

Outreach Request Form

To request an ISAC representative for your event, please email this completed Outreach Request Form no more than *six (6)* months and no less than *three (3)* weeks prior to the event to isac.outreach@illinois.gov.

Please note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the safety of staff, students, and parents all outreach events in 2020 will be done virtually until otherwise noted. ISAC staff will work with organizers to determine the optimal virtual platform to be used for the outreach event. Your understanding and flexibility are greatly appreciated.

SECTION I – Event Logistics

Event Date: _____ Event Time: From: _____ To: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

If first choice for date is not available, please indicate second choice: _____

Host: _____

Host Name _____

Street Address _____ Building/Room Number _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Event Contact: _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Title _____ Organization _____

Area Code & Phone Number & Extension _____ Email Address (required) _____

SECTION II – Event Profile

Outreach Event Type: (select one) – See following pages for descriptions.

- Financial Aid Process Presentation Financial Aid Application Completion Workshop

If selecting one of the events below, please enter specific event name from descriptions on following pages.

Financial Aid/Literacy event: _____

Postsecondary Exploration/Preparation event: _____

Career Exploration event: _____

Language (select one): English Spanish

Anticipated Number of Attendees: Under 20 21-30 31-50 Other: _____

Audience (select as many as apply):

Freshmen Juniors Sophomores Seniors Parents Professionals/Educators

Younger than high school Nontraditional students Adult learners Other: _____

College Changes Everything Campaign

Yes! Please have a Corps member contact me so that we can become a College Changes Everything (CCE) site by having a financial aid application **and** college application workshop between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

CCE sites will receive free promotional materials for their workshops, along with some CCE t-shirts while supplies last.

Financial Aid & Literacy

The Financial Aid Process Presentation (45 minutes – 1 hour presentation) *Available in English and Spanish*

This virtual presentation outlines the general financial aid process and provides insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility, and how it can be used to help pay for college. It introduces the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) along with summarizing state and federal aid programs among other topics.

Financial Aid Application Completion Workshop – (seniors & college students; 1 – 1½ hours)

During this virtual workshop students will be able to get questions answered to complete either the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) or the *Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative Application)*, intended for qualifying undocumented and transgender students. These are the forms used to apply for financial aid, such as the Federal Pell Grant and/or the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP). Many colleges also use these forms to consider students for institutional money. Individuals should create an FSA ID prior to the workshop to expedite the submission of the FAFSA. The FSA ID is also used to retrieve their tax and income information via the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. Please note that the FSA ID is not used with the Alternative Application. Individuals should have readily available information regarding their income and asset information.

FSA ID workshop – (juniors & seniors; approximately 45 – 60 min)

Attendees will be given information on how to obtain an FSA ID and ISAC staff will be available to answer individual questions and troubleshoot any issues. An FSA ID is required for an individual to sign a FAFSA electronically and to electronically transfer to the FAFSA the income and tax information submitted to the IRS. By using an FSA ID, it increases data entry accuracy and can expedite the completion and submission of a FAFSA. An FSA ID can be created by all students and parents with a social security number.

Path of the FAFSA – (juniors; approximately 45 minutes)

The FAFSA is fundamental to obtaining financial aid. This virtual presentation outlines what to expect on the FAFSA, the information to be included in the form, how the FAFSA is used to determine financial aid eligibility, and how to read a financial award letter.

FAFSA Follow-Up - (seniors; approx. 30 minutes)

Many students and their families have additional questions after completing the FAFSA. This virtual presentation addresses what happens after a FAFSA is completed, including the SAR (Student Aid Report), completing the verification process, using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, reviewing aid award letters using ISAC's interactive tool, and how aid is disbursed.

All about Scholarships - (juniors and seniors; approx. 30 minutes)

This introduction to the process of applying for scholarships addresses the basics of a scholarship application, along with tips on how to submit a successful application. It is designed to flexibly integrate high school resources while informing students of reputable sources of information.

Managing College Costs: Students - (seniors; approx. 45 minutes)

The goal of this virtual presentation is to get students thinking about their college budget. Topics include how to plan your college financing, as well as strategies for saving money without losing out on academic opportunities. Increasing a student's financial base, scholarships, and working on campus are also discussed.

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Managing College Costs: Parents - (parents of juniors and seniors: approx. 45 minutes)

This virtual presentation provides tips on how parents can support their student as he/she searches for the “right fit” college. Topics include knowing the facts about college value, types of colleges and degrees, college visits, financial aid basics, teaching your student to budget, tips on managing money in college, and common concerns.

Postsecondary Education, Exploration, Preparation & Selection

College is Possible (middle school students & parents; 45 minutes to 1 hour) *Available in English and Spanish*

It is never too early to start planning for college. This virtual presentation outlines the college and financial aid processes in general terms, lays the groundwork for what to expect with the college-going process, and provides tips and tools students and parents can use to learn more about planning, applying, and paying for a postsecondary education.

Welcome to High School - (8th graders, freshmen, and sophomores; approx. 30 minutes)

This virtual presentation introduces 8th graders, freshmen, and sophomores to the importance of high school and how to make the most of it to prepare for college. Students will learn the important basic information about college, as well as how they can prepare for college academically, socially, and behaviorally during high school.

College Application Process - (juniors and seniors; approx. 45 minutes)

Applying to colleges can be daunting. Through this virtual presentation, juniors and seniors will learn the ins and outs of the college application process, including typical components of college applications, the timeline and logistics of the college application process, tips on personal statements/essays, and basic financial aid information. Students will also learn about helpful resources they can use to prepare for standardized tests often required for college admissions.

College Application Workshop – (seniors and college students; 1 – 1 ½ hours)

ISAC has partnered with the American College Application Campaign to promote applying to college in a timely fashion. As part of this campaign, Corps members will assist students with completing college applications to the college(s) of their choice. Schools are encouraged to work with ISAC staff to hold other virtual activities prior to the workshop so that they are able to successfully submit a completed application.

College 101 - (juniors and seniors; approx. 45 minutes)

Typically people hear “college” and assume it means living away from home to attend a 4-year university. This virtual presentation covers detailed information about various post-secondary options and why it is important to start thinking about life after high school. Topics include but not limited to types of colleges and how to research colleges, college match, and importance of college visits.

Headed to College - (seniors; approx. 30 minutes)

As recent college graduates, Corps members offer an important perspective to high school seniors as they prepare to transition into college. This virtual presentation is a practical discussion regarding that transition, particularly behaviors and characteristics that will help assure it is a smooth one. The presentation covers common college resources and important logistical information, like how to accept financial aid and manage the student billing process.

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Career Exploration & Development

Claim Your Future – (middle school through seniors; 20 - 30 minutes)

This online interactive activity encourages exploration of education and training after high school, future careers, and money management. ISAC staff will provide an overview of the interactive tool and how to use it.

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