

Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC): At a Glance

As the state's college access and financial aid agency, ISAC's mission is to provide Illinois students with information and assistance to help make education beyond high school accessible and affordable. We aren't affiliated with any college, university, or sector, allowing us to provide objective information to help students and families make informed choices about education and training. Through the Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant, and other scholarship and grant programs ISAC administers, ISAC can help students make their goals a reality.

Since 1957, ISAC has supported Illinois students on their educational journeys by providing nearly 6.1 million awards, totaling almost \$13.5 billion in grants, scholarships and non-loan aid.

In the 17 years since ISAC launched its ISACorps™ outreach program, more than 750 ISACorps members have hosted more than 56,000 outreach events and provided one-on-one assistance with college planning and financial aid to more than 77,000 students, serving more than 1.6 million students and parents statewide.



Administration of state grant and scholarship programs for college, including the MAP grant—the state's largest need-based grant program



Statewide outreach to students and families, providing free support on college planning and financial aid, tailored to the needs of first-generation college students but available to all



Free Training for counselors, teachers, financial aid advisors, and other adults who work with students



Research on college access and affordability



Free Online tools and resources, including a nationwide scholarship database, financial aid estimators, short videos on college and financial aid, and more.



Free print materials on college planning and financial aid



College Illinois! 529 prepaid tuition program (program enrollment permanently closed; managing and paying benefits for existing accounts)



State and federal program compliance evaluations for colleges and universities