



**OFFICE OF STUDENT
FINANCIAL AID**

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Free Application for Federal Student Aid
(FAFSA) available online at:

[FAFSA.ED.GOV](https://fafsa.ed.gov)

PRIORITY DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2020

ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION



Illinois Student Assistance Commission

ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS FINANCIAL AID

Intended for qualifying
undocumented and
transgender students

Alternative Application to apply for 2020-2021 Illinois MAP Grants

The Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid allows qualifying undocumented students and transgender students who are not otherwise eligible for federal financial aid to apply for Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants to attend eligible Illinois colleges, universities, and career education programs.

The pre-screening questions in this application will help you determine if you are a qualifying undocumented or transgender student who is not eligible for federal financial aid.

[See our User Guide & Resources for this program >>](#)

studentportal.isac.org/en/alternativeapp

TIMELINE

- October 1: 2020-21 FAFSA available
- January & February: Scholarships and financial aid notifications announced for early action admitted students
- March: Scholarships and financial aid notifications announced for regular decision admitted students
- April: Estimated financial aid notifications issued to students without an official award letter

VERIFICATION PROCESS

- Students are selected for verification by the Federal Processor.
- If you make changes to your FAFSA or estimate your tax figures, you might be selected for verification.
- Send any requested documentation as soon as possible.

HOW MUCH DOES ILLINOIS COST?

2020-2021		Resident	Non-Resident
Direct Costs	Tuition & Fees***	\$16,862-\$21,956	\$34,312-\$39,406
	Room & Board*	\$12,252	\$12,252
	Subtotal	\$29,114-\$34,208	\$46,564-\$51,658
Allowance/ Indirect Costs	Books & Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200
	Other Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,840
	Subtotal	\$3,700	\$4,040
Total Costs		\$32,814-\$37,908	\$50,604-\$55,698**

*Considered a direct cost only if living in University Housing

**International rates can be found online at cost.illinois.edu

***Pending Board of Trustees approval

CALCULATE YOUR COSTS

- Illinois Tuition Guarantee - Our tuition guarantee program, which ensures you'll pay the same amount for tuition each year, can help keep your college costs down.

cost.illinois.edu/Home/Cost

NET PRICE CALCULATOR

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/NPC](https://go.illinois.edu/npc)

- Based on **2020-2021** cost
- Select your anticipated program of study
- If you have filed your FAFSA, you may enter the “EFC” from your Student Aid Report
- If you have not filed your FAFSA, leave “EFC” blank and answer a few questions about your household
- Provides cost and aid estimates based upon information provided

SELF-SERVICE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM

- Financial Aid Notification
- Award Summary
- Cost of Attendance
- Award History
- Student Requirements

To access Self-Service, please log in to your myllini account. Once in myllini, you will see a link under the 'Financial Aid' section on your Admitted Student Checklist that takes you to Self-Service.

DOCUMENT UPLOAD

- Recommended way to send documentation is to use UI-Integrate Self-Service
- Students may use myllini to access UI-Integrate Self-Service
- Please do not email documents

FINANCIAL AID NOTIFICATION

- Shows your total Cost of Attendance and the Expected Family Contribution
- Displays your financial aid awards
- Asks you to accept or decline awards that have been offered
- Asks you to complete additional requirements for loans

TYPES OF AID

GRANTS (FEDERAL, STATE OR INSTITUTIONAL)

- Do not have to be repaid
- Eligibility is determined by financial need

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Do not have to be repaid
- Awarded by colleges and departments (merit-based)
- Awarded by private outside donors (merit & need-based)

TYPES OF AID

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- Over 10,000 active student employees
- Most jobs do not require Federal Work Study
- Virtual Job Board hosted on our website

LOANS

- Expected to be repaid post graduation
- Awarded by federal government and OSFA

TYPES OF AID

VETERANS BENEFITS

- Chapter 33 Post 9/11
- Chapter 35
- Chapter 30
- Chapter 1606
- Illinois National Guard (ING)
- Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)
- MIA/POW

WAIVERS

- Children of Veterans
- Child of Employee

ILLINOIS COMMITMENT

- Provides up to four years (eight semesters) of institutional funds to fill the gap to cover tuition and campus fees
- Eligibility criteria:
 - You're an Illinois resident who graduated from an Illinois high school (*parents listed on the FAFSA are also Illinois residents*)
 - \$67,100 or below family income
 - \$50,000 or less in family assets (this does not include your primary residence)
 - Admitted as a new freshman or transfer student
 - You're under the age of 24

osfa.illinois.edu/types-of-aid/other-aid/illinois-commitment/illinois-commitment-frequently-asked-questions/

AIM HIGH GRANT

- The AIM HIGH Grant Pilot program was created by the Illinois State Legislature and is designed to encourage Illinois students to attend an in-state university, improve college affordability, and reduce student debt.
- \$5,000 per year award (\$20,000 over four years)
- Eligibility criteria:
 - Top academically admitted new freshman admitted to each college
 - Demonstrate financial need with a household income of no greater than 6 times the federal poverty level and filed the FAFSA by January 5, 2019
 - Resident of the state of Illinois and graduated from Illinois High School
 - Admitted as a new freshman beginning Fall 2019

Learn more at osfa.illinois.edu/types-of-aid/other-aid/aim-high-program/

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH WEBSITES

CAPPEX.COM

FASTWEB.COM

SCHOLARSHIPS.COM

SCHOLARSHIPAMERICA.ORG

Over \$12 million in outside scholarships received by
nearly 3,000 undergraduates.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION
FROM 2018 TAX YEAR INFORMATION ON 2020-2021 FAFSA

Examples include:

- Loss of income
- Loss or reduction of benefits
- Divorce or separation
- Other catastrophic event

FINANCIAL AID TIPS

- The FAFSA becomes available October 1 each year.
- File the FAFSA annually.
- Parents and students should create an FSA ID to electronically sign federal student aid documents
- The best time to start searching for private scholarships is the fall of the previous academic year.
- Promptly respond to any requests for additional documentation.
- Review and respond to your financial aid notification.
- Maintain a folder to keep all financial aid information.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES AND CASHIER OPERATIONS (USFSCO)

PAYMYBILL.UILLINOIS.EDU

[217-333-2180](tel:217-333-2180) | USFSCOHELP@UILLINOIS.EDU

- View University Billing Information in Self-Service
- Set up Authorized Payers
- Review Payment and Payment Plan Options
- Enroll in Direct Deposit of Refunds
- Authorize College Illinois/ 529 Plans Payments
- Located in Henry Administration Building, Room 100

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