

ILLINOIS VETERAN GRANT (IVG) PROGRAM NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY

This is to notify you that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has determined that you are eligible for the Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program. As a qualified Illinois veteran, you are entitled to be exempt from paying eligible tuition and eligible fees at Illinois public colleges and community colleges, providing you continue to maintain your eligibility status. Complete information about program requirements and eligibility criteria can be found on ISAC's Web site, collegezone.com. The Web site is updated during the year as new or revised information becomes available. Visit regularly for updates to the IVG Program.

You must notify the financial aid office of each college you attend that you are eligible as soon as possible – but no later than the last scheduled day of classes for the term for which a grant is requested. Your college will determine the amount of the eligible tuition and mandatory fees that will be covered by this grant. It is important to keep this notice in order to present a copy to the college(s) you attend.

ISAC administers other scholarship, grant and loan programs that can provide financial assistance to help you pay for college. To learn more about the financial aid process and available programs, visit College Zone — the trusted source for college information — at **collegezone.com**. You may also communicate directly with an ISAC College Zone Counselor via telephone at 800.899.ISAC (4722) or e-mail at collegezone@isac.org. In addition, you can find a variety of informational brochures through our Web site.

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- There are no minimum credit hour enrollment requirements for IVG, and benefits are applicable for both credit and eligible non-credit courses as determined by the college.
- Recipients must not be in default on any student loan, nor owe a refund on any state or federal grant. A qualified applicant for IVG assistance who is in default or owes a refund will be permitted one term of assistance during which a satisfactory repayment record must be established. If a repayment record is not established, additional assistance will be denied until a satisfactory repayment record is established.
- Illinois residency while enrolled in college is required unless the recipient is serving federal active duty service at the time of enrollment, or is residing with a spouse in continued military service who is currently stationed outside of Illinois.
- The veteran must be enrolled at an Illinois public 2- or 4- year college. A listing of eligible colleges is available on ISAC's Web site, collegezone.com.
- The minimum grade point average (GPA) required by the college must be maintained.
- Qualified applicants may use this grant at the undergraduate or graduate level for the equivalent of four academic years of full-time enrollment, which is measured in eligibility units. IVG Program eligibility units are based on the enrolled hours for a particular term, not the dollar amount of the benefits paid. An explanation of how eligibility units are calculated is available at collegezone.com. There is no time limit to use the eligibility units.
- The maximum number of eligibility units (120 units) can't have been accumulated or exceeded. Full program benefits may be extended for one additional term if the recipient has accumulated fewer than 120 eligibility units but does not have enough units remaining for the number of hours in which s/he is enrolled for the term. The eligibility units used for an eligible noncredit course will be the same as the number of eligibility units used for a credit course having the same number of faculty contact hours.
- IVG benefits must be used before Monetary Award Program (MAP) benefits if eligible for both IVG and MAP grants. A student cannot decline IVG benefits in favor of using MAP.
- Students currently serving in the Illinois National Guard may also be eligible for the Illinois National Guard (ING) Program.
- In the event that a recipient withdraws from a course prior to the end of a term, a refund will be made according to the institution's refund withdrawal policy and eligibility units will be adjusted accordingly.