

Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2020-21 AWARDS: MARCH 1, 2021

<https://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/illinois-special-education-teacher-tuition-waiver-settw-program.html>

ISAC Call Center at 800.899.ISAC (4722)

*Please see the ISAC website above for application and details. Information on the 2021-22 academic year was recently updated. **ISAC annually awards 250 tuition waivers!** This is a summary of information which provides full tuition & fee waivers for special education majors at the 12 state universities:*

Because this program is a tuition waiver for attendance at public universities in Illinois, awards are not subject to annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor.

If you are a teacher or an academically talented student pursuing a career in special education as a nonprofit public, private or parochial preschool, elementary or secondary school teacher in Illinois, you may be eligible for the Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver Program. **This program will exempt you from paying tuition and mandatory fees at an [eligible institution](#), for up to four calendar years.**

How to Apply

The [Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver \(SETTW\) Program Application/Teaching Agreement/Promissory Note](#) is available online via the [Program Applications & Status Checks](#) area of the [ISAC Student Portal](#). After entering and submitting your data, follow the on-screen instructions to print the completed application, sign it, and mail it to ISAC. **Important: please note that the application is not complete until the Application/Teaching Agreement/Promissory Note, with an original ink signature, is received at ISAC.**

For priority consideration, your complete application (including an original ink signature) must be postmarked on or before March 1 preceding the academic year for which you are applying (i.e., the application received date will be based upon the U.S. Postal Service postmark date). Applications postmarked after that date will be given consideration for the award if, after the initial round of awarding, all 250 available tuition waivers have not been awarded. If you are eligible for the Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver, you will receive a notice of eligibility by July 1.

When a new Illinois SETTW recipient is named, the college must provide ISAC with verification of the student's enrollment and program eligibility. The college is also asked to verify the recipient's enrollment and continued eligibility status for each academic year that the tuition waiver is renewed.

Eligible Public Four-year Institutions in Illinois

(providing the institution offers a concentration in special education)

- 001694 Chicago State University
- 001674 Eastern Illinois University
- 009145 Governors State University
- 001692 Illinois State University
- 001693 Northeastern Illinois University
- 001737 Northern Illinois University
- 001758 Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
- 001759 Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville
- 001776 University of Illinois – Chicago
- 009333 University of Illinois – Springfield (*beginning 2020-21 Academic Year*)
- 001775 University of Illinois – Urbana
- 001780 Western Illinois University

ISAC offers two programs designed specifically for individuals studying to become teachers: the Illinois SETTW Program and the [Minority Teachers of Illinois \(MTI\) Scholarship Program](#). A [comparison chart](#) provides a side-by-side view of the Illinois SETTW, MTI Scholarship, federal [TEACH Grant](#), and [Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois](#) programs.