



Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid



Retention of Illinois Students & Equity (RISE) Act

- Provides a pathway for **eligible undocumented students** and **transgender students** who are disqualified from federal student aid to apply for ISAC and other state funded financial aid programs
- Relies on criteria already in state law that's used to determine eligibility for in-state tuition at public institutions
- Impacts all Illinois colleges – public and private, two and four-year institutions
- Applies to all ISAC gift assistance programs
- Provides access to other state funded financial aid programs
- **Note:** Undocumented students are **NOT** eligible for federal student aid.


RISE Act: Eligible Students

- The law defines Illinois resident, as “any person who is deemed an Illinois resident for tuition purposes”.
- The individual must have:
 - Resided with parent or guardian while attending an Illinois public or private high school;
 - Graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in Illinois;
 - Attended school in Illinois for at least 3 years as of the date they graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma;
 - Provides the institution with an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so; and
 - Has not established a residence outside of Illinois.

Alternative Application Process

- Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid Process:
 - Pre-screening questions help determine if student is eligible to complete the Alternative Application
 - When a Student Profile is created, an ISAC ID number is assigned to the applicant
 - Same financial information is asked as in the FAFSA
 - Students and parents sign the application electronically using PINs provided by ISAC
 - PINs are e-mailed to the e-mail addresses provided on the application
 - Student and parent must have different email addresses
 - An EFC is calculated and used to determine MAP eligibility
 - The same MAP formula is used for FAFSA and Alternative Application filers

Alternative App Features

- Information will be saved after each screen
- Financial information must be entered manually
 - IRS Data Retrieval Tool cannot be used in the Alternative App
- Some questions will be pre-populated based on previous answers, but the Alt App does not have "skip logic" like the FAFSA
- Access more information about a question, through  feature
- Students can troubleshoot their username and password using the challenge questions they created
- Parents can come back and sign the Alternative Application to complete it
- User guide is available on application landing page

Information Needed for the 2021-2022 Alternative App

- **Student Profile for the Alternative App**– ISAC ID number will be assigned to student after profile is created
- **Student and Parent email address (for dependents)**– Be sure parent and student each have their own email address
- **Records of income** – 2019 Federal Income Tax Return (1040), W-2s, other records of income earned from work, business, child support paid or received, and any other untaxed income.
- **Information about investments** – Savings, certificates of deposit, stock options, bonds, 529 plans and other college savings programs, and investment real estate, business, and farms.
- **A PIN to sign electronically**

Note: A student must report parental information until the age of 24 unless they meet the criteria to file as an independent student as determined by the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid .

Alternative App Sections

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Retention of Illinois Students & Equity (RISE) Act and Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid

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(last updated February 4, 2020) This page is updated as new information becomes available during the implementation of the RISE Act; check back on a regular basis.

The Retention of Illinois Students & Equity (RISE) Act allows eligible undocumented students and transgender students who are disqualified from federal financial aid to apply for all forms of state financial aid. The Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid provides a pathway for these qualified students to apply for Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants, the state's largest need-based grant program for low-income college students.

The RISE Act also removed the 75-hour cap on Monetary Award Program (MAP) paid credit hours for freshmen and sophomores as of January 1, 2020. The overall maximum of 135 MAP paid credit hours remains in effect.

Pathway to Apply for ISAC Programs
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Undocumented Students
Undocumented students may be eligible to apply for financial aid under the RISE Act if they meet the following criteria, which are based on Illinois statute regarding:

- the individual resided with his or her parent or legal guardian in Illinois for at least one year prior to enrolling in college;
- the individual graduated from a public or equivalent of a high school diploma in Illinois;
- the individual attended school in Illinois for at least one year prior to enrolling in college;
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- the individual provides an affidavit stating application to become a permanent resident; and
- the individual is eligible to do so.

Transgender Students
Transgender students are also included under the RISE Act. The RISE Act provides an application process for state financial aid consideration other than using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®), which is used to qualify for both federal and state aid. Transgender students may choose the application process that best suits their individual situation.

Application for MAP
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Application Process for MAP
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- If an applicant's answers to the pre-screening questions show the Alternative Application should not be completed, a message will advise them to consult their high school counselor, a financial aid professional, or an ISACorps member for assistance in completing the FAFSA.
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ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS FINANCIAL AID

Alternative Application to Apply for 2020-2021 Illinois MAP Grants

- User Guide available with screenshots
- First-Time Applicants click on “Start” button
- Returning Applicants click on “Login”
 - Corrections
 - Adding colleges
- Parent signature - it’s recommended that parent signs when application is initially completed

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. The header features a dark green box with the text 'ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS FINANCIAL AID' and 'Intended for qualifying undocumented and transgender students'. To the right, a light blue box contains the title 'Alternative Application to apply for 2020-2021 Illinois MAP Grants', a description of the program, and a link to the user guide. Below these are three main sections: 'First-Time Applicants' with a 'START' button, 'Returning Applicants' with a 'LOGIN' button, and 'Submit Parent Signature' with a 'PARENT SIGNATURE' button.

ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS FINANCIAL AID
Intended for qualifying undocumented and transgender students

Alternative Application to apply for 2020-2021 Illinois MAP Grants

The Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid allows qualifying undocumented students and transgender students who are not otherwise eligible for federal financial aid to apply for Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants to attend eligible Illinois colleges, universities, and career education programs.

The pre-screening questions in this application will help you determine if you are a qualifying undocumented or transgender student who is not eligible for federal financial aid.

[See our User Guide & Resources for this program >>](#)

First-Time Applicants

- Click on the "Start" button to start a new 2020-2021 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid
- Do not submit multiple applications for the same academic year

START

Returning Applicants

Complete or correct a 2020-2021 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid

[Forgot Username?](#)

[Forgot Password?](#)

LOGIN

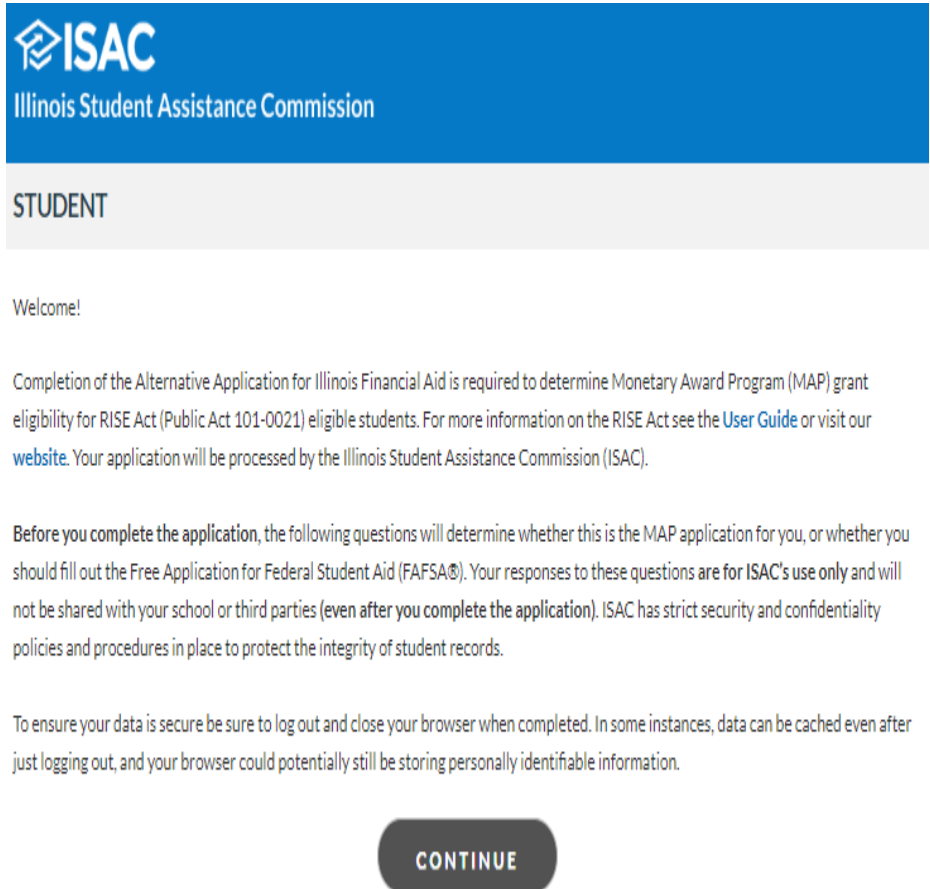
Submit Parent Signature

Click on the "Parent Signature" button to provide your parent's signature (required for dependent students)


PARENT SIGNATURE

Welcome Message

- Explains purpose of the Alternative Application
- States that this information will **not** be shared with anyone except for the college(s) that the student lists on the application



The screenshot shows the ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) Student Welcome Message. It features a blue header with the ISAC logo and name. Below the header, the word "STUDENT" is displayed in a light gray box. The main content area is white and contains a "Welcome!" message, followed by a paragraph explaining that completion of the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid is required to determine Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant eligibility for RISE Act (Public Act 101-0021) eligible students. It also includes a paragraph stating that before completing the application, questions will determine if it's a MAP application or if the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) should be filled out. A final paragraph advises users to log out and close their browser when completed, as data can be cached. A dark gray "CONTINUE" button is located at the bottom right of the message area.

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Welcome!

Completion of the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid is required to determine Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant eligibility for RISE Act (Public Act 101-0021) eligible students. For more information on the RISE Act see the [User Guide](#) or visit our [website](#). Your application will be processed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

Before you complete the application, the following questions will determine whether this is the MAP application for you, or whether you should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). Your responses to these questions are for ISAC's use only and will not be shared with your school or third parties (even after you complete the application). ISAC has strict security and confidentiality policies and procedures in place to protect the integrity of student records.

To ensure your data is secure be sure to log out and close your browser when completed. In some instances, data can be cached even after just logging out, and your browser could potentially still be storing personally identifiable information.

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Pre-Screening: Determining Citizenship Status

- Students who are US citizens or eligible noncitizens need to complete the FAFSA instead of the Alternative Application
- Listing of who is an eligible noncitizen is provided
- DACA students are **not** eligible noncitizens and should fill out the Alternative App

STUDENT

This application is for individuals who are not eligible for federal student financial aid, including qualifying undocumented applicants, as well as transgender applicants who did not register for Selective Service.

The following questions will help determine if you may be eligible to apply for federal student aid or whether you are eligible to use this application to apply only for state student financial aid. You are encouraged to speak with a financial aid counselor at your school or an ISAC counselor to assist you with determining which application to file.

You may be eligible for federal student aid if you are a U.S. citizen (U.S. national) or what the federal government calls an "eligible noncitizen."

If you are a U.S. citizen (U.S. national), skip to the bottom of this page and select "Yes."

If you are not a U.S. citizen, you may still be eligible for federal financial aid if you are what the federal government calls an "eligible noncitizen." Select "Yes" at the bottom of this page if any of the descriptions of an "eligible noncitizen" below apply to you:

- U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as an Alien Registration Receipt Card or "Green Card")
- Conditional permanent resident (I-551C)
- Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant"
- A citizen of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MH), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FM).
- Hold a T nonimmigrant status ("T-visa") (for victims of human trafficking) or your parent holds a T-1 nonimmigrant status
- A "battered immigrant-qualified alien" who is a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Are you a U.S. citizen (U.S. national) or someone who meets the description of an eligible noncitizen in one of the dot points above

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

CONTINUE

Pre-Screening: Undocumented Students

- If student selects “no” to citizenship question, info on Illinois residency requirement to be eligible to complete Alternative App is shown
- Student must meet **all** 5 requirements

If you are a U.S. citizen (U.S. national), skip to the bottom of this page and select “Yes.”

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Are you a U.S. citizen (U.S. national) or someone who meets the description of an eligible noncitizen in one of the dot points above

☐ Yes
☒ No

STUDENT

In order to be eligible to apply for a MAP grant through this application, you must meet **all** of the following criteria:

1. you resided with your parent or guardian while attending a public or private high school in Illinois;
2. you graduated from a public or private high school, or received the equivalent of a high school diploma, in Illinois;
3. as of the date you graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma, you had attended school in Illinois for at least three (3) years;
4. by signing the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid you will be providing an affidavit stating that you will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity you are eligible to do so; and
5. you have not established a residence outside of Illinois.

Do you meet **all** of the above criteria?

☐ Yes
☐ No

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Pre-Screening: Transgender Students

- If student says “yes” to citizenship question, info is provided to determine if they should fill out the Alternative App due to being a transgender student ineligible for federal student aid due to not registering with Selective Service; otherwise, FAFSA should be completed
- Purpose of providing SSN is explained in this specific situation

The screenshot shows the ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) website. The header is blue with the ISAC logo and name. Below the header, the page is titled "STUDENT". The main content area explains eligibility for the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid based on noncitizen or transgender status. It includes a "NOTIFICATION" section stating that completing this application means applying for the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) only. It also mentions that if a student wants federal aid, they must complete the FAFSA. A section titled "Are you a transgender person?" has two radio buttons: "Yes" (selected) and "No". A red arrow points from the "Yes" option to a larger, detailed pop-up window. This pop-up window contains the same "Are you a transgender person?" question with "Yes" selected. Below this, it asks "Do you have a Social Security number?" with "Yes" selected. A text input field for the Social Security number is provided. A footnote explains that the SSN is used for internal purposes only to determine if a student has previously received MAP grant funding and to calculate remaining MAP paid credit hours. The pop-up window has "BACK" and "CONTINUE" buttons at the bottom.

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Your eligibility to file an Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid is based on either your noncitizen or transgender status. Based on the response you provided, you are a U.S. citizen (U.S. National) or federal eligible noncitizen.

NOTIFICATION:
By completing this Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid you are applying for the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) only.

If you would like to determine whether you are eligible for federal student aid you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).

According to the RISE Act (Public Act 101-0021), if you are eligible to file the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid as a transgender person, you do not have to register for Selective Service in order to qualify for Illinois State aid; however you will NOT be eligible for federal student aid if you are required to register for Selective Service but do not do so.

Are you a transgender person?

☐ Yes
☒ No

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Are you a transgender person?

☒ Yes
☐ No

Do you have a Social Security number?

☒ Yes
☐ No

Please provide your Social Security number*

*Why is ISAC asking for my Social Security number? Your Social Security number (SSN) will be used by ISAC for *internal purposes only*, such as to determine if a student has previously received MAP grant funding and if so, to calculate remaining MAP paid credit hours. This information will **NOT** be provided to colleges and universities as part of a student record. No Social Security number will be required for the application itself.

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Pre-Screening: FAFSA Completion

- Has student filed FAFSA?
- Yes – Reach out to Financial Aid Office to process the correct application
- No – Student qualifies to apply for MAP through Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid
 - Start Application

The screenshot displays the ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) Student Pre-Screening form. At the top, the ISAC logo and name are shown. Below this, the user is identified as a 'STUDENT'. The main question is: 'Have you already filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) for the 2020-2021 academic year?'. There are two radio button options: 'Yes' and 'No'. A red arrow points from the 'No' option down to the 'STUDENT' section of the form. In this section, the text states: 'Based on the responses you provided, you are eligible to file an Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. However you should talk with your school's financial aid office or an ISAC representative before completing this application.' It also provides a link to a helpful FAQ. Below this, it says: 'Your answer so far indicates that you have already filed a 2020-2021 FAFSA®, and your school's financial aid office or an ISAC Call Center representative can help you to determine whether you can rely on the FAFSA® as your application or whether you should complete an Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. You can contact an ISAC Call Center representative at 800.899.ISAC (4722), Option 3. Remember that the FAFSA® is for BOTH federal and state aid while the Alternative Application is only for state financial aid.' It then states: 'If you have already spoken to an ISAC Call Center representative or your financial aid counselor and determined that the FAFSA® is not the appropriate application for you, you may now file the 2020-2021 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, using the same application button below.' A list of steps is provided: '1. you must do the following: a. The earlier in the year you apply, the better your chances of receiving b. The earlier in the year you apply, the better your chances of receiving c. You will be attending that you filed both the FAFSA® and the Alternative Application'. At the bottom, there is a blue button labeled 'START APPLICATION >'. The ISAC logo is also visible in the bottom left corner of the slide.

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☐ Yes
☐ No

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For more information about transgender students and eligibility for student financial aid, access a helpful [FAQ](#).

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APPLICATION >

START APPLICATION >

Pre-Screening: Eligibility Criteria

Are residency requirements met?

- Yes – Eligible to start application
- No – Not eligible to complete Alternative App

STUDENT

In order to be eligible to apply for a MAP grant through this application, you must meet *all* of the following criteria:

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Do you meet *all* of the above criteria?

☐ Yes

☐ No

STUDENT

Based on the responses you provided, you **are eligible** to file a Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

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STUDENT

Based on the responses you provided, you **are not eligible** to file a Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)** is the application that determines eligibility for federal aid, state aid [including the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP)], and institutional assistance.

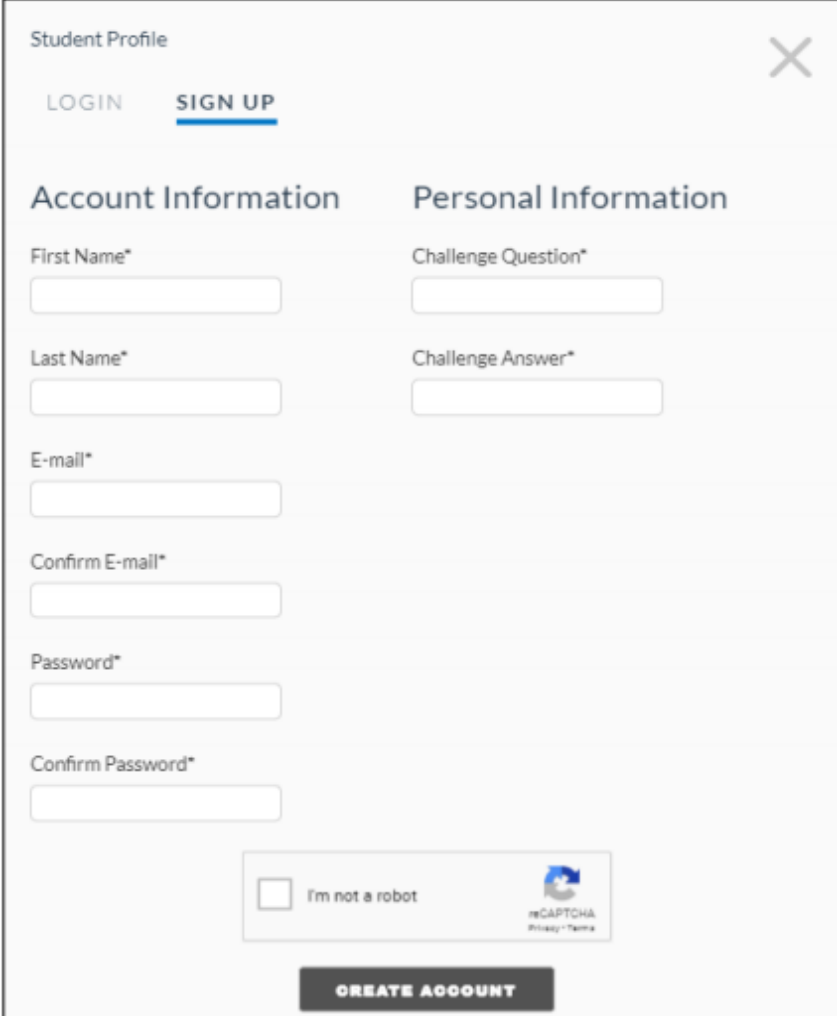
We encourage you to speak with your high school guidance counselor, an administrator in the financial aid office of the school you plan to attend, or an [ISACorps member](#) for further guidance.

Click the "View FAFSA® Website" button below to access the FAFSA® website.

[VIEW FAFSA® WEBSITE >](#)

Student Profile

- Student Profile
 - All fields required
 - Must not use email address from ISAC's Student Portal profile
- ISAC ID number will be assigned after profile has been created
 - This will be a unique ID number for the student
 - Will remain the same for the following years
 - Make sure to write it down



The screenshot shows a 'Student Profile' form with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title are two tabs: 'LOGIN' and 'SIGN UP', with 'SIGN UP' being the active tab. The form is divided into two columns: 'Account Information' and 'Personal Information'. The 'Account Information' column contains fields for 'First Name*', 'Last Name*', 'E-mail*', 'Confirm E-mail*', 'Password*', and 'Confirm Password*'. The 'Personal Information' column contains fields for 'Challenge Question*' and 'Challenge Answer*'. At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox labeled 'I'm not a robot' next to a reCAPTCHA logo, and a dark button labeled 'CREATE ACCOUNT'.

Section 1: Student Demographics

- First name, last name, and email address will be auto-populated based on student profile information
- A PIN will be sent to the email address provided on student demographic section
- PIN is used by student to sign application

The screenshot shows the 'Section 1 Student' tab selected in a multi-step process. The form is titled 'Student Information > Demographics'. It contains the following fields and sections:

- Your ISAC ID Number**: 821008014
- Last name**: TEST
- First name**: TEST
- Middle initial**: (empty)
- Permanent mailing address**:
 - Number and street (include apt. number)**: (empty)
 - City (and country if not U.S.)**: (empty)
 - State**: -- Select --
 - ZIP Code**: (empty)
- Your date of birth**: (empty)
- Your telephone number**: (empty)
- Driver's license number**: (empty)
- Driver's license state**: -- Select --
- ISAC requires your e-mail address so we can send the PIN needed to sign your application. Your e-mail address will also be shared with the schools that you selected on your application.**: spanish@isac.govv

A 'NEXT >' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Section 1: Student Demographics

Personal information

- Marital status
 - Date of marital status change, if applicable
- State of legal residence
 - Not related to immigration status
- Gender
 - Optional question

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Student Information > Personal Information

✓ Application was successfully saved. ✕

What is your marital status as of today? ?

☐ I am Single

☐ I am Married or Remarried

☐ I am Separated

☐ I am Divorced or Widowed

Month and year you were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed. ?

What is your state of residence? ?

-- Select --

Did you become a resident of this state before January 1, 2015? ?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you were not a resident before January 1, 2015 give the month and year you became a resident of this state. ?

The question below is OPTIONAL and the answer will be used for research purposes only. The awarding of financial aid does NOT depend on whether or how you answer this question. This information allows ISAC to continue to optimize the work it does in serving students. Your answer will NOT be shared with your school or third parties.

What is your gender? ?

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Non-binary

☐ Not listed

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Section 1: Student Demographics

Educational Background

- Parent's education
- Student's high school completion status
- Student's high school
- Student's college grade level
 - HS students = "Never Attended College"

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Student Information > Education Background

✓ Application was successfully saved.

Highest school completed by Parent 1 ?

☐ Middle School/Jr. High

☐ High School

☐ College or beyond

☐ Other/Unknown

Highest school completed by Parent 2 ?

☐ Middle School/Jr. High

☐ High School

☐ College or beyond

☐ Other/Unknown

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2020-2021 school year? ?

☐ High School Diploma

☐ GED

☐ Home Schooled

☐ None of the above

What is the name of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma? Enter the complete high school name, and the city and state where the high school is located.

High School Name? ?

High School City? ?

High School State? ?

-- Select --

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2020-2021 school year? ?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2020-2021 school year? ?

☐ Never attended college and 1st year undergraduate

☐ Attended college before and 1st year undergraduate

☐ 2nd year undergraduate/sophomore

☐ 3rd year undergraduate/junior

☐ 4th year undergraduate/senior

☐ 5th year/other undergraduate

☐ 1st year college graduate/professional (MBA, MD, PhD, etc.)

☐ Continuing graduate/professional or beyond (MBA, MD, PhD, etc.)

What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2020-2021 school year? ?

-- Select --

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Section 2: Student's Financials

Tax Information

- 2019 IRS income tax return status
- If student did not or will not file a 2019 tax return, **skip** questions related to tax return
- Did student file a schedule 1?
- Student (and spouse's) Adjusted Gross Income
- Student (and spouse's) income tax paid for 2019

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Student Information > Tax Information

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Answer questions for this section about yourself (the student). If you were never married, or are separated, divorced or widowed and are not remarried, answer only about yourself. If you are married or remarried as of today, include information about your spouse.

For 2018, have you (the student) completed your IRS Income tax return or another tax return? ?

☐ I have already completed my return

☐ I will file but have not yet completed my return

☐ I'm not going to file

What income tax return did you file or will you file for 2018? ?

☐ IRS 1040

☐ A foreign tax return, IRS 1040NR or IRS 1040NR-EZ

☐ A tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory, or Freely Associated State

For 2018, what is or will be your tax filing status according to your tax return? ?

☐ Single

☐ Married-Filed Joint Return

☐ Married-Filed Separate Return

☐ Head of Household

☐ Qualifying Widow(er)

☐ Don't Know

Did (or will) you file Schedule 1 with your 2018 tax return? Answer "No" if you did not file Schedule 1 or only filed it to report an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend. ?

☐ No

☐ Yes

☐ Don't Know

For these questions, if you will not be filing taxes, leave them blank. Otherwise, report whole dollar amounts with no cents. If the dollar amount is negative or zero enter 0.

What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2018? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 7. ?

Enter your (and spouse's) income tax for 2018. Income tax amount is the total of IRS Form 1040 - line 13 minus Schedule 2 - line 46. If negative, enter a zero here. ?

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Section 2: Student's Financials

- Current Financials
 - Student (and spouse's) money earned from work
- As of today:
 - Cash, savings, and checking account
 - Investments, including real estate but not including home in which the student lives in
 - Do not include the value of any retirement plan (i.e. 401K, IRA, pension plan)

✓
Section 1
Student

✓
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Student Information > Current Financials

These questions ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2018. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms or on the tax return selected above: IRS Form 1040 - line 1 + Schedule 1 - lines 12 + 18 + Schedule K-1 (IRS Form 1065) - Box 14 (Code A). If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation.

How much did you earn from working in 2018? ?

How much did your spouse earn from working in 2018? If you do not have a spouse, enter 0. ?

As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? Don't include student financial aid. ?

As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) investments, including real estate? Don't include the home you live in. ?

As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) current businesses and/or investment farms? Don't include a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. ?

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Section 2: Student's Financials

- Additional financials:
 - Education credits
 - Child support paid
 - Taxable earnings from work-study
 - Taxable college grant and scholarship aid reported as income
 - Cooperative education program offered by college

✓
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Student Information > Additional Financials

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Student's 2018 Additional Financial Information (Enter the combined amounts for you and your spouse.)

Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3—line 50. ?

Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children you will include in your household that you will provide for more than half their support between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 even if they do not live with you. ?

Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships. ?

Taxable college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS as income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships. ?

Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your adjusted gross income. Don't include untaxed combat pay. ?

Earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by a college. ?

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Section 2: Student's Financials

- Untaxed Income
 - Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans
 - Child support received
 - Other untaxed income
 - **Money received or paid on your (student's) behalf**

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Student Information > Untaxed Income

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Student's 2018 Untaxed Income (Enter the combined amounts for you and your spouse.)

Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S. Don't include amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits). ?

0

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1—total of lines 28 + 32. ?

0

Child support received for any of your children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments. ?

0

Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 2a. ?

0

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from IRS Form 1040—line 4a minus line 4b. Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here. ?

0

Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing. ?

0

Veterans noneducation benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances. ?

0

Other untaxed income not reported above, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, untaxed foreign income, etc. Also include the untaxed portions of health savings accounts from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1—line 25. Don't include extended foster care benefits, student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act educational benefits, on-base military housing or a military housing allowance, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion or credit for federal tax on special fuels. ?

0

Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form. This includes money that you received from a parent or other person whose financial information is not reported on this form and that is not part of a legal child support agreement. ?

0

Section 3: Dependency

- Parental info will be required unless student can say “yes” to any of these specific questions
- Documentation may be requested by the college as part of the verification process when certain questions are answered with a “yes”

Answer the questions in this section to determine if you will need to provide parental information.

Were you born before January 1, 1997? ?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

As of today, are you married? (Also answer “Yes” if you are separated but not divorced.) ?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)? ?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? ?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? ?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021? ?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2021? ?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Section 3: Dependency (continued)

- Legal guardianship as determined by a court (i.e. not notarized guardianship)
- A third party would need to attest that the student is unaccompanied and homeless or at risk of being homeless
 - Homeless district liaison
 - HUD
 - Homeless youth basic center or transitional living program

At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

As determined by a court in your state of residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of residence? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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Section 3: Dependency Results

Dependent

- Requires that parental information be provided
- Continue to section 4

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, **you are considered a dependent student. This means you must provide parental information.**

If you have special circumstances and are unable to provide parental information, you will not be able to submit your Alternative Application. This will cause a delay in the processing of your application. We recommend that you discuss your circumstances with the Financial Aid Office at the school you will be attending.

OK

example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, widowed stepparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings are not considered parents for this application unless they have legally adopted you. If your legal parents are married to each other, or are not married to each other and live together, answer the questions about both of them.

Independent

- Only requires student's (and spouse, if married) information
- Go to section 5

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STUDENT INFORMATION

You are considered an **"Independent"** student. This means you are not required to answer questions about your parents.

OK

☐ I am Single
☐ I am Married or Remarried

Dependency Status

Dependent

- Students that answer “No” to all dependency questions
 - Student information
 - Parent Information

Independent (additional information may be required)

- Students are considered dependent until age of 24 unless they can answer “Yes” to one of the dependency questions
 - Student Information
 - Spouse Information, if married

Who is a Parent for Purposes of the Alternative App?


1. Biological
 2. Adoptive
 3. Stepparent – while married to biological parent
- Parents living together must both provide information on the Alternative App – regardless of marital status
 - For divorced parents:
 - Report the information of the parent with whom the student lived the longest in the past 12 months
 - If time spent with each parent was equal, report the information of the parent who provided the most financial support

Unable to Provide Parent Information

- Dependent students may still be eligible to complete the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid without parental information if they have a special circumstance.
- Unacceptable Reasons for not providing parental information:
 - Parents unwilling to provide information
 - Parents refuse to pay for college
 - Parents do not claim student on taxes
 - Student does not live with parents

Section 4: Parent Demographics

- Indicate marital status of parent
- Indicate month and year of marriage or divorce/separation
- SSN
 - Parents without a SSN enter all zeroes
 - Do not enter an ITIN (begins with 9)
- Parent last name and first initial of first name
- State of where the parent is a resident

As of today, what is the marital status of your parents? 


☐ Married or Remarried

☐ Never married


☐ Divorced or Separated


☐ Widowed


☐ Unmarried and both legal parents living together


Month and year they were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed. 

Parent 1


SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER If your parent does not have a Social Security Number, you must enter 000000000 (Don't enter an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)). 


Last name 


First initial 


Date of Birth 


Parent 2


SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER If your parent does not have a Social Security Number, you must enter 000000000 (Don't enter an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)). 

Last name 


First initial 

Date of Birth 

Your parents' e-mail address. We require your parents' e-mail address so we can send them a PIN needed to sign your application. This e-mail will also be shared with the schools you select on your application. 


What is your parents' state of residence? 

-- Select --

Did your parents become residents of this state before January 1, 2015? 

☐ Yes

☐ No

If your parents were not a resident before January 1, 2015 give the month and year residency began for the parent who has lived in the state the longest. 

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Section 4: Parent's Household

- Household size:
 - Parent(s)
 - Student
 - Other children
 - Other dependents
- Number in college
 - Exclude any parents in college
- Indicate if **anyone** in the household in 2019 or 2020 qualified for any of the federal means tested programs, such as free-reduced lunch, SNAP, etc.

The screenshot shows the 'Section 4: Parent' step of the application process. At the top, a progress bar indicates the status of sections 1 through 7. Section 4 is currently active. Below the progress bar, the title 'Parent Information > Household Information' is displayed. A green success message states 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this, the form asks for the number of people in the parents' household, including the parent, student, and other children/dependents. It then asks for the number of college students in the household between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. The form also includes questions about federal benefits received in 2018 or 2019, such as Medicaid, SNAP, Free or Reduced Price School Lunch, TANF, and WIC. At the bottom right, there are buttons for '< PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT >'.

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Parent Information > Household Information

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How many people are in your parents' household? Include: yourself, even if you don't live with your parents, your parents, your parents' other children (even if they do not live with your parents) if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, or (b) the children could answer "No" to every question in Section Three, and other people if they now live with your parents, your parents provide more than half of their support and your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

How many people in your parents' household will be college students between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021? Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your parents. Do not include siblings who are in U.S. military service academies. You may include others only if they will attend, at least half time in 2020-2021, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

At any time during 2018 or 2019, did you, your parents, or anyone in your parents' household included above receive benefits from any of the following federal programs listed? Mark all that apply. Answering this question will NOT reduce eligibility for student aid or these programs. If you, your parents, or anyone in your household receives any of these benefits after submitting this application you should submit an application correction.

Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Yes No

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Yes No

Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

Yes No

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Yes No

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Yes No

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Section 4: Parent Financials

- Indicate parent's filing status
 - If married, there will be issues with the verification process if each parent filed as "Head of Household"
- Select "no" if a Schedule 1 was not filed or filed only for:
 - Unemployment Compensation (line 7)
 - Educator Expenses (line 10)
 - IRA Deduction (line 19)
 - Student loan interest deduction (line 20)
 - Receiving, selling, sending, exchanging, or otherwise acquiring any financial interest in any virtual currency
- Dislocated worker is most commonly someone who has lost their job or who is a displaced homemaker

Parent Information > Tax Information

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For 2018, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return? ?

- ☒ My parents have already completed their return
- ☐ My parents will file but have not yet completed their return
- ☐ My parents are not going to file

What income tax return did your parents file or will they file for 2018? ?

- ☒ IRS 1040
- ☐ A foreign tax return, IRS 1040NR or IRS 1040NR-EZ
- ☐ A tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory, or Freely Associated State

For 2018, what is or will be your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return? ?

- ☐ Single
- ☒ Married-Filed Joint Return
- ☐ Married-Filed Separate Return
- ☐ Head of Household
- ☐ Qualifying Widow(er)
- ☐ Don't Know

Did (or will) your parents file Schedule 1 with their 2018 tax return? Answer "No" if they did not file Schedule 1 or only filed it to report an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend. ?

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Don't Know

As of today, is either of your parents a dislocated worker? ?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Section 4: Parent's Income & Tax Info

- If an IRS tax return was not filed, leave these two questions blank
 - List Adjusted Gross Income from 2019- IRS form 1040, line 8b
 - Income tax paid in 2019: IRS form 1040-line 14 minus schedule 2-line 2.
 - It is **not** taxes withheld on W-2
- Income earned from working must be reported even if an IRS tax return was not filed
- Do **not** include the following as investments:
 - Home in which you live
 - Value of retirement plans (401K, IRA, pension fund)
 - Family owned business if it has 100 or fewer fulltime employees

For these questions, if your parents will not be filing taxes, leave them blank. Otherwise, report whole dollar amounts with no cents. If the dollar amount is negative or zero enter 0.

What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2018? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 7. ?

Enter your parents' income tax for 2018. Income tax amount is the total of IRS Form 1040—line 13 minus Schedule 2—line 46. If negative, enter a zero here. ?

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These questions ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2018. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms or on the tax return selected above: Form 1040 - line 1 + Schedule 1 - lines 12 + 18 + Schedule K-1 (IRS Form 1065) - Box 14 (Code A). If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation. Report the information as applicable for Parent 1 & 2 as listed previously.

How much did Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working in 2018? ?

How much did Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working in 2018? If Parent 2 does not apply to you, enter 0. ?

As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? Don't include student financial aid. ?

As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate? Don't include the home in which your parents live. ?

As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms? Don't include a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. ?

Section 4: Parent Financials

- This is money leaving the household or credits that will help lower the EFC
- Tax credits are for qualified education expenses parent(s) made for children in college

Parents' 2018 Additional Financial Information (Enter the combined amounts for your parents.)

Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3—line 50. ?

Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children included above as being in your parents' household even if they do not live with your parents. ?

Your parents' taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships. ?

Your parents' taxable college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS as income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships. ?

Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your parents' adjusted gross income. Don't include untaxed combat pay. ?

Earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by a college. ?

Section 4: Parent Untaxed Income

- This is income **not** reported in the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
- Amounts to be reported from IRS tax return are listed in each question
- For other untaxed income, do not include untaxed Social Security benefits and SSI. See question for other items to exclude.

Parent Information > Untaxed Income

Parents' 2018 Untaxed Income (Enter the combined amounts for your parent[s].)

Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S. Don't include amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits). ?

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1—total of lines 28 + 32. ?

Child support received for any of your parents' children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments. ?

Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 2a. ?

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from IRS Form 1040—line 4a minus line 4b. Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here. ?


Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing. ?

Veterans noneducation benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances. ?

Other untaxed income not reported above, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, untaxed foreign income, etc. Also include the untaxed portions of health savings accounts from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1—line 25. Don't include extended foster care benefits, student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act educational benefits, on-base military housing or a military housing allowance, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion or credit for federal tax on special fuels. ?

Section 5: Independent Student

- If parent info was provided in section 4 for dependent students, skip section 5
- Students not required to provide parental information must complete section 5
- Select all benefits that household members received in 2019 **or** 2020
 - Will not affect eligibility for programs and programs will not be taken away

How many people are in your household? Include: yourself (and your spouse), your children, if you will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 even if they do not live with you, and other people if they now live with you, you will provide more than half of their support and you will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. 

How many people in your (and your spouse's) household will be college students between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021? Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include family members who are in the U.S. military service academies. Include others only if they will attend, at least half time in 2020-2021, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate. 

At any time during 2018 or 2019, did you (or your spouse) or anyone in your household included above receive benefits from any of the following federal programs listed? Mark all that apply. Answering this question will NOT reduce eligibility for student aid or these programs. If you (or your spouse) or anyone in your household receives any of these benefits after submitting this application you should submit an application correction.

Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) 

☐ Yes

☐ No

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) 


☐ Yes

☐ No

Free or Reduced Price School Lunch 


☐ Yes

☐ No

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 

☐ Yes

☐ No

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) 

☐ Yes

☐ No

As of today, are you (or your spouse) a dislocated worker? 

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't Know

Section 6: School Selection

- Students can select up to 10 colleges to receive information
- Can only select from Illinois MAP-approved schools
- Students will need to select a housing plan

The screenshot shows the 'Section 6: School Selection' form in the ISAC Alternative App. At the top, a progress bar indicates the user is in Section 6, with previous sections (1-5) completed and Section 7 (Review & Signature) next. A green notification bar at the top of the form states 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this, the heading 'Student Information > School Information' is visible. The form contains three identical sections for selecting colleges. Each section starts with a dropdown for 'Federal School Code' (currently showing '-- Select --'). Below each dropdown is a 'Housing Plans' section with three radio button options: 'On-Campus', 'With Parent', and 'Off Campus'. The first two sections are partially visible, and the third section is fully visible at the bottom.

Section 7: Review

- Make sure to write down your ISAC ID Number, in case you have any issues with your application
- Review sections 1-6
- Make edits as needed

Section 1 Student ✓
Section 2 Student ✓
Section 3 Student ✓
Section 4 Parent ✓
Section 5 Student
Section 6 Student ✓
Section 7 Review & Signature ✓

✓ Application was successfully saved. ✕

REVIEW ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION/AFFIDAVIT PARENT SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

Your ISAC ID Number ?
821008014

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● School Information

? 1ST Federal School Code	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA (001775)	Edit
? Housing Plans	On-Campus	Edit
? 2ND Federal School Code		Edit
? Housing Plans		Edit
? 3RD Federal School Code		Edit
? Housing Plans		Edit
? 4TH Federal School Code		Edit
? Housing Plans		Edit
? 5TH Federal School Code		Edit
? Housing Plans		Edit
? 6TH Federal School Code		Edit
? Housing Plans		Edit

Section 7: Confirming Eligibility Requirements

- Eligibility status 1:
 - Undocumented students must meet all five requirements
- Eligibility status 2:
 - U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen confirms that they are a transgender student

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REVIEW	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	CERTIFICATION/AFFIDAVIT	PARENT SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION			

YOU MUST READ THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS BELOW:

You must certify your eligibility to file this Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. By completing this application, you will be certifying that you meet the criteria listed in Eligibility Status 1 **OR** Eligibility Status 2, below.

Eligibility Status 1:

You are NOT a U.S. citizen (U.S. National) **AND** you are NOT an "eligible noncitizen"*. ("Eligible noncitizen" is described in the text box below.)

AND

You meet all of the following requirements:

1. you resided with your parent or guardian while attending a public or private high school in Illinois;
2. you graduated from a public or private high school, or received the equivalent of a high school diploma, in Illinois;
3. as of the date you graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma, you had attended school in Illinois for at least three (3) years;
4. you have not established a residence outside of Illinois; and
5. by signing the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid you will provide an affidavit stating that you will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity you are eligible to do so.

Eligibility Status 2:

You are a U.S. Citizen (U.S. National) **OR** you are an "eligible noncitizen"*. ("Eligible noncitizen" is described in the text box below.)

AND

You are a **transgender** person.

Section 7: Certification/Affidavit

- Attesting that all information provided is true, accurate, and complete to the best of their knowledge
- Serves as affidavit certifying that they will file an application to become a US permanent resident at the earliest opportunity they are eligible to do so
- Provide student signature via PIN

Section 1 Student	Section 2 Student	Section 3 Student	Section 4 Parent	Section 5 Student	Section 6 Student	Section 7 Review & Signature
REVIEW	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	CERTIFICATION/AFFIDAVIT	PARENT SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION			
<p>By signing this application electronically using my username and password and/or any other credential, I certify that I have read the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid requirements and that I either meet the requirements of Eligibility Status 1 or Eligibility Status 2, as stated, making me eligible to complete this Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.</p> <p>I also understand that I am applying to be considered for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant and that my eligibility will be determined based on additional factors, including, but not limited to, my financial condition, my Illinois residency and the availability of funds appropriated by the State.</p> <p>If I am not a U.S. Citizen (U.S. National) or eligible noncitizen as defined in federal law, I hereby swear on oath that I will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity I am eligible to do so.</p> <p>I further certify that I am the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password and/or any other credential to anyone else.</p> <p>I understand that any person who, by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation, or through other fraudulent device obtains or attempts to obtain or aids or abets any person in obtaining student aid from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to which the person is not entitled, will be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and the award obtained by such means will be recoverable in a civil action. (110 ILCS 947/120)</p> <p>I certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information and attestations provided in this application are true, accurate and complete.</p> <p>Signature Status</p> <p>Both you and a parent need to sign your Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.</p> <p>You may only sign for yourself. Your parent must sign using your ISAC ID Number and the parent PIN that was provided to your parent in an earlier e-mail. If your parent cannot locate the e-mail containing the PIN, click the button labeled, "Resend Link & PIN".</p>						
<div><div>Required Student Signature: UNSIGNED</div><div>RESEND LINK & PIN</div><div>PROVIDE SIGNATURE</div></div>						

Section 7: Parent Signature and Certification

- Parent is certifying the accuracy of the information on the Alternative App
- Parent signs with PIN
- Click on “previous” to return to prior screen to submit after parent signs

✓
Section 1
Student


✓
Section 2
Student

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Section 3
Student

✓
Section 4
Parent

Section 5
Student

✓
Section 6
Student



Section 7
Review & Signature

REVIEWELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTSCERTIFICATION/AFFIDAVITPARENT SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this signature page, I agree, if asked, to provide documentation that verifies the accuracy of the completed Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, a copy of my U.S. or State income tax form or pay stubs.

I understand that any person who, by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation or through other fraudulent device obtains or attempts to obtain or aids or abets any person in obtaining student aid (from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission) to which the person is not entitled will be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and the award obtained by such means will be recoverable in a civil action. (110 ILCS 947/120).

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all information and attestations provided in this application are true, accurate and complete.



Required Parent Signature: UNSIGNEDRESEND LINK & PIN

PROVIDE SIGNATURE

< PREVIOUS

Section 7: Sign & Submit

- Dependent Student
 - Student and parent must sign
 - Student will not be able to submit application if parent does not sign
 - Parent can come back and sign later; student can then submit after parent signs
- Independent student
 - Student must sign and submit

✓ Section 1 Student	✓ Section 2 Student	✓ Section 3 Student	✓ Section 4 Parent	Section 5 Student	✓ Section 6 Student	✍ Section 7 Review & Signature
REVIEW	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	CERTIFICATION/AFFIDAVIT	PARENT SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION			
<p>By signing and submitting this signature page, I agree, if asked, to provide documentation that verifies the accuracy of the completed Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, a copy of my U.S. or State income tax form or pay stubs.</p> <p>I understand that any person who, by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation or through other fraudulent device obtains or attempts to obtain or aids or abets any person in obtaining student aid (from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission) to which the person is not entitled will be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and the award obtained by such means will be recoverable in a civil action. (110 ILCS 947/120).</p> <p>I certify that to the best of my knowledge all information and attestations provided in this application are true, accurate and complete.</p>						
<div>Student can now Submit the Application Required Student Signature: SIGNED</div>						

Section 7: Confirmation

- Write down ISAC ID Number, if you haven't already
- What Happens Next?
 - A confirmation page is emailed to student
 - Corrections can be made if needed after it's processed
 - Information is now available to institutions listed by student
- **Note:** The student will not receive an EFC. They will find out their MAP eligibility through their financial aid offers.

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Application Submission Confirmation



Congratulations, TEST

Your Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid was successfully submitted to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

ISAC ID Number : 821008014

What Happens Next

- Your Alternative Application information will be made available to the school(s) you listed on your application. The information will be used to determine the financial aid, including MAP, you will be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if more information is needed and/or to inform you about your financial aid award package.
- If you have questions about your financial aid award package, contact your school(s).
- If you need to make corrections to the information you submitted, log in to your application through the "Returning Applicants Login" button, using your user name and password. Correct the necessary item(s) and then sign and submit the application by entering the provided PIN.

An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address:

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