



Dear Students and Families of the Class of 2025:

The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) is now available. **Completion of the FAFSA, [Alternative Application](#), or NonParticipation Form will fulfill the graduation requirement in Illinois.**

Students who are unable to complete the FAFSA or Alternative Application or who elect to waive FAFSA completion must complete and submit the [Nonparticipation Form](#) online to meet the Illinois **graduation requirement**.

To support our families with this process, we are offering financial aid completion workshops at all our schools. These workshops will provide guided, step-by-step support. Representatives from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission ([ISAC](#)) will be available to assist students and families. We encourage students and parents/guardians to attend any of the workshops below.

HOST SITE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Schaumburg High School	December 7, 2024*	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Room 209s Room 213s
Conant High School	December 12, 2024	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Media Center
Fremd High School	January 9, 2025	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Media Center
Palatine High School	January 15, 2025*	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Media Center
Hoffman Estates High School	January 16, 2025*	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Media Center
Conant High School	February 6, 2025	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Media Center
Palatine High School	February 13, 2025*	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Media Center

***Spanish-speaking representatives are available at these sessions.**

PREPARE FOR THE WORKSHOP

For ISAC representatives to provide the best support, families are encouraged to prepare the following information prior to the workshop:

1. **Both** student and parent/guardian(s) must **create their own FSA ID accounts prior to attending a workshop**. Click [here](#) for the FSA ID website.

If you attend a workshop without an FSA ID created, you will **not** be able to begin the FAFSA process. Families who have a FSA ID but have not received verification will **not** be able to complete the entire application.

2. Students and parent/guardian(s) are required to have their social security number (SSN) to complete the [FAFSA](#).
 1. If a parent/guardian(s) does not have a SSN, they can still complete the FAFSA.
 2. If a student does not have an SSN, they may be eligible to complete the [Alternative Application](#).
3. If possible, please bring your own electronic device; laptops are recommended. Schools will have extra computers available for families to access if needed.
4. Please review the [recommended list of items](#) to bring to the workshop.

If you are unable to attend a financial aid completion workshop, you can:

1. Check the schedule on [MaiaLearning](#) under **Events** for available ISAC Office Hours at their school.
2. Attend a financial aid [workshop at Harper College](#).
3. Contact ISAC Representatives directly:
 - Raquel Garcia
Email: Raquel.Garcia@illinois.gov
Phone: 224-457-6521 (call or text)
 - Lauren Powers
Email: lauren.powers@illinois.gov
(312) 550-2632

Please contact your school counselor with questions:

Palatine High School
847-755-1600

Fremd High School
847-755-2600

Conant High School

847-755-3600

Schaumburg High School

847-755-4600

Hoffman Estates High School

847-755-5600

Higgins Education Center

847-755-6640

North Campus

847-755-6700

Thank You,
District 211 Student Services