

ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD (ING) GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION 2007-08 ACADEMIC YEAR FALL 2007 THROUGH SUMMER 2008

You may contact a College Zone Counselor via telephone at 800.899.4722 or e-mail at collegezone@isac.org regarding information on this application and/or visit our Web site collegezone.com.

Application Information

Apply Early/Check Applicant Status

Applications received by ISAC after the deadline dates listed below will be processed only for subsequent terms, with June 15, 2008 as the final date of acceptance for the summer term of the 2007-08 academic year. ISAC accepts applications beginning in May 2007 and sends Notice of Eligibility letters beginning in August 2007. After July 31, 2007, allow at least four weeks for the processing of this application. Visit the Web site at collegezone.com 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 term in 2007-08 for which he/she plans to receive funds.

Deadline dates for applying: October 1, 2007 – Full Year Consideration; **March 1, 2008** – Only 2nd Semester (2nd/3rd Quarter) and Summer Consideration; **June 15, 2008** – 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). Incomplete applications may result in the delay of payment or disqualification. Applicant must read the second page of this form regarding eligibility, benefits and application procedures. **Additional documentation is not required and, if submitted, will not be returned to the applicant.** Additional terms may apply; please refer to the Department of Military Affairs Illinois (DMAIL) for a full disclosure of your rights and responsibilities.

Applicant's Information (Applicant must reapply each academic year)

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Prior Last Name, if applicable	Date of Birth	E-mail Address	
Permanent Address	Area Code and Telephone Number (<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>) <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>		
City	State	ZIP Code	County
Branch of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Army National Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Air National Guard		RANK: <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted Person	
Illinois National Guard Unit or Base: _____			
Is the applicant in default on any educational loan? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
College/University applicant will attend: _____		ISAC College Code: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
A listing of Illinois 2- or 4-year public colleges approved to participate in the ING Grant Program, including each college's 3-digit ISAC College Code, is available online at collegezone.com .			
Sign and date this certification section: I certify, under the penalties of perjury as provided by law, that all information on this application is true and correct and that I meet the eligibility requirements itemized on page 2 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 certify that I am in compliance with federal Selective Service registration requirements. I have read both pages of this application before signing it. Further, I give my consent to the Department of Military Affairs Illinois (DMAIL), federal Selective Service and the college I attend to release information to ISAC concerning my eligibility for the Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program. I certify that this is a true and original application form provided by ISAC. I understand that, if I fail to complete my service obligation, I may be required to repay to the Department of Military Affairs Illinois (DMAIL) some or all of the funds that I have received through the Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program.			
_____ Applicant's Signature		_____ Date	
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**Mail or fax page 1 of the completed application to:
D-1B ING Grant Processing, Illinois Student Assistance Commission, 1755 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015-5209
Fax: 847.831.8549**

2007-08 ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD (ING) GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

In order to receive benefits under this program an applicant must:

1. Be an Illinois National Guard member, defined as meeting one of these two criteria:
 - a. be active in the Illinois National Guard or
 - b. have been active in the Illinois National Guard for at least five consecutive years and have been called to federal active duty for at least six months and be within the 12 month period immediately following the applicant's discharge from the Illinois National Guard.*
2. Have completed one full year of service in the Illinois National Guard.
3. Be an enlisted member or an officer.
4. Be enrolled at an Illinois public 2- or 4-year college.
5. Not be in default on any student loan, nor owe a refund on any state or federal grant.
6. Maintain an acceptable grade point average (GPA) according to the policy determined by the applicant's college.
7. File a complete application each academic year, indicating the college to be attended.
8. Meet the applicable deadline for the term(s) for which he/she is applying.
9. Notify ISAC, in writing, of name, address or college choice changes as they occur.

* Those individuals who have been active in the Illinois National Guard for at least five consecutive years, had their studies interrupted by being called to federal active duty for at least six months, and meet eligibility requirements in addition to those listed above may be eligible to receive an additional year of Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program eligibility. Eligibility under this criteria is determined by the Education/Incentives Branch of the Department of Military Affairs Illinois (DMAIL) in Springfield, Illinois. Questions regarding individual eligibility status under this legislation should be directed to the applicant's chain of command, or to the Education/Incentives Branch of DMAIL at 217.761.3782.

BENEFITS AND RESTRICTIONS:

1. A grant recipient is entitled to receive payment of eligible tuition and fees for a period equivalent to four academic years of full-time enrollment at an Illinois public university or public community college. Credit and noncredit hours are converted to eligibility units with a maximum usage of 120 units. Visit collegezone.com for an explanation of eligibility units.
2. Benefits are applicable to both undergraduate and graduate enrollment. There is no minimum credit-hour enrollment requirement. Benefits are applicable for eligible noncredit courses.
3. If a student is eligible for both an ING Grant and a Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant, the ING Grant benefits must be used first. A student cannot decline an ING Grant in favor of using MAP.
4. If a recipient ceases to be an active status member of the Illinois National Guard during a term, benefits cease, and the student is responsible for the unpaid costs attributed to the remainder of the term.*
5. If an applicant becomes eligible during a term, the benefits will be prorated for that portion of the term for which the applicant is eligible, provided the application is submitted by the applicable deadline for that term. Costs are prorated on the basis of the college's scheduled days of instruction minus the college's scheduled holidays and examination periods.*
6. If the service obligation is not completed, the grant recipient may be required to repay some or all of the funds to DMAIL.

*These restrictions will be noted on the Notice of Eligibility. The recipient's chain of command must work with the Education/Incentives Branch of DMAIL to update ISAC regarding changes/corrections to the applicant's status in the ING.

ANNUAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1. The applicant must apply to ISAC for these educational benefits and must complete all requested information on page 1 of this application. Additional documentation is not required and, if submitted, will not be returned to the applicant.

In order to receive benefits, one application must be filed for each academic year, which begins with the fall term and concludes the following summer term. No payments will be made on behalf of any eligible student unless a current and complete application is on file. See deadline dates on page 1 of this application.
2. Applications received by ISAC after the deadline dates (see page 1) will be processed only for subsequent terms, with June 15, 2008 as the final date of acceptance for the summer term of the 2007-08 academic year.
3. Applicants who do not provide all requested information will be sent a "Notice of Incomplete Application". ISAC must receive the required information before processing can continue.
4. Qualified applicants will receive an eligibility letter from ISAC for the specific terms of eligibility during each academic year following the filing of the application. If required by the college, a qualified applicant should present his/her eligibility letter to the college financial aid office as soon as he/she receives it. 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.
5. Ineligible applicants will receive written notification from ISAC of their ineligibility to receive program benefits.
6. Payments are made to only one college per term. If the applicant enrolls at a second college for the same term, he/she must arrange for payment through the college of record. However, the college of record is not required to bill ISAC for charges incurred at another college.
7. **ISAC accepts applications beginning in May 2007 and sends Notice of Eligibility letters beginning in August 2007. After July 31, 2007, allow at least four weeks for the processing of this application. Visit the ISAC Web site at collegezone.com for processing updates or call ISAC at 800.899.ISAC (4722). Mail or fax page 1 of the completed application to:**

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