

GRANT PROGRAMS FOR DEPENDENTS OF POLICE, FIRE OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS APPLICATION 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR – FALL 2024 THROUGH SUMMER 2025

You may contact an ISAC Student Engagement Representative via telephone at 800.899.4722 or e-mail us at ISAC.studentservices@illinois.gov regarding information on this application and/or visit our website at isac.org. Mail pages 1 and 2 of this application to the address above.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: that your Social Security number is needed for identification, verification and processing purposes in furtherance of your request for financial aid.

Apply Early/Check Applicant Status

Complete applications received by ISAC after the deadline dates listed below will be processed only for subsequent terms, with June 15, 2025 as the final date of acceptance for the summer term of the 2024-25 academic year. Allow at least four weeks for the processing of this application. Visit our website at isac.org for processing updates.

It is the applicant's responsibility to allow sufficient mailing time in order for complete applications to be **received** at ISAC on or before the applicable deadline date, based on the 2024-25 term for which funds are expected to be received. It is also the applicant's responsibility to retain documentation that the application was mailed. ISAC is not responsible for misdirected or illegible applications.

Deadline dates for applying: October 1, 2024 – Full Year Consideration; **March 1, 2025** – Only 2nd Semester (2nd/3rd Quarter) and Summer Consideration; **June 15, 2025** – Only Summer Term Consideration

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN INK OR TYPE. The applicant is to answer each of the items below, sign the certification statement, date the application and send it to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to the address above. Incomplete applications may result in the delay of payment or disqualification. Applicants must read page 3 of this form regarding eligibility, benefits, and application procedures.

SECTION I: APPLICANT'S INFORMATION (Applicant must reapply each academic year)

STUDENT'S RELATIONSHIP TO POLICE, FIRE OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER (check only one):

- Spouse
 Natural born child
 Legally adopted child (as of MM/DD/YYYY)
 Child in legal custody (as of MM/DD/YYYY)

Social Security Number <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	Last Name <input type="text"/>	First Name <input type="text"/>	MI <input type="text"/>
Prior Last Name, if applicable <input type="text"/>	Date of Birth <input type="text"/>		
Permanent Address <input type="text"/>	Area Code and Phone Number (<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>) <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>		
City <input type="text"/>	State <input type="text"/>	ZIP Code <input type="text"/>	
E-Mail Address <input type="text"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> New (First Time Applicant) <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (Prior Qualified Applicant)		<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible noncitizen <input type="checkbox"/> Not a citizen or eligible noncitizen	

College applicant will attend (College name): ISAC College Code (optional)

A listing of Illinois 2 or 4 year colleges approved to participate in the Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers, including each college's 3-digit ISAC College Code, is available online at isac.org.

Check the terms that the applicant plans to attend:
 1st Semester/Quarter 2024
 2nd Semester/Quarter 2025
 3rd Quarter 2025
 Summer 2025

SECTION II: OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Once eligibility has been established for one member of the family, it is established for all qualified applicants in the family. Only the first family member to apply who is subsequently determined to be a qualified applicant for this grant must supply the officer's certified death certificate or the certified statement of a licensed physician. The physician's statement, on their letterhead, must certify that the officer has a mental or physical condition that is reasonably certain to continue throughout the lifetime of the officer, resulting in a 90% to 100% incapacity from performing substantial and material duties previously discharged. Separate documentation must be submitted to prove that the death or permanent disability occurred in the line of duty (usually from the officer's pension board or employer).

Has the applicant or qualified family member been determined eligible for this grant?

Yes.
 Name of Qualified Family Member:
 Prior name of Qualified Family Member (if applicable):

No.

Name of Officer: <input type="text"/>	Social Security Number: <input type="text"/>			
Permanent Address at time of death or disability: <input type="text"/>				
City: <input type="text"/>	State: <input type="text"/>	ZIP Code: <input type="text"/>		
Officer is: <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	Date Deceased/Disabled (month, day, year): <input type="text"/>			
Police <input type="checkbox"/> Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Correctional <input type="checkbox"/> Employer at time of death or disability: <input type="text"/>	Position held by Officer: <input type="text"/>			

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SECTION II: (continued)

Please provide information regarding natural children, legally adopted children, or children in the legal custody of the officer.

Name	Date of Birth	If in High School or older, plan to attend an Illinois college? Indicate Yes or No or Not Sure	Anticipated Graduation Date from College (month/day/year)

Section III: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify, under the penalties of perjury as provided by law, that all information on this application and the required documentation submitted with the application is true and correct and that I meet the eligibility requirements itemized on page 3 of this application. I certify that I am not in default on an educational loan nor do I owe a refund on a federal or state grant. I have read all pages of this application before signing it. Further, I give my consent to the college I attend to release information to ISAC concerning my eligibility for the Grant Programs for Dependents of Police, Fire or Correctional Officers. I certify that this is a true and original application form provided by ISAC.

Applicant's Signature _____
Date

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APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

1. A qualified applicant shall be:
 - a. either:
 - i. the natural born or legally adopted child or a child in the legal custody of an Illinois police, fire or correctional officer who was killed or disabled in the line of duty (children of disabled police, fire and correctional officers need not have been born, legally adopted or in the legal custody of the officer before the disability occurred in order to receive these grants); or
 - ii. the husband or wife of the Illinois police, fire or correctional officer at the time the officer was killed in the line of duty or at the time a permanently disabling injury occurred in the line of duty; and
 - b. a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen; and
 - c. enrolled on at least a half-time basis at an institution that is approved for participation in the Monetary Award Program (MAP) (see isac.org).
2. An applicant need not be a resident of Illinois at the time of enrollment.
3. An applicant does not have to demonstrate financial need to receive this grant.
4. A spouse who remarries after an Illinois police, fire or correctional officer is killed in the line of duty, or who divorces a permanently disabled Illinois police, fire or correctional officer, is not eligible. Common law partners are not eligible.
5. A step-child who is not in the legal custody or legally adopted by the Illinois police, fire or correctional officer is not eligible.

BENEFITS:

1. Grant payment is subject to sufficient annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the governor.
2. In the event funds are insufficient to make awards to all timely qualified applicants, award amounts may be prorated.
3. Recipients attending approved public colleges in Illinois shall receive full payment of tuition and mandatory fees on their behalf. The grant will cover the difference in cost for courses taken at an out-of-district college that are not offered at a recipient's in-district college. Recipients attending approved private colleges in Illinois shall receive payment of tuition and mandatory fees in an amount not to exceed the maximum grant payable to a student enrolled in the most expensive comparable program of study at a public college in Illinois.
4. The grant may be used at any public or private college approved for participation in the Monetary Award Program (MAP). Benefits are limited to the full-time enrollment equivalent of eight semesters or twelve quarters of payment. See isac.org for a listing of approved colleges.
5. The applicant may receive benefits for undergraduate or graduate enrollment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1. Complete applications received by ISAC after the deadline dates (see page 1) will be processed only for subsequent terms, with June 15, 2025 as the final date of acceptance for the summer term of the 2024-25 academic year.
2. The applicant must apply for the educational benefits and must supply all required documentation. In order to receive benefits, **one application must be on file for each academic year**, which begins with the fall term and concludes the following summer term. No payments will be made on behalf of an eligible student unless a current and complete application is on file.
 - a. Section I: Applicant's Information portion must be filed annually for each applicant.
 - b. Section II: Officer's Biographical Information needs to be completed only on the initial application. Once eligibility has been established for one member of a family, it is established for all qualified applicants in the family.

The applicant's initial application must be accompanied by the officer's certified death certificate or, for disabled officers, the certified statement of a licensed physician. The physician's statement, on their letterhead, must certify that the officer has a mental or physical condition that is reasonably certain to continue throughout the lifetime of the officer, resulting in a 90% to 100% incapacity from performing substantial and material duties previously discharged.

Please note: If the doctor does not state the percentage of disability, the application is incomplete. Separate documentation must be submitted to prove that the death or permanent disability of the officer occurred in the line of duty (usually from the officer's pension board or employer).
 - c. Section III: Certification Statement must be completed annually.
3. If required by the college, the applicant should present a copy of the eligibility letter to the college's financial aid office at the time of enrollment. If the applicant is already enrolled when the eligibility letter is received, the letter should be presented to the college financial aid office **immediately**. Payments are made directly to the college at which the student is enrolled. The college also has deadlines for requesting payment on a student's behalf. Failure to present the eligibility letter and/or to notify ISAC of a college choice change, as required, may result in the loss of benefits.
4. Allow at least four weeks for the processing of this application. Visit the ISAC website at isac.org for processing updates or call ISAC at 800.899.ISAC (4722).

Note: ***Proof that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements (such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, court documents, etc.) may be required before or after the applicant's initial eligibility is determined.***

Mail pages 1 and 2 of the completed application to the address on page 1.