

AGENDA ITEM 14.

**INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN
ISAC GIFT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
COOKING AND HOSPITALITY INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**

Submitted for: Action

Summary: Agency rules set forth eligibility requirements and application procedures for institutions to obtain approval to participate in the Monetary Award Program (MAP) and other ISAC-administered gift assistance programs for which the institution is eligible. Applications for participation in gift assistance programs must be reviewed and approved by the Commission.

The Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago has met the criteria and submitted the required documentation for participation in MAP and certain other ISAC gift assistance programs. Once approved by the Commission, an institution is accorded eligibility to participate in the agency's gift assistance programs on a provisional basis for a minimum of five years. After the five-year period has ended, an institution may petition the Commission for full eligibility.

Action requested: That the Commission approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission approves the application of The Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago to participate, on a provisional basis, in ISAC-administered gift assistance programs for which it is eligible, effective for the fall term of the 2004-2005 academic year, with payment of awards to be subject to available funding."

ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Requirements for eligibility, in addition to general indicators of administrative capability and financial responsibility, include accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; legal authority to operate a postsecondary institution in Illinois; and possession of a valid Program Participation Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education (ED). In addition, an institution which is operated on a for profit basis must offer degree programs which have been approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) for a minimum of three years, and must enroll a majority of its students in such programs.

The Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago (CHIC), a for profit institution owned by Career Education Corp., is located in Chicago and was established in 1983. The institution currently enrolls approximately 1000 students in its two degree programs, the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts and the AAS Degree in Patisserie & Baking. Both degree programs are approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Culinary Arts Degree since 1991 and the Patisserie & Baking Program since 2002. CHIC is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Having concluded that the institution has met the criteria and submitted the required documentation, staff is recommending that the Commission approve the application of The Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago to participate, on a provisional basis, in ISAC-administered gift assistance programs for which it is eligible, effective for the fall term of the 2004-2005 academic year, with payment of awards to be subject to available funding.