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Illinois Veterans Grant Information

On behalf of the Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services, we would like to welcome you to Parkland College. We trust your educational objectives will be met as you attend Parkland College. If you have questions pertaining to the Illinois Veterans' Grant, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Generally, anyone who was a resident of Illinois at the time of entering federal active duty or was a student at an Illinois public university or community college at the time of entering federal active duty, served at least one year of honorable service, and established or plans to establish Illinois residency within six months after separation from the Armed Forces, or if married to a person in continued military service applied for this grant within six months after and including the date that the spouse was stationed within Illinois; or established residence with six months after and including the date the spouse was separated (if the spouse was stationed outside Illinois) will qualify for the Illinois Veterans' Grant. In addition, veterans who have resided in Illinois for at least 15 consecutive years after leaving Federal active duty service and reside in Illinois at the time of application for the Illinois Veterans' Grant may be eligible. The grant covers tuition and mandatory fees for credit classes, excluding course fees) at Parkland College. You do not need to be degree-seeking through Parkland or registered full-time to qualify for this state-funded grant. Note: If you are eligible for the Illinois Veterans' Grant, you cannot use the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant. Recipients must reside in Illinois while enrolled to use the Illinois Veterans' Grant (unless Federal Active duty is being served during the time of enrollment, or the qualified applicant is residing with a spouse in continued military service who is currently stationed outside of Illinois).

I. Initial Application

The Illinois Veterans' Grant application needs to be completed only once and mailed to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to determine your eligibility. READ THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND ANSWER IN FULL.

The application is available online at <http://www.isac.org/students/during-college>.

II. Documentation Required

Attach the following with your application as appropriate:

- Member 4 of your DD214 for each period of active service
- Documentation to verify Illinois residency within six months prior to entry into service, if this is not already on your DD214
- Documentation to verify Illinois residency within six months after separation from service, if this is not already on your DD214
- If you are still on active duty, you need to submit your DD form 4/1 and 4/3 Enlistment/Contract together with all re-enlistment and/or extension documents. In addition, you will need a statement from your commanding officer indicating your length of service, home of record at the time of your original entry into the service, and date of separation.

For veterans deemed eligible due to 15 consecutive years of residency, you will need to provide documentation for each year of your 15 consecutive years of residency.

III. Letter of Eligibility

Approximately four weeks after you have submitted your application, a letter of eligibility will be mailed to you from ISAC. When you receive this eligibility letter, you need to submit a copy of it to the Parkland Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Services. We will then credit your student account for tuition and fees (excluding course fees) each semester that you register for classes at Parkland College, after you submit the Veterans **Certification Request Form** to our office.

IV. Student Portal

Register for the ISAC student portal at studentportal.isac.org. The portal assists with the college planning and financial aid process. Registering for the portal will allow you to have access to the Illinois Veterans Grant application and will give you access to see how many units of the benefit you have used.

V. Length of Eligibility

This grant may be used for a period equivalent to four academic years, or 120 units, whichever comes first (including summer terms). You are charged eligibility units corresponding to your semester hours of enrollment according to the following schedule:

Number of hours Semester school

12 or more hours 12 units
09-11.99 hours 9 units
06-8.99 6 units
03-5.99 3 units
00-02.99 1 unit

Please note: If portions of your tuition and fees are paid by the grant, at least one eligibility unit will be charged to you.

VI. Satisfactory Progress Standard

In order to continue making satisfactory academic progress for this benefit, students are required to meet the minimum cumulative college GPA requirement:

| <u>Credit Hours</u> | <u>GPA</u> |
|---------------------|------------|
| 1-11 inclusive | 1.5 |
| 12-22 inclusive | 1.6 |
| 23-32 inclusive | 1.7 |
| 33-44 inclusive | 1.8 |
| 45-55 inclusive | 1.9 |
| 56 and above | 2.0 |

If you do not maintain this GPA standard, your benefit will be suspended until you've met the standard.

ISAC Contact Information:

Illinois Student Assistance Commission
1755 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL 60015-5209
1-800-899-4722 <http://www.isac.org>

Parkland College ensures equal educational opportunities are offered to all students regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, veteran/Vietnam veteran era, age, or religion, and is Section 504/ADA compliant.
For additional information or accommodations call 217-351-2505. (03/2025)