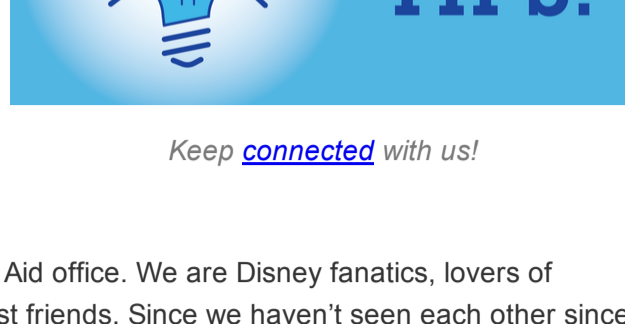


Quarantined with financial aid questions?



Keep [connected](#) with us!

Hey Sycamores! We're Sarah and Randa, and we work in the Financial Aid office. We are Disney fanatics, lovers of cupcakes, and also happen to be best friends. Since we haven't seen each other since quarantine began, we've been feeling pretty disconnected, and we know that many of you are feeling the same. Being separated from your friends and the campus community can make an already uncertain situation feel that much harder. We're checking in to let you know that we care, and even though we're not on campus, we are thinking about you!

In this special edition of our newsletter, we'll be talking to you about the Emergency Financial Aid Grants currently being disbursed to students under the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#), as well as answering some of the most frequently asked questions we've received during this difficult time. **Have your family's finances changed in the wake of COVID-19?** Let us walk you through the [special circumstances appeal](#) process. **Worried about your student loans?** We can tell you how to [access tools](#) that will assist you in managing your account. **Need some help staying on track?** We'll provide you all the guidelines to meet [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#), as well as the information on how to appeal if you need it.

Have other questions? We're here for you! Let's stay connected. We will send the most up-to-date information about your financial aid to your [MyISU portal](#) and university e-mail. We'll continue to post new announcements to our [website](#), and of course, you can also check us out on [Facebook](#) for important notifications and fun content.

Stay safe, happy, and healthy.
Sarah and Randa (and all your friends in financial aid)



Indiana State CARES for you!

As part of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#), you may be awarded a grant for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations. You can check your MyISU portal to see if you received this grant. Due to the large volume of awards, it may take several days for you to see this in your portal and then to receive your grant payment. Students who are currently eligible will receive an email from the Office of Student Financial Aid.

You ARE eligible to receive this grant if you are:
-Enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking program
-Eligible to receive Title IV funds under Section 484 of HEA

You are NOT eligible to receive this grant if you are:
-A non-FAFSA filer
-Enrolled in a distance program
-A non-citizen
-A students who withdrew

You MAY become eligible to receive this grant if you:
-Complete the verification process
-Are a late FAFSA filer

Grants will be paid directly to you. If you previously signed up for direct deposit, this payment will be deposited in your bank account. Please allow 3-5 business days for processing. If you do not currently have a banking institution on file, you will receive your grant money via paper check to your mailing address. If you have questions about this grant, please be sure to [contact us!](#)

FAFSA TIME

- School Code 001807
- Know your FSA ID
- 2018 Tax Information
- File before April 15

Haven't filed yet?

Hey, still need to file your FAFSA to receive CARES funds? Here's some helpful tips. By the way, you can also use these to apply for financial aid for the 2020-21 academic year!

You can complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) online or on your mobile device using the MyStudentAid app. The ISU school code is 001807.

Check your FSA ID now! – Sometimes the most difficult part about completing the FAFSA is simply logging in. It has probably been a year since you last logged in, and if you have forgotten your [FSA ID or password](#), you may need to reset them. Remember, if you are a dependent student, your parent must also have an FSA ID and know their password. Confirm your information and have your parents check theirs to ensure when you're ready to file, you can login without issues.

Have your documents ready – If you completed the FAFSA last year and you're eligible for the FAFSA's IRS Data Retrieval tool, you may be able to file the FAFSA in a matter of minutes! However, if you're new to applying for aid or if you're not able to use the Data Retrieval Tool, you'll need your:

- Social Security number
- 2017 federal income tax returns for this current academic year (2019-2020)/2018 federal income tax returns for this upcoming academic year (2020-2021)
- 2017 W2s for 2019-2020/2018 W2s for 2020-2021

Dependent students will also need a parent to provide their information. Need more assistance? Check out the [FAFSA page](#) on our website!

Let's talk special circumstances

This is an unprecedented time. If you or your family have experienced a change in your finances or have unusual situations regarding your financial aid, you can submit a [special circumstance appeal \(SCA\)](#) form.

Some of these may include:

- Loss of employment or household income (termination, resignation, out sourcing, relocating, or retirement)
- Decrease in wages loss of overtime, change of position, reduced work hours
- Death or divorce of spouse or parent
- Exceptions to normal income (lottery winnings, inheritance, IRA/pension distribution, one time payout of funds)
- Unusual medical/dental expenses not covered by insurance

Although this is the first step in potentially adjusting your financial aid package, remember this is not a guaranteed process. We will complete a verification on your file prior to reviewing your SCA form. Visit our [website](#) for full details on the special circumstances appeal process.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Although we are away from campus, it is still critical that you remain in good standing with the university. You must maintain [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#) to continue your eligibility for some types of financial aid. If you're asking "how do I know if I'm in good SAP status?" check out the chart here, visit your MyISU portal, or review the [SAP policy](#) online.

	Undergraduate Degree Levels		Graduate Degree Levels
	1-29	30-Up	All
Total hours attempted and recognized by ISU for degree consideration from all institutions	1-29	30-Up	All
Minimum cumulative GPA	1.70	2.00	3.00
Minimum completion rate (measured as hours earned divided by hours attempted)	67%	67%	67%
Maximum total hours attempted allowed to complete degree requirements for current primary program of study	180 attempted hours		150% of the specific degree programs published length



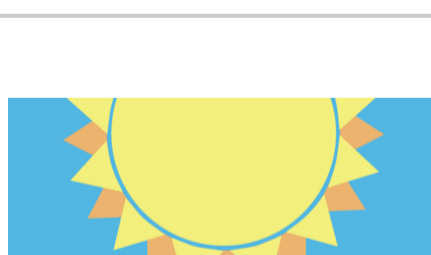
Your post-graduation loan information

Sycamore graduates, we are proud of all you have accomplished here at Indiana State! We understand that beginning your [Federal Direct student loan repayment](#) journey in these troubling times can bring feelings of insecurity, but making a plan can help bring peace of mind. You have a six-month grace period after graduation before you must begin repayment. Let's use that time to map out your course!

You have a full dashboard of loan management tools and information on [studentaid.gov](#). Simply login using your [FSA ID username and password](#) (the same info you use to file your FAFSA) to complete [Exit Counseling](#), view [repayment plans](#), learn about [loan forgiveness](#), and even estimate your monthly payments using the [Loan Simulator](#). You should also know that if you're pursuing a Master's degree or Doctorate, you can [defer](#) your undergraduate loans while you're in school as long as you're enrolled at least half-time.

There is a wealth of information on our [website](#) to help you navigate when and how to repay your federal student loans. One important thing to remember is that Federal Direct student loans have fairly flexible repayment terms. In fact, the Department of Education offers multiple repayment plans to help you find the one that works best for you. You can view a full list of repayment options at the [Federal Student Aid website](#).

Summer semester



Plan on taking a summer course or two (or three!)? Don't forget that summer aid requires a separate application. To apply, you must complete the [Summer Aid Request Form](#) no later than **July 24** and have a 2019-2020 FAFSA on file by **June 30**. Financial aid in the summer is limited, but visit our [website](#) for full eligibility information, types of awards available, and important details.

Catch us around campus...soon!

That's a wrap on this edition of our newsletter. We hope you found this information helpful and that it answered some of your questions. Even when we're away from campus, know that the Financial Aid office is here to give you every opportunity to connect with us. Please, please, please continue to monitor your [MyISU portal](#) and university email for the most current, up-to-date status on your financial aid. You can also [contact](#) us by phone or email with any questions.

When we return, you can catch us around campus in the Financial Aid office or stop by one of our events. We offer many financial aid and financial literacy sessions and workshops every semester. Keep checking back to [events page](#) for new events and how to schedule for your class or organization!



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CARES GRANT INFORMATION

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

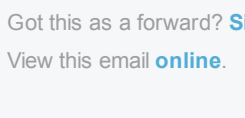
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