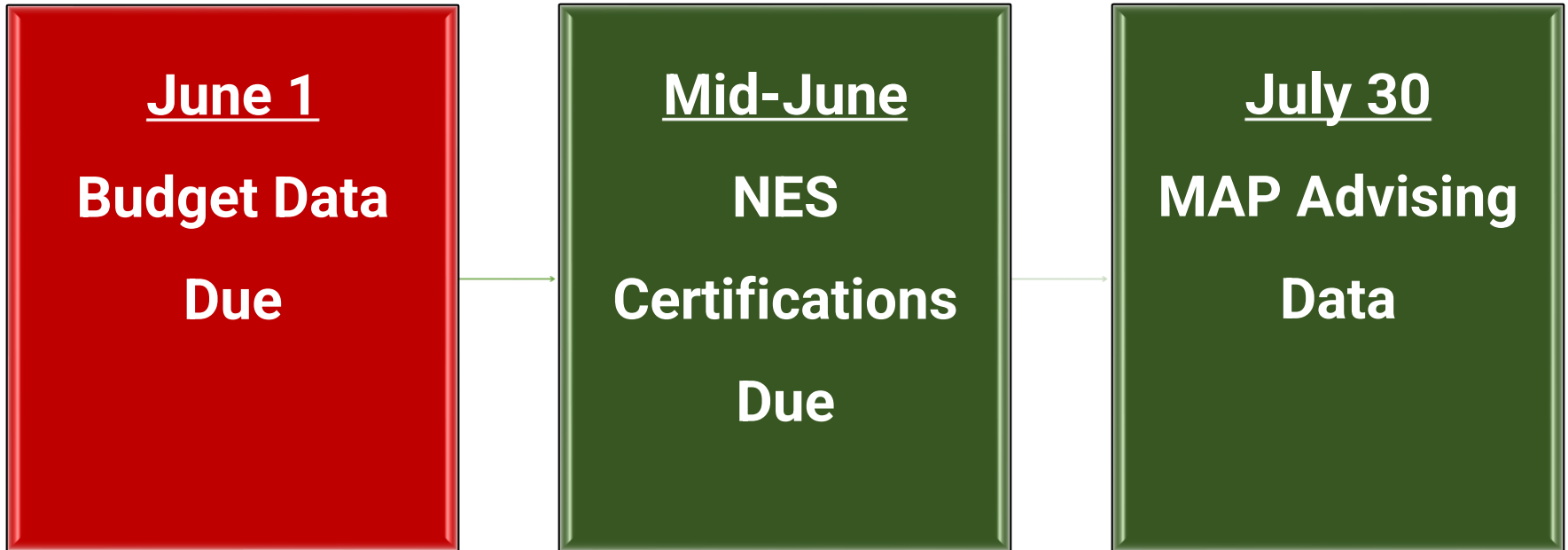
Public Comment Being Accepted for Proposed Rules and Amendments

- Public comment is being accepted on proposed amendments to several Parts of the [ISAC Administrative Rules](#). Specific details, including the date by which public comment for each Part must be submitted, are provided at the [Proposed Rules and Amendments](#) page of the [e-Library](#) and in a [May 26, 2026 "ISAC Administrative Rules Update – Public Comment Being Accepted" e-Message](#).

June 25, 2026: Next Commission Meeting

- The next meeting of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is scheduled to take place at 1:00 p.m. (CT) on **Thursday, June 25, 2026**.
 - Further details, including a listing of tentative agenda items, will be available prior to the meeting via the [ISAC's Governing Board: The Commission](#) section of the [About ISAC](#) area.
- Visit the [Commission Meeting Schedule](#) page for information regarding all meetings scheduled in 2026.

Upcoming Important Dates – for 2026-27



Colleges are to [report the following MAP Advising data via the GAP Access portal](#)

- available advising and support programs (for the 2025-26 academic year) and
- course completion data (for the 2024-25 academic year).

To make the process easier for schools, the collection of MAP Advising Data has moved to a biennial process.

Schools can anticipate the next [MAP Advising Data Collection](#) process during the 2027-28 academic year.

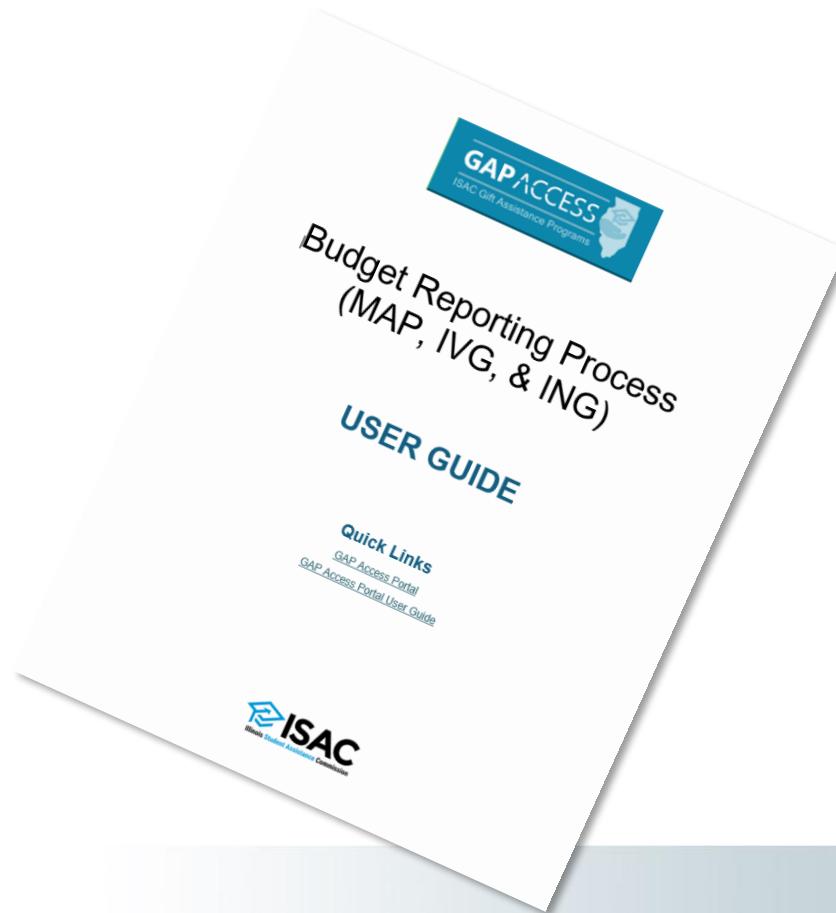
Further details are provided in an [April 21, 2026 "MAP Advising Data Updates" e-Message](#).

Budget Data – 2026-27

- The [annual reporting of postsecondary institutions' budget information](#) is available in GAP Access.
- Colleges participating in the [Monetary Award Program \(MAP\)](#) and the [Illinois Veteran Grant \(IVG\)](#) and [Illinois National Guard \(ING\) Grant](#) programs must then submit 2026-27 budget data to ISAC **no later than Monday, June 1, 2026.**
- See the [April 6, 2026](#), e-message for more details.

Budget Reporting User Guide

- The [Budget Reporting User Guide](#) has been updated to reflect current screens.



Important Dates & Contact Information

Webinar: Illinois' Implementation of Workforce Pell

This webinar will provide an overview of:

- the draft Workforce Pell Policy Manual,
- the proposed approval and certification processes,
- updated implementation timelines, and
- opportunities for stakeholder feedback during an upcoming 10-day public comment period.

June 2

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

All are welcome, although we expect the webinar will be most useful for postsecondary institutional staff who may be involved in the process of seeking program approval.

Register for the webinar here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i91srFT6QCuT3XszQx08DA

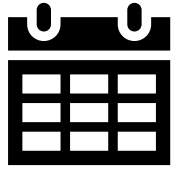
For additional Illinois-specific Workforce Pell guidance and resources, including FAQ and a form for submitting your comments and questions, please visit the Illinois Workforce Pell hub:

<https://www.iccb.org/programs-and-initiatives/workforce-pell/>

College Changes Everything (CCE) Conference



- Thursday, July 16, 2026
 - Tinley Park Convention Center in Tinley Park, Illinois.
- Further details are provided at the [College Changes Everything conference web page](#).



ISAC Calendar

Webinars - Monthly Program & Operational Update

June

24th

@ 2 p.m.

July

29th

@ 2 p.m.

August

26th

@ 2 p.m.


Holiday Schedules

ISAC Staff will be unavailable:

- Juneteenth – Friday, June 19, 2026
- Fourth of July Observance – Friday, July 3, 2026

ISAC's Student Engagement & Support Services

For inquiries from students, parents, and the general public:

 : **800-899-ISAC (4722)**


 : **isac.studentservices@illinois.gov**

Fax : 847-831-8549

Spanish-speaking counselors are available
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. CT

ISAC's Partner Services Department

Provides program information, policy guidance, training and support to colleges, high schools and other ISAC partners

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Thank you for attending today.

Questions?

