

Overview of the Direct Admissions Implementation Process

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A program by the State of Illinois



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Agenda

- Broader Goals and Resources
- Student Experience
- Implementation:
 - High Schools
 - Community Colleges & Universities
- Timeline
- Questions

Gov. Pritzker signs bills tackling college access and affordability

The bills offer direct admission without an application for qualified Illinois students at most public universities and helps with financial aid applications.

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**Direct Admissions
Signed into law by
Gov. Pritzker on
June 30, 2025**

Direct Admission Illinois - *One Click College Admit*



One Click College Admit

- Removes application fees, essays, and letters of recommendation
- Expedites the admission process
- Ensures students, who meet eligibility criteria, a spot at an Illinois university and local Community College



Goal is to Make College More Accessible

- Help **ALL** students understand that college is an option for them
- Reduce barriers in applying to college
- Establish a new pathway for student recruitment
- Ensures students have a transfer pathway to multiple options around the state
- Help keep student talent and potential in Illinois

One Click College Admit Built on Statewide Collaboration Efforts



Illinois Community College
Board



Recognizing Challenging Dynamics

- Universities will maintain standard enrollment process
- Students will continue to need personal support and engagement, nothing can replace that
- Every college is unique, not a one size fits all
- Want students to complete their associate degree and be in the best position to transfer
- Everyone is already busy

Two Parallel Tracks for Direct Admissions

- High School students will be applying to both community colleges and public universities
 - The HS students will accept DA offers through the Common App (CA) platform
- Community college transfer process
 - Community college students will NOT apply through Common App
 - Universities will build out landing pages for Direct Admissions
 - DA offer is to the institution, NOT a particular degree program



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COLLEGE IS ONE **CLICK** AWAY

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS



One Click College Admit Opt-In Walkthrough

Students must opt-in before the 5/22/26 deadline!

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High School Juniors (Class of 2027)

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ONE CLICK COLLEGE ADMIT

The easy, stress-free way to be admitted to Illinois public universities and community colleges. No fees and no essays!

Complete the Opt-In Form, and get ready to receive admission offers next fall!

[OPT-IN FORM](#)



<https://www.oneclickadmit.org/>



Opt-In Data Collected

- Opt-in electronic form will collect
 - student's name
 - home address
 - birth date
 - telephone number
 - email address
 - high school/community college
 - College ID number – community college students
- Optional Demographic Questions – High School Students
 - First generation status
 - Race/ethnicity



ISAC created videos on the Opt-in Process.

[One Click College Admit: Junior Opt-in Walkthrough](#)

[One Click College Admit: Parent Opt-in Walkthrough](#)

[One Click College Admit: Community College Opt-in Walkthrough](#)

Opt-in Form Walkthrough

Create an account to access the Opt-In form

Apply now.

DIRECT ADMISSION ILLINOIS: ONE CLICK COLLEGE ADMIT

One Click College Admit is an initiative of the State of Illinois and is the state's free, quick, and stress-free direct admissions program into most state public universities and all community colleges. For general admission to a state university or community college, there are no application fees, no essays, and no letters of recommendation required! Say goodbye to the lengthy application process. The only requirement to be considered for admission into most of the state's universities is your GPA. If you meet the university's GPA requirement, you're in!

START APPLICATION

Have an account? Log In to make the application process faster, or create an account for future applications. ✕

LOGIN

SIGN UP

Email address

Password

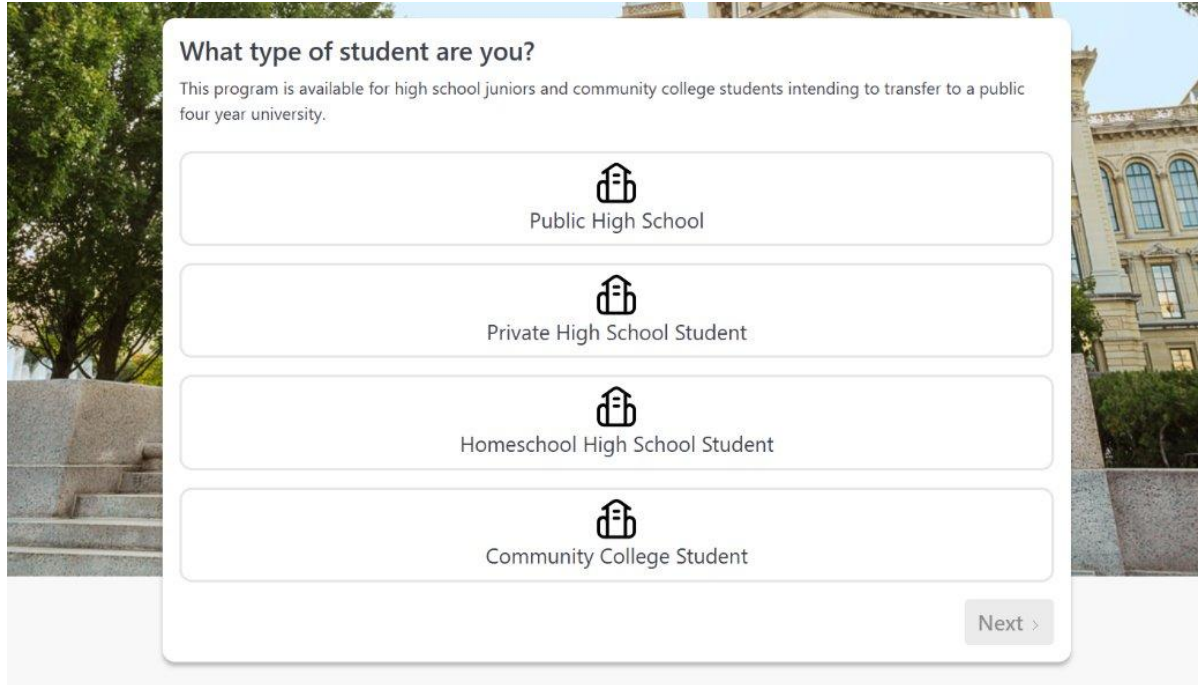
LOGIN

Forgot Password?

Forgot User ID?



Opt-in Form: Student Type



The screenshot shows a web form titled "What type of student are you?". Below the title is a descriptive sentence: "This program is available for high school juniors and community college students intending to transfer to a public four year university." There are four radio button options, each with a house icon and a label: "Public High School", "Private High School Student", "Homeschool High School Student", and "Community College Student". A "Next >" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

What type of student are you?

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Public High School

Private High School Student

Homeschool High School Student

Community College Student

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Opt-in Form: Student Consent and Release

Direct Admission Illinois: One Click College Admit Opt-In Participation FERPA and Illinois School Student Records Act Consent & Release

The Public University Direct Admission Program Act gives Illinois students an opportunity to be directly admitted to any of ten Illinois public universities (the University of Illinois at Springfield, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University) and their local community college through the *One Click College Admit* direct admissions program.

One Click College Admit removes the lengthy admission process, complicated applications, and costly application fees of applying for higher education. Each participating student will be matched for **automatic general admission** into participating universities and colleges by reviewing the student's current cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) with the established standards for admission set by each university and college. Students will be informed of their eligibility for general admission at any matched universities and their local community college.

Students have privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and the Illinois School Student Records Act. Each student, or their parent/guardian, must give permission for their high school to share the student's cumulative GPA under these laws to participate in *One Click College Admit*. By signing this form, permission is granted for the student's high school to share the student's cumulative GPA and the information on this form with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for the purposes of administering *One Click College Admit* under the Public University Direct Admission Program Act. Pursuant to the Illinois School Code, the student's GPA and the information provided on this form will further be provided only to the Illinois public universities, for which the student qualifies under *One Click College Admit*, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Illinois at Chicago if the student qualifies under Section 20 of the Public University Direct Admission Program Act, the community college district where the student resides, and to the Common App (www.commonapp.org), which is a third party that operates a statewide student application portal for the purposes of communicating with students regarding their direct admission offers and completion of the admission process. The student's GPA and information provided on this form may not be disclosed to any other individual or entity unless the student or parent/guardian consents to such disclosure.

Students are under no obligation to participate in *One Click College Admit*. The student's decision to participate in *One Click College Admit*, as well as any college and universities to which the student is offered general admission, may be shared with the student's high school.

Students may always and are encouraged to apply via the traditional application process to any university or college that does not offer the student direct admission.

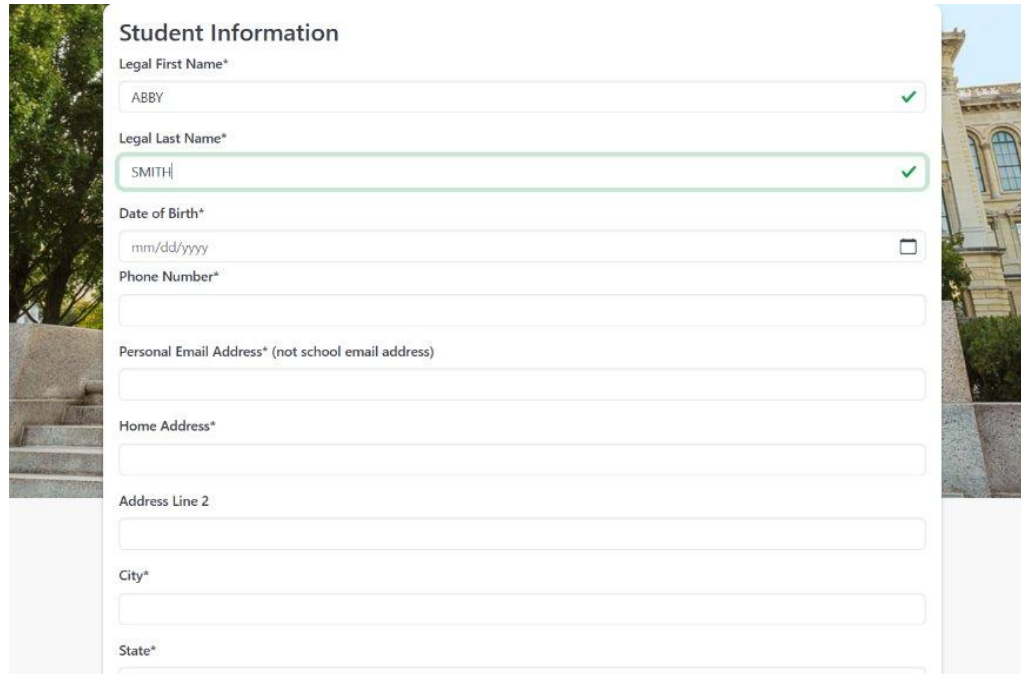
I have read and agreed to the Agreement above
If you're under 18, parent information is required for consent

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Opt-in Form: Student Information



Student Information

Legal First Name*
ABBY ✓

Legal Last Name*
SMITH ✓

Date of Birth*
mm/dd/yyyy

Phone Number*

Personal Email Address* (not school email address)

Home Address*

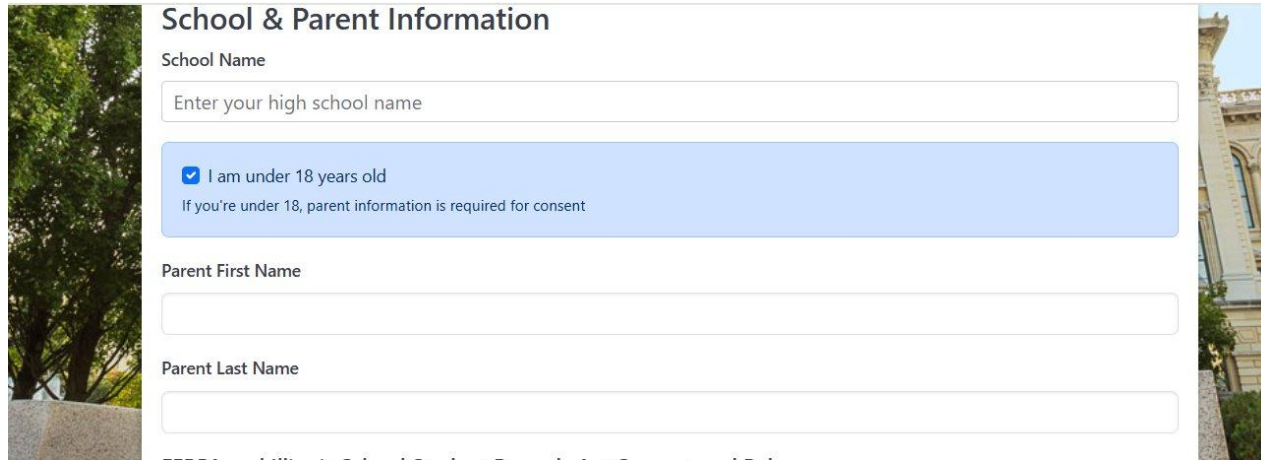
Address Line 2

City*

State*

Opt-in Form: School & Parent Information

If the student is under 18, parent information is also required for consent



School & Parent Information

School Name

Enter your high school name

I am under 18 years old
If you're under 18, parent information is required for consent

Parent First Name

Parent Last Name

Opt-in Form: Parent Consent and Release

FERPA and Illinois School Student Records Act Consent and Release

By my signature below, I state the following for myself or my child, as applicable. I give my high school permission to release the specified school student education records (specifically, the student's cumulative GPA, and information provided on this form, referred to as "Direct Admissions Information") to ISAC, to IBHE, to ISBE, to ICCB, to any matched public universities and community colleges, and to the Common App for use in administering the *One Click College Admit* program. I understand that I have the right not to consent to the release of my educational records and to decline participation in *One Click College Admit*. I understand that I have the right to inspect and copy any records released, to challenge their contents under the Illinois School Student Records Act, and to limit this consent to designated portions of the records or information contained therein. I understand that my participation does not guarantee my direct admission to any specific college or university of my choosing. I understand that although reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard my information, there is no guarantee that disclosure of information can be fully secure, and I release and waive the board of education of my school district, my school district, including my high school, the Common App, ISAC, ICCB, IBHE, and ISBE, and their respective officials, employees, and agents from any and all claims and liability arising out of or related to the release of Direct Admissions Information pursuant to this consent. My high school and ISAC may disclose, for the purposes of the *One Click College Admit* program, any of the above listed educational records without further written consent, unless the high school and ISAC are notified in writing to the contrary. This signed release will remain in effect for twenty-four months after the date of submission of this consent, or until such time that I may revoke the release by providing written notification to my high school and to ISAC.

Parent's Signature

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Opt-in Form: Optional Questions for High School Juniors

Optional Questions

The following demographic questions are optional and help us better serve students.

What is your gender

Male
 Female
 Non-binary
 Prefer not to answer

Please select your race/ethnicity (select all that apply)

American Indian, Alaska Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Hispanic or Latino
 Middle Eastern or North African
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 White
 Prefer not to answer
 Some other race and/or ethnicity

What's the highest level of education completed by either of your parents?

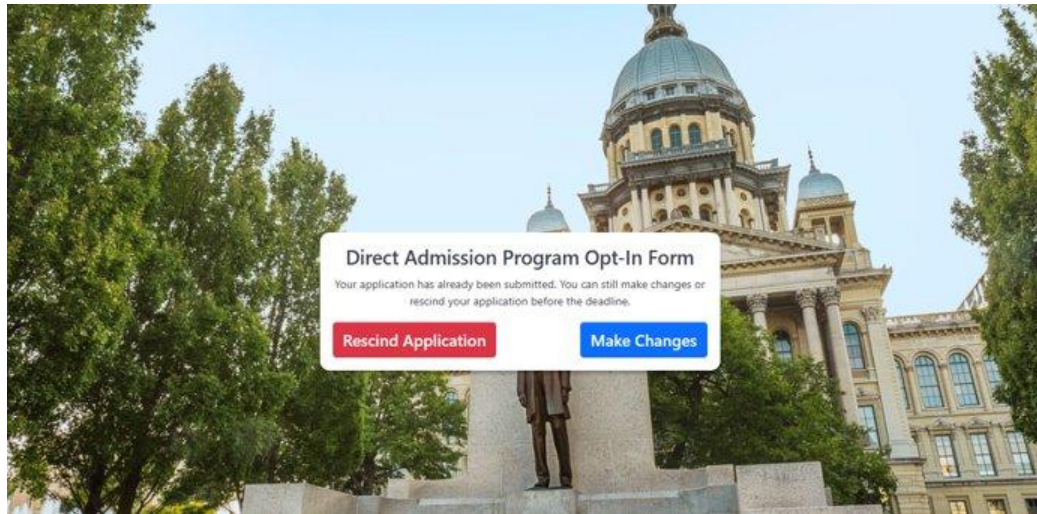
Did not complete High School
 Completed High School
 Some College, no degree
 Associate Degree
 Bachelor's Degree
 Master's Degree
 Doctorate
 Unknown

ISAC College Q&A Text Messages
I would like to receive valuable information on the college-going process via ISAC text messaging.
Recommended — This service provides helpful college planning tips and reminders

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Opt-in Form: Rescind Application or Make Changes

Once Opt-In form is submitted, you can either make changes or rescind application before the 5/22/26 deadline



High School Counselors

Partners in Direct Admission

- Help students understand and act on this opportunity – both now and for the long haul
- We rely on your expertise to help the student explore all their direct admission offers to determine which offer best fits their plans for their future
- Work with ISAC to build in the Direct Admissions options into your yearly engagement cycle

Helping Clarify Options for Students

- Students will always need guidance about the option that works best for them
- Direct Admissions can help offer certainty for students on public university options
- Key Steps in the Process:
 - Students will receive an email identifying their Direct Admission offers. High School students will sign into the Common App (CA) to act on those offers
 - Counselors will also receive the list of DA offers made to students who opted-in
 - Inside CA is a dedicated Direct Admissions section where students will see offers
 - Direct Admissions schools will be flagged
- Colleges can illustrate perks, financial aid, exceptions and other relevant

Community College & University Counselors

Ensuring Colleges are Fully Represented

- This does not replace your current application process but is a supplemental flow of student engagement
- Students will see public universities across the state as well as their local community college
- Want every community college to have a seat at the table on the Common App platform

Direct Admission Transfer Requirements

Under the direct admission program, a public university shall offer.... any public community college transfer student transferring to a public university who meets all of the following requirements:

- 1) Is enrolled at a public community college in this State.
- 2) Has earned a minimum of 30 graded, transferable semester hours.
- 3) Meets the minimum grade point average requirement as set by the public university and as reported to Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Calculating 30 Transferable Hours

- Iterative Approach for Course Inclusion in 30 Transferrable Hours
 - Agency leadership has agreed to a phased approach for identifying courses that count toward the 30 graded, transferrable credit hours.
 - Year One (Current Academic Year)
 - Courses included:
 - All IAI and GECC courses
 - PCS 1.1 courses
 - Dual Credit and Advanced Placement (A/P) credit that meet the criteria above are included.
 - Year Two and Beyond
 - All Year One course types
 - Expanded review of additional transferrable courses:
 - Potential inclusion of A.A.S. degree pathways accepted by universities
- Potential Inclusion Examples: Technology, Criminal Justice, Nursing

Calculating Student GPA

- Report the student's cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) exactly as it appears on their official transcript. This GPA should reflect:
 - All completed coursework that contributes to the student's academic record at the institution.
 - The GPA calculated by the college, following its official grading policies.
 - The most current cumulative GPA, including any updates from recent terms, as long as it is reflected on the transcript.
 - Students will be encouraged to share all transcripts with universities as they accept direct admissions offers.

Key Timelines

Implementation Timeline for Fall 2027

- **May 22:** Opt-in platform closes for students; every year thereafter opt-in platform will close the Friday before Memorial Day.
- **June:** ISAC provides High Schools and ICCB with a list students who have opted in.
- **July:** High schools provide junior/rising senior student data to ISAC for admission determinations. Community colleges also provide transfer student data to ICCB to share with ISAC for admission determinations.

Implementation Timeline for Fall 2027

- **Aug:** ISAC matches student GPAs with the requirements for Direct Admissions.
- **Sept 1:** ISAC shares files of matches with Common App; ISAC shares lists of students who were directly admitted to the public universities and participating Community Colleges with the institutions
- **Sept 15:** ISAC emails students with their Direct Admission offers and next steps; universities and colleges may begin direct outreach to students

What Success Looks Like

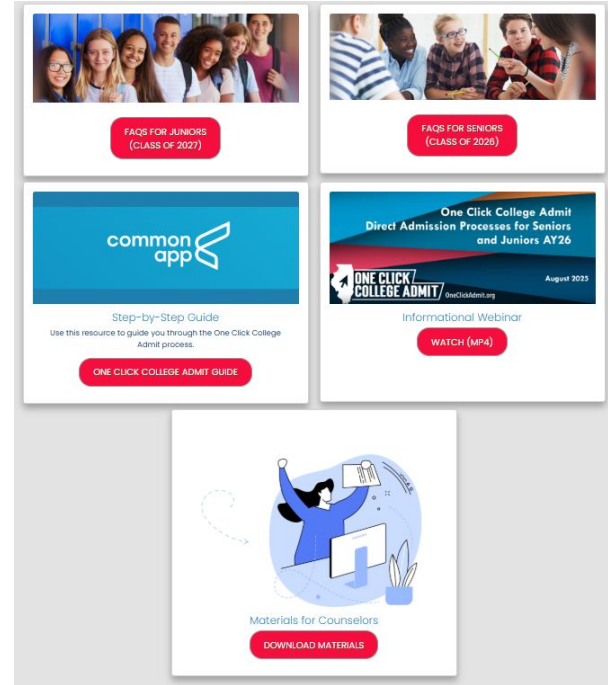
- High school and community college students seeing a new pathway forward for themselves
- Community colleges and universities seeing their value realized by more students

Resources

One Click College Admit Resources Page

Resources to help families navigate One Click College Admit

- FAQs for students
- Step-by-Step Guide
- Informational webinar recording
- Downloadable materials for counselors
- Video walkthroughs of the process for all audiences
- Virtual workshops at www.isac.org/OCCA-workshops.



ISAC Support – The ISACorps



- The ISACorps are near-peer mentors that support students and families with:
 - Postsecondary and career exploration
 - Scholarship searches
 - Completion of financial aid applications
- To find your local ISACorps member you may enter your zip code or schedule a virtual meeting by using [ISAC Booking](#)

Thinking about education after high school? Complete your 2025-26 financial aid application!

If you are applying to college for 2025-26, you will want to complete the 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA[®] so you can get money to help pay for the college or certificate program that is right for you! Find the FAFSA at fafsa.gov. Some students may complete the 2025-26 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid to apply for state financial aid only. Find the Alt App at isac.org/AlternativeApp.

There's free help available from the ISACorps to help you complete your application in as little as 30 minutes! Schedule an appointment for a free one-on-one virtual meeting at isac.org/booking to complete your financial aid application, or attend a free financial aid application completion workshop in your community. Check out [ISAC Events](#) for more info.

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