



Online Resources to Support Student Success

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FILE YOUR 2019-20 FAFSA NOW

...if you are looking for financial aid for *any* postsecondary education, including for vocational programs, certificates, and two and four-year degree programs

GET HELP WITH THE FAFSA, COLLEGE PLANNING, APPLICATIONS AND MORE
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STUDENT PORTAL



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Planning for college can seem pretty overwhelming, but it's a lot easier with the right tools just a click away. And it's even better when those tools are free! Use the ISAC Student Portal to help you choose a college, learn about careers, find scholarships, simplify the financial aid process, learn how to budget your money, and much more. You can even connect with one of our ISACorps counselors for one-on-one help or to find a workshop in your area!

October is
College
Changes
Everything®
Month in
Illinois!



It's time to complete your college applications and file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) for the 2019-20 school year. Just go to the ISACorps Events page to check out a free college application, financial aid, or FAFSA completion workshop near you!

Today's Events

There are no events today.

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ONLINE TOOLS



COLLEGE PLANNING MADE EASY.

The **ISAC Student Portal** has all the tools you need to help you with college planning, financial aid, student loans and money management, and even careers and job search—all free and just a click away!



COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

Check out ISAC partner **College Greenlight™** to search college profiles with student reviews, videos and more. Plus search a database of billions of dollars in scholarships.



FINANCIAL AID

Need financial aid for college but not sure what's out there and how to apply? Learn about financial aid with the **FinAid Game**, use our **Calculators** to determine your eligibility for aid, and compare your **Financial Aid Award Letters** with our easy-to-use online tool.



MONEY MANAGEMENT

Visit ISAC partner **SALT™ Money** to learn how to take control of your money — how to budget, and how to borrow less, borrow smart, and repay your student loans.



CAREERS AND JOBS

With ISAC partner **Illinois workNet®** you can explore careers and salaries, build a resume and search for jobs. And if you are looking for a summer job or internship in Illinois, check out the regularly updated listings on the **Student Portal Job Board**.



COLLEGE PLANNING TIPS

In high school and just starting to think about the whole college process? Use our handy online **College Checklist** to stay on top of all the steps you need to take in planning for college.



ISAC Program Applications/Status Are you a current MAP grant recipient? Create a student profile on the Portal to check your MAP paid credit hours. You can also use the Portal to apply for the Illinois National Guard Grant and the Illinois Veteran Grant.



Need some in-person help with the process? Use the Portal to find a workshop in your area or to contact your local **ISACorps College Mentor** for free in-person assistance with the college-going and financial aid process.

Make College Happen!

Visit [isac.org/studentportal](https://www.isac.org/studentportal)

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College Resources

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- Illinois workNet – careers and jobs
- Claim Your Future – financial literacy

Toolbox

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- MAP Estimator

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COLLEGE GREENLIGHT

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH AND COLLEGE
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Getting Started

Student Dashboard

Scholarship Search Tool

- My Scholarship List

What Are My Chances Calculator

- Predict chances of being admitted to colleges of choice

College Fit Meter


- Find if your college is a right fit

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GETTING STARTED



Current Level: [Newbie](#)

Create Your Profile

Sign up and you'll be on your way towards colleges and scholarships that are right for you.

Select One

Email Address

Create Password

Confirm Password

By clicking Create Account, you agree to our [Terms](#) and that you have read and understood our [Privacy Policy](#).

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MY PROFILE



- Contact Information
- Academic Background
 - GPA
 - High School Graduation Date
 - Extra Curricular Activities
- College Preferences
 - Expected Start Date
 - Institution Type
 - Institution Size
 - Location

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My Profile

Below is the information you entered in your profile. Click the "Edit" link on any section to modify its contents. You can also [change account settings](#).

Basics	High School Academic Information
Name	GPA
Address	Weighted GPA
Primary Phone	Approximate Class Rank
Secondary Phone	Honors/AP Classes
Birth Date	Academic Honors
Gender	SAT
Ethnicity	ACT
Citizenship	PSAT
Graduation/GED Date	
Homeschooled	
High School Name	
Intended Major	

Preferences	More About Me
Expected Start	Highest Degree Expected
	Mother's Education Level
	Father's Education Level
	Religion
	Importance of Financial Aid

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STUDENT DASHBOARD



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My Dashboard

Search for Colleges

ENTER COLLEGE NAME:

[Advanced Search](#)

My Profile



Your profile may have the basics, but there's more we'd like to learn about you. Improve your college and scholarship matches by completing your profile.

[Edit Profile](#)

College Messages

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[Stony Brook University](#)

Honors Programs, Scholarships and Success

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[Carnegie Mellon University](#)

What will you do?

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Add to List



[Southern Illinois University Edwardsville](#)

Your career; Your future; Your SIUE.




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Add to List

SHOWING 3 OF 8 MESSAGES

My College List

[View All](#)

RANK	COLLEGE NAME	STATUS
-	 Northern Illinois University	Planning to apply?
-	 City Colleges of Chicago- Richard J Daley College	Planning to apply?
-	 University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign	Planning to apply?

SHOWING 3 OF 4 COLLEGES

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MY COLLEGE LIST



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My College List

Colleges Notes Dates Compare Archived

MY RANK	COLLEGE	CHANCES	COSTS
1	 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ★★★★★ 295 REVIEWS	 CHANCES OF GETTING IN	\$20,000 PER YEAR
STATUS: Planning to apply? Visit Illinois Apply to College			
2	 Northern Illinois University ★★★★☆ 200 REVIEWS	WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING IN? Update your profile and we'll know	
STATUS: Planning to apply? Apply to NIU today! Apply to College			

Chances of acceptance based on academic background

SIMILAR COLLEGES

University of California, San Diego

Other colleges recommended based on preferences

Find yourself here
[READ MESSAGE](#)

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Michigan State University
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University of Wisconsin-Madison
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Missouri University of Science and Technology
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Arrupe College
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COLLEGE INFORMATION



The screenshot shows the College Greenlight page for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A red box highlights the 'Overview' sidebar menu, which includes links for Mission Statement, Quick Facts, Social Stream, At a Glance, and Reviews. Another red box highlights the 'Quick Facts' section, which displays the following data:

44,000 students	66% admitted
41,414 full time 2,586 part time 21,618 men full time 8,249 women full time	34,277 applied 22,471 admitted 7,565 enrolled
See Your Fit >	See Your Chances >
33,000 Undergraduates	\$12,036 tuition/year
11,874 Graduates 1,436 Non-Degree	\$12,036 in state \$3,590 fees \$11,308 room & board

A third red box highlights the 'Reviews' section, which shows a 'Reviews in 3 Sentences' summary and a list of student reviews. A red arrow points from the 'Reviews' text in the top right box to the 'Reviews in 3 Sentences' box. A fourth red box highlights the 'Find out about things to do on campus, safety, deadlines, and more.' text in the bottom left box.

Current and former student



reviews

Find out about things to do on campus, safety, deadlines, and more.

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WHAT ARE MY CHANCES?



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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, IL

You connected on 8/25/15

Choose Another School Go

4.1 AVERAGE RATING

- Overview
- Admissions
 - What are my Chances**
 - Scattergram
 - Application Fees
 - Test Scores
 - Contact Info
 - Reviews
- Tuition & Costs
- Your Fit
- Deadlines
- Academics & Majors
- Photos & Videos
- Student Reviews

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Admissions Stats

Colleges > By State > Illinois > University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign > Unv

What Are My Chances?®

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES?® CALCULATOR

Lower Medium Higher

How to read this

It seems like you're on the fence for this college. We are missing information we ordinarily use in our assessment. Talk to others to get their opinion. [You may still not get in!](#)

[Update Profile](#)

This college is on your college list.

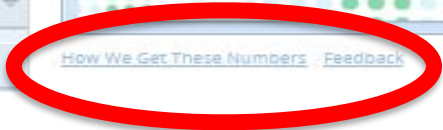
SELECTIVITY

68% admitted

Not sure if you can get in? [Read our Admissions Tips](#)

[How We Get These Numbers](#) | [Feedback](#)

For more accurate results, update profile



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COLLEGE FIT



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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, IL

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4.1 AVERAGE RATING

Your Fit

Colleges > By State > Illinois > University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign > Your Fit

8+1 Like 168k

Cappex Fit Meter



84%
Great Fit

Nice! A lot of your preferences match what this school has to offer.

How does this work?

We compare your accomplishments and preferences to what University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has to offer to get a general idea how well you match up with this school.

- ✔ A good match.
- ✔ An OK match.
- ✘ Not a good match.

Keep an Open Mind

A low fit score doesn't necessarily mean this college isn't worth looking into. Think of it as a general guide.

Fit Meter Score Breakdown

CRITERIA	Fit	YOUR PREFERENCE	IMPORTANCE	Edit All
Location	-	-	Don't Care	Edit
Institution Type	-	Study Abroad	Don't Care	Edit
School Size	✔	Mid size (7,500 to 15,000 students), Large (15,000 to 30,000 students)	Important	Edit
Housing Costs	-	No Preference	Don't Care	Edit
Tuition Costs	-	No Preference	Don't Care	Edit
Majors	-	-	Don't Care	Edit

Navigation: Overview, Admissions, Tuition & Costs, **Fit Score**, Home States, Academics & Majors, Photos & Videos, Student Reviews, Campus Life, Around Town, Discussions, Social Media, Scholarships

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SCHOLARSHIP MATCHES



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Scholarships

My Scholarship Matches My Scholarship List College Greenlight Scholarships Merit Scholarships

33 We've matched you with 33 scholarships. To get more matches, [update your profile](#).

Update Profile

College Greenlight is giving away thousands of dollars in scholarships each month.

College Greenlight Scholarships

Update profile to improve scholarship matches

Level of effort and competitiveness for each scholarship

Select an option to save to My Scholarship List

	AMOUNT	DEADLINE	EFFORT	COMPETITION	NEXT STEPS
1	\$800	Nov 15			Select One
2	\$500	-			Select One
3	\$75,000	-			Select One
4	\$1,500	Sep 30			Select One
5	\$1,500	Nov 1			Select One
6	\$1,500	Nov 1			Select One

Show All 33 Matching Scholarships Get More Matches Now

Select One dropdown menu options: Select One, Might Apply, Will Apply, Applied, Won, Did Not Win, Doesn't fit, Will Not Apply

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MY SCHOLARSHIP LIST



Scholarships

My Scholarship Matches **My Scholarship List** College Greenlight Scholarships Merit Scholarships

Other scholarships available from College Greenlight or institutions

My Scholarship List

This is a list of scholarships you have selected a status for.

SCHOLARSHIP MATCHES	AMOUNT	DEADLINE	EFFORT	COMPETITION	STATUS
College Moving Scholarship	\$800	Nov 15	👉	👤👤👤	Might Apply
Greg Monforton & Partners Scholarship for Higher Education	\$500	-	👉	👤👤	Will Apply
Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel...)	\$75,000	-	👉👉👉	👤👤👤👤	Applied
Don't Text and Drive Scholarship	\$1,500	Sep 30	👉	👤👤👤👤👤	Won
DECLINED SCHOLARSHIPS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE	EFFORT	COMPETITION	STATUS
Comedy Driving Essay Scholarship	\$1,500	Nov 1	👉	👤👤👤	Did Not Win
Comedy Driving Inc, Video Scholarship	\$1,500	Nov 1	👉	👤👤👤	Doesn't fit
Goldberg Weisman Cairo Cook County High School Legal...	\$1,000	May 31	👉	👤👤👤	Will Not Apply

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Assessment

- Interest, skills, work values, and lifestyle preferences

Resume Builder

- Sample resumes, sample sections, or start from scratch

jobFinder

- Search job database by location, job sector, and position type

And more...

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ASSESSMENTS



Connect to occupations that match your interest, skills, work values, and lifestyle preferences

- Interest Profiler
- Career Cluster Inventory
- Skills Inventory
- Work Importance Locator
- Lifestyle “Reality Check”

Career Cluster Inventory



Rate 80 activities as like very much, like, dislike, or not sure.
Results: Provides a graph indicating how your interests match up to each career cluster area.

Duration  5-25 minutes

Interest Profiler



There are 180 activities. Choose if you like, dislike, or are unsure for each activity.
Results: Organizes interests into 6 categories of work.

Duration  10-20 minutes

SKILLS Profiler



Select 35 skills and group them as very, moderate, or somewhat satisfying.
Results: Lists top 30 occupations that match your skills. Calculates Holland Personality Type.

Duration  10-20 minutes

Work Importance Locator



Group 20 statements based on how important the work aspect is to you.
Results: Provides scores for 6 work values and occupations for each work value.

Duration  5-15 minutes

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RESUME BUILDER



Select from different resume options

- Over 500 sample resumes
- Or start your own from scratch

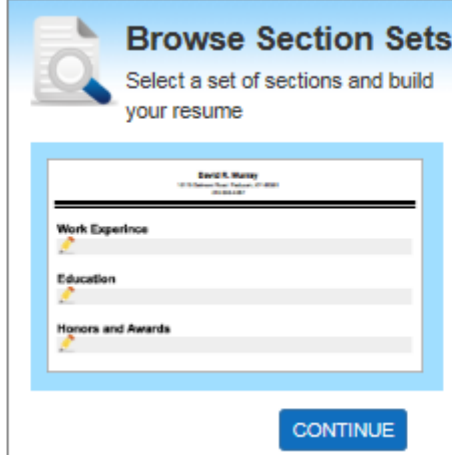
Save multiple resumes



Browse Samples
Select a sample and edit it with your information

The interface shows a stack of resume samples on the left and a preview of a sample resume on the right. The preview includes a header with the name "David K. Murry" and contact information, followed by sections for "Work Experience", "Education", and "Honors and Awards".

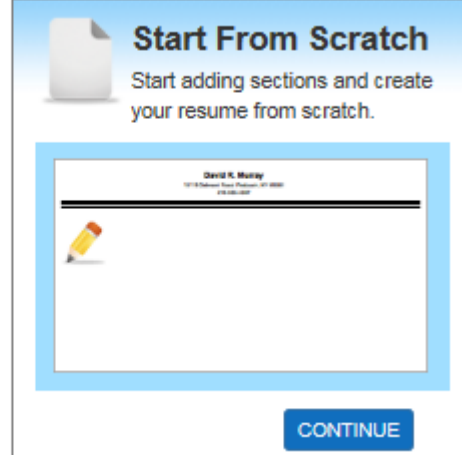
CONTINUE



Browse Section Sets
Select a set of sections and build your resume

The interface shows a preview of a resume template with sections for "Work Experience", "Education", and "Honors and Awards". Each section has a yellow pencil icon indicating it can be edited.

CONTINUE



Start From Scratch
Start adding sections and create your resume from scratch.

The interface shows a blank resume template with a yellow pencil icon in the top left corner, indicating where to start adding content.

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JOBFINDER



Search job database

- Location
- Job Sector
- Position Type

Keywords:

Search Radius:

Location:

Advanced Search Options

Job Sectors:

Position Type:

Sources:

Post Date:

Number of Results:

Sort by:

Job 1 - 10 of 1010 Viewing page 1 of 101

General Labor

DEAN FOODS COMPANY - Rockford, IL
39 days ago - 3/24/2016 9:50:18 AM

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, protected...

Track Laborer

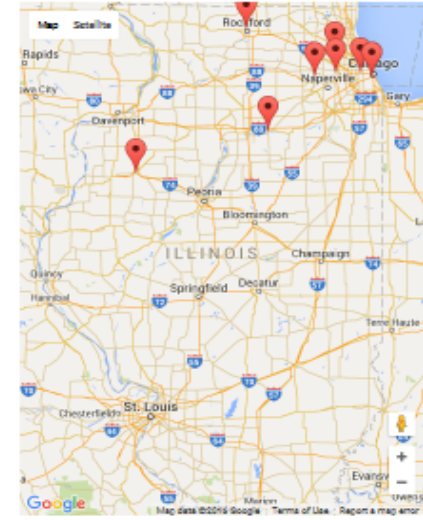
Illinois Railway, LLC - Ottawa, IL
5 days ago - 4/27/2016 10:35:32 AM

Valid CDL driver's license required. Required license or certification: Ability to acquire and maintain a valid drivers' license to operate company vehicles....

Medical Support Assistant - Galesburg Community Based Outpatient Clinic

Department of Veterans Affairs - Galesburg, IL
5 days ago - 4/27/2016 4:25:08 PM

Incumbent will participate in the implementation of daily operations in theAA Galesburg Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CROC)



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FINANCIAL LITERACY

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CLAIM YOUR FUTURE



Financial literacy tool that encourages students to explore education after high school, future careers, and money management.

Resources:

- Printable budget worksheet
- Educator's Guide
- Training Video
- Certificate of Completion

Welcome to Claim Your Future!

Brought to you by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), Claim Your Future® is a game that encourages exploration of education and training after high school, future careers, and money management.

Claim Your Future encourages students to:

- Have conversations about their goals and aspirations.
- Link today's educational and spending choices to future job options and financial stability.
- Distinguish between wants and needs and learn to prioritize.
- Describe benefits of saving and the impact of long-term student debt.

PLAY THE GAME!



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CLAIM YOUR FUTURE



Illinois schools and non-profit organizations may request a free Claim Your Future kit by visiting the 'Order Kits' page.

Includes:

- 50 career wheels
- 100 student reward stickers



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OTHER RESOURCES

UNDER RESOURCE TAB AT
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ISAC College Q&A

Get your questions about college planning and financial aid answered via text message, and receive important information about college planning events and deadlines.

To use the service simply text your first and last name to the phone number below which is closest to your area.

(847) 243-6470

(773) 453-9520

(630) 216-4910

(815) 242-4630

(217) 207-3265

(309) 306-7066

(708) 252-3890

(618) 223-6450

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ILLINOIS COLLEGE2CAREER



College search for Illinois colleges or universities that best fit a student's education and career goals

Search options include:

- Career Outcomes
- Costs
- Financial Aid
- Graduation Rates
- Student Debt
- And more!

A screenshot of the Illinois College2Career website interface. The left side is a blue banner with the text "Welcome to ILLINOIS COLLEGE 2CAREER" and "Illinois College2Career helps you find Illinois colleges that best fit your educational priorities and career goals within the state." Below this are two buttons: "Check out our tutorial!" and "Find your match now!". The right side is a white search area titled "Choose Your Options and Go!". It contains three sections: "What type of college do you want to attend?" with radio buttons for "2-Year College" and "4-Year College"; "What are you planning to study?" with a dropdown menu and a link for help; and "What colleges would you like to explore?" with another dropdown menu. A "SEE RESULTS" button is at the bottom right.

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FAFSA4CASTER



From the U.S. Department of Education, this tool uses basic information you provide to help you estimate your eligibility for federal student aid, including the Pell Grant, work study and student loans.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA4caster web application interface. At the top, it features the "Federal Student Aid" logo with the tagline "An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION" and "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND". To the right is the "FAFSA® Free Application for Federal Student Aid" logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with "Home" and "Help" icons, and a "Search FAFSA Help" search bar. The main content area is titled "FAFSA4caster" and contains the following text: "FAFSA4caster will help you understand your options for paying for college. Provide some basic information and we'll estimate your eligibility for federal student aid. Your estimate will be shown in the 'College Cost Worksheet' where you can also provide estimated amounts of other student aid and savings that can go towards your college education. Go ahead and get started now! If you need help for a question, read the Help and Hints on the right." Below this is a "Student Information" section with a dropdown menu for "Are you a U.S. citizen?" currently showing "Select". A "SUBMIT" button is located to the right of the dropdown. At the bottom of the main content area are "NEED HELP?" and "EXIT" buttons. On the right side, there is a "Help and Hints" sidebar with the heading "Are you a U.S. citizen?". The text in the sidebar reads: "You must select the option that indicates your citizenship status. Select U.S. citizen (or U.S. national) if you are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Select Eligible noncitizen if you are:" followed by a bulleted list: "• A U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551), or a Conditional permanent resident (I-551C)" and "• Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: 'Refugee,'". At the bottom of the page, it says "Site Last Updated: Sunday, December 9, 2018" and "Download Adobe Reader".

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TOOLBOX

TOOLS TO HELP YOU GET READY FOR COLLEGE

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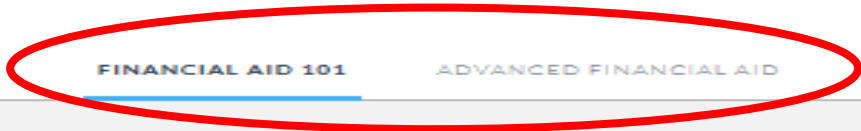
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FINAID GAME



FINANCIAL AID 101

ADVANCED FINANCIAL AID

YOUR SCORE

0

Financial Aid 101

Think you know everything about financial aid? Play to find out! Please click on the "Select School / Save Progress" button to select your school and save scores to the leaderboard.

SELECT SCHOOL / SAVE PROGRESS

100	100	100	100	100
200	200	200	200	200
300	300	300	300	300
400	400	400	400	400
500	500	500	500	500

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INTERNSHIPS AND SUMMER JOBS



STUDENT JOB BOARD

Jobs

Click on the name of the position that interests you for the job description and a link to the application

Employer Login

<input type="text" value="Keyword ..."/>	<input type="text" value="Location ..."/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Internship <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Job	<input type="button" value="Filter Results"/>

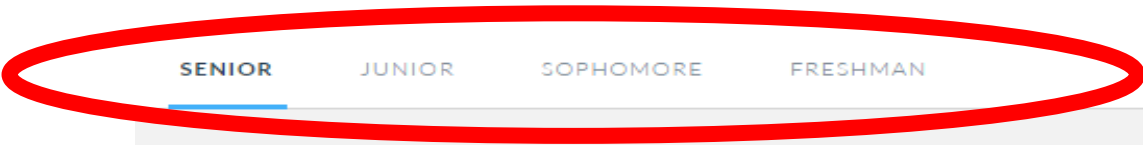
	Administrative Intern (On-Call) Erie Family Health Center	 Chicago, IL Internship	Jun, 20 <input type="button" value="NEW"/>
	Quality Administor Komatsu America Corp.	 Peoria, IL Internship	Jun, 20 <input type="button" value="NEW"/>
	Market Research Internship Program FOG Software Group	 Deerfield, IL Internship	Jun, 20 <input type="button" value="NEW"/>
	DC Intern PETSMART	 Ottawa, IL Internship	Jun, 20 <input type="button" value="NEW"/>


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COLLEGE CHECKLIST



SAVE PROGRESS 

Senior Checklist

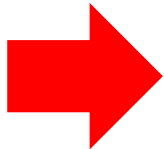
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine application requirements for the colleges that interest you	October 1	▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit five to eight applications	November 1	▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review college award letter using interactive ISAC award comparison tool	March & April	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Send in college acceptance form or tuition deposit	May 1	
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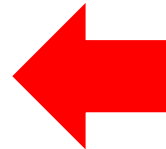
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FINANCIAL AID COMPARISON WORKSHEET



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2018-2019 Academic Year

Add another college to compare award packages.

College A	
First year out of pocket cost	"8190"*
<i>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</i>	
<i>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</i>	
^	
Cost of Attendance	36525
Gift Aid	- 20335
Federal Work Study	- 2500
Student Loan Aid	- 5500
Remaining Need	= 8190
Parent PLUS Loan	- 0
Out of Pocket Cost	= 8190

College B	
First year out of pocket cost	"2285"*
<i>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</i>	
<i>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</i>	
^	
Cost of Attendance	31570
Gift Aid	- 21785
Federal Work Study	- 2000
Student Loan Aid	- 5500
Remaining Need	= 2285
Parent PLUS Loan	- 0
Out of Pocket Cost	= 2285

College C	
First year out of pocket cost	"415"*
<i>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</i>	
<i>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</i>	
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Cost of Attendance	24950
Gift Aid	- 17035
Federal Work Study	- 2000
Student Loan Aid	- 5500
Remaining Need	= 415
Parent PLUS Loan	- 0
Out of Pocket Cost	= 415

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MAP ESTIMATOR



To use the tool, you'll need your expected family contribution (EFC) -- if you don't already know your EFC, find it by using the [FAFSA4caster](#) . If you're a [dependent student](#) , you will also need to know your adjusted gross income (AGI) from the most recent tax year, as well as your cash, savings and checking account balances.

Based on your EFC, your estimated MAP Grant award is...

COLLEGE A	COLLEGE B	COLLEGE C
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Note: The results from this Estimator are only estimates, and are based on full-time enrollment. The information provided does not constitute an actual offer for financial aid, nor does it imply acceptance to any college. You are encouraged to contact all colleges you are interested in attending to receive a personally-tailored financial aid offer before making your final college selection.

My EFC is...

For the purposes of the FAFSA, I am...

I am interested in attending...

Select College Choice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- College and career exploration
- College and scholarship applications
- FAFSA completion workshops
- College preparation workshops

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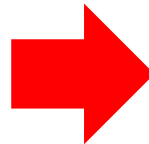


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The ISACorps are here to help you through the college planning process! ISACorps members are recent college graduates from across the state that can help you with the ins and outs of selecting and applying to college, scholarship searches, FAFSA completion, and student financial aid. Meet with your local ISACorps member for free one-on-one assistance or at FREE college fairs and financial aid workshops in your community.

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ISAC EVENT CALENDAR



Enter your zip code to find free events near you such as:

- Financial aid presentation
- FAFSA completion workshop
- College 101 presentation

Find An Event Near You

Looking for a FREE financial aid presentation, FAFSA completion workshop, or a college fair in your area? Check our calendar to find an event near you. Don't see anything close by or in the near future? Check with your high school to see if your school is holding an event on campus. Or contact your local ISACorps member for free one-on-one assistance. If you are planning to attend a FAFSA Completion Workshop, check out [What to Bring to a FAFSA Completion Workshop](#) before you go!

All Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 6th

Financial aid presentation (),
5-6:30 pm
 Joliet West High School
401 N Larkin Ave, Joliet, IL

Event Contact:
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ISACorps Event



Wednesday, September 6th

Financial aid presentation (),
6:00pm to 7:00pm
 Pecatonica High School
1300 Main St., Pecatonica, IL

Event Contact:
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PaCE STUDENT CHECKLIST



Tool to help guide students from 8th to 12th grade through the college and career planning process.

PaCE Student Checklist

8TH GRADE



Career

- Identify potential careers you are interested in. To help you identify a career of interest, you can complete a survey at studentportal.isac.org > [College Resources](#) > [Illinois WorkNet](#) > [Skills and Interests](#) >
- A career cluster is a group of jobs that are related by skills or products. Each cluster has classes or training opportunities to prepare you for a career in that cluster. To explore the idea of career clusters, go to studentportal.isac.org > [College Resources](#) > [IL WorkNet](#) > [Careers, Wages, and Trends](#) >
- Research careers you are interested in to find out what the job responsibilities are for each career, and what kind of education and skills are needed.
- Speak with someone from a career you are interested in and ask them what their favorite and least favorite part of their job is, as well as how much education is needed for their job.



Money

- Ask a parent or guardian what they think you should do to get ready for college.

PaCE Student Checklist

9TH GRADE



Career

- Reveal the careers you are interested in and expand on your current career interests. Identify one or two new careers that you might want to explore.
- Explore career clusters by going to studentportal.isac.org > [College Resources](#) > [IL WorkNet](#) > [Careers, Wages, and Trends](#) >
- Research careers you are interested in to find out what the job responsibilities are for each career, and what kind of education and skills are needed.
- Consider talking to someone who works in those careers about their favorite and least favorite part of their job, as well as how much education is needed for their job.



Money

- Talk to your parents or guardians about your career interests.
- Ask a parent or guardian what they think you should do to get ready for college.

PaCE Student Checklist

10TH GRADE



Career

- Get in contact with someone who works in a career you are interested in and ask if you can visit or take a tour of where they work. When you visit their workplace, think about whether you could see yourself there in the future.
- Explore career clusters by going to studentportal.isac.org > [College Resources](#) > [IL WorkNet](#) > [Careers, Wages, and Trends](#) >
- Of the careers you researched and are interested in, pick a favorite and identify what steps you can take to help you get there. Write out a plan.
- For your top career choice, research what jobs people start out in, how much they make per year, and how much education is needed for the entry level job vs. higher level job.



Money

- Plan to save money for college.

PaCE Student Checklist

11TH GRADE



Career

- Re-take the career interest survey you took in 9th grade. To complete a career interest survey visit studentportal.isac.org > [College Resources](#) > [Illinois WorkNet](#) > [Skills and Interests](#) >
- To get a job, employers will want to interview you. To prepare for this, see if a teacher, counselor, or family member would be willing to do a mock interview with you.
- Create a resume and have it reviewed by a teacher or counselor. To get help in building a resume visit studentportal.isac.org > [College Resources](#) > [Illinois WorkNet Center](#) >
- In addition, create a personal statement for your college applications. Ask a teacher, counselor, or family member to review and provide you with feedback on your personal statement.
- Find an internship or summer job to help you get experience in a field you are interested in. Visit studentportal.isac.org > [Toolbox](#) > [Internship and Summer Jobs](#) >
- Research what colleges have the degree or certificate program you are interested in. Find out their cost of attendance, admissions application deadline, and any additional requirements you may need to fulfill.
- Research different aspects of a career you are interested in, including responsibilities, salary, education requirement, and employment opportunities.



Money

- Research college offers that you are interested in. Visit isac.org > [College Resources](#) > [Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet](#) >

PaCE Student Checklist

12TH GRADE



Career

- Talk to your counselor to see if you need to take any additional math/ELA classes to graduate and be accepted into college.
- Take advantage of an internship/job shadow opportunity or summer job to get experience in the field you are interested in. Find an internship or summer job by visiting studentportal.isac.org > [Toolbox](#) > [Internship and Summer Jobs](#) >
- If your school awards industry-based certifications, research the process and requirements to receive a certificate related to your career pathway.
- Complete a project or activity with a group of friends focused on everyone's career pathway. To explore your career pathway visit bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers
- Talk to your counselor about how a dual credit class, AP class, internship, or summer job could help you decide what program of study you'd like to pursue in college.



Money

- Attend a FAFSA completion workshop with your parent(s). To find a financial aid workshop near you, visit studentportal.isac.org > [Toolbox](#) > [Event Calendar](#) >
- Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after October 1st.
- Attend a financial aid award letter workshop, sit down with your school counselor or ISACorps member, or use the online award comparison tool at studentportal.isac.org > [Toolbox](#) > [Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet](#) > to compare your financial aid award letters.
- Talk to your parent(s) about what school you want to attend, what your financial aid package includes, if there are any out-of-pocket costs, and your plan for future college years.
- For the college(s) of your choice, use the Illinois WorkNet Center and College Scorecard tools (Under the Resources tab at studentportal.isac.org) to find out the average entry-level salary, graduation rates, and average salary after graduation.
- Research the difference between federal government and private loans. Research their terms, conditions and repayment options. In addition, research the requirements to keep and renew any scholarships received.



College

- Apply to the five colleges you determined you would apply to (one safety, three match, and one reach). It's good to have options.
- Figure out what your current GPA is, where you need it to be to get into college, and what you need to work on to get it where it needs to be. Talk to your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and have completed all of the classes necessary to be accepted into college.

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ILLINOIS POSTSECONDARY AND CAREER EXPECTATIONS FRAMEWORK (PaCE)

PaCE Support Options:

- PaCE Overview Presentation
- PaCE Framework Development Workshop

Additional Resources:

- On PaCE To Thrive Community Guide
- Illinois Career Pathways Dictionary
- PaCE Implementation Leader Training

For PaCE information, resources, and support request form, visit isac.org/pace.

Illinois PaCE Postsecondary and Career Expectations

Each student should have an individualized learning plan to help make decisions about career and post-secondary (PS) education or training, to plan a course of study, and to make financial aid assessments with family members.

By the end of 8th grade	By the end of 9th grade	By the end of 10th grade	By the end of 11th grade	By the end of 12th grade
<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● complete a career cluster survey ● attend a career exploration day ● complete a unit on education planning ● be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the concept of career clusters of interest ● relationship between community service/extracurricular activities and postsecondary (PS)/career goals 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● revisit career cluster interest survey and take a career interest survey ● complete an orientation to career clusters ● attend a PS options workshop ● meet with a counselor to discuss coursework and PS/career plans using the ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators ● begin determining eligibility for advanced placement (AP) courses ● outline a plan for community service and extracurricular activities related to PS plans ● complete a financial aid assessment with a family member <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● one or two career clusters for further exploration and development ● the relationship between HS coursework, attendance, and grades to PS plans ● importance of community service and extracurricular activities to PS and career plans ● general cost ranges of various PS options 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● visit at least one workplace aligned with career interests ● complete an orientation course to a particular career cluster or cluster grouping ● select a career pathway (CP) within a career cluster of interest ● begin determining eligibility for AP courses ● identify 2-3 adults to support the student through the PS and career selection process ● review coursework and PS/career plans in relation to the ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators (every year) ● attend a PS affordability workshop with a family member <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● educational requirements, cost, expected entry level, and midpoint salary for occupations in selected CP ● different types of PS credentials and institutions ● general timing of PS entrance exams and applications ● benefit of early college credit opportunities to PS access and completion 	<p>A student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● revisit the career survey ● participate in a mock job interview ● create a resume and personal statement ● identify an internship opportunity related to the CP ● determine readiness for college-level coursework in math/ELA and enrollment in either "catch up" or "speed up" course ● complete or enroll in at least one early college credit opportunity ● attend a college fair ● visit at least 3 PS institutions ● take at least one college entrance exam <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● application deadlines, test timing, cost, and preparation for industry-based certification for CP ● career attributes related to career interests ● entrance requirements, including application deadlines, for expected PS programs of study ● 3-5 match schools, one safety, one reach school for PS program of study ● negative impact of remediation on PS goals ● financial aid deadlines for chosen PS options 	<p>By 12/31 of 12th grade a student should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● completed 3 or more admissions applications to PS institutions ● met with a school counselor to ensure all steps in the PS admissions process are completed on time ● attended a FAFSA completion workshop ● completed the FAFSA <p>By the end of 12th grade a student should be supported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● address any remedial needs in math/ELA ● obtain an internship opportunity related to the CP ● if applicable, receive industry-based certification(s) related to the CP ● complete one or more team-based challenges or projects related to the CP ● attend a financial aid award letter workshop <p>A student should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● how CP courses and experiences articulate to degree programs at PS options ● estimated cost of each PS option ● affordability of PS options in relation to expected entry-level career salary and anticipated debt ● terms and conditions of any scholarship or loan



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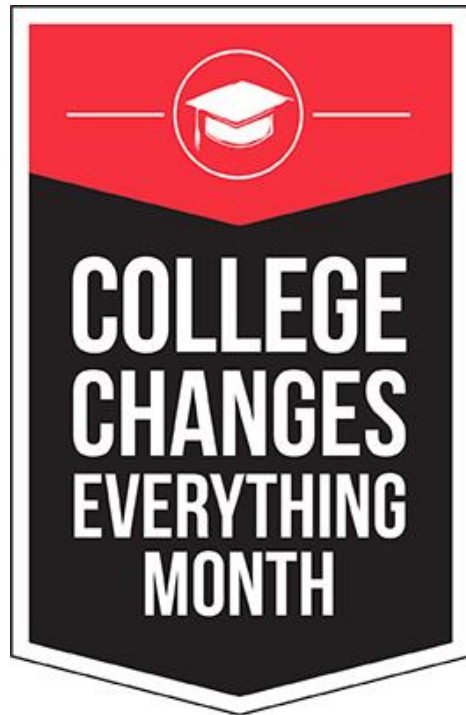
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Smart Phone App



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ACT NOW AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS MAP & DATABASE

- Search by
 - Geographic Area
 - Grades Served
 - Programming Offered
- Programs categories include: STEM/STEAM, Civic Engagement, Mentoring, Health & Wellness, Homework Assistance, Multi-cultural Experiences, and more





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