

# NEWSLETTER



*Something to Ponder*  
*"An optimist is the human personification of spring."*

## CIS Partners in the News



Help your Class of 2027 take a simple, no-cost step toward college admission! While February is **One Click College Admit** (OCCA) Month, we are adding more virtual workshops into March.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## Admin and Staff Corner



Did you know that CIS360's PaCE-aligned tools and activities provide regional and district-level support?

Email [des.cis@illinois.gov](mailto:des.cis@illinois.gov) for more information.

## Top TOPIC

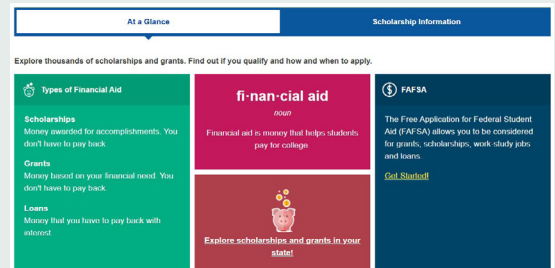
### Help your students pay for school resources with CIS360 PaCE and Career Plan.

There are so many options to support your students in paying for school. In CIS360, there are 3,000+ scholarship profiles, with 300+ that are Illinois specific and may be a good fit for them.

Use these tips to help them begin their research, narrow down the list based on what they qualify for, and keep track of their research along the way!

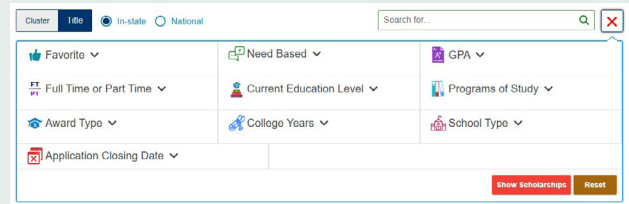
### LEARN ABOUT FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

In CIS360, there are activities to help students learn more about financial aid options. Look for activities like **Financial Aid FAQs** (located in the PaCE Career Plan) to learn about scholarships, grants, and more.



### CUSTOM SEARCH FOR YOUR NEEDS

Filters help narrow down the scholarship list to be more personalized for students. On the scholarship list, use the **Filter** next to the search bar to enter criteria and explore a customized list.



### START YOUR LIST

Students can build their own library of scholarships that they qualify for and are interested in. Whenever they see a **Thumbs Up** icon, and they select it, their choice is saved to their dashboard. This makes it easy to revisit their items next time they log in.

Use PaCE Career Plan activities like Track Scholarships to keep track of applications and their status.

Contact us at [des.cis@illinois.gov](mailto:des.cis@illinois.gov). Add **Scholarship** in subject line!



[Check out the 2026 Summer Job Central!](#)

## Voices of Gen Z Study

A large-scale study was conducted tracking the attitudes and experiences of thousands of Americans born between 1997 and 2012.

Discover how Gen Z feels about school and work, their interest in pursuing STEM degrees and careers, their attitudes and experiences compared to millennials at the same age, their feelings of happiness and purpose, and their future outlook and aspirations

Click [HERE](#) for the full study.

*This study was conducted by:*

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## Virtual: Career Information System (CIS) 360 Overview

### Session Description

Join our partner ISAC for a webinar to explore the new Postsecondary and Career Expectations (PaCE) -aligned tools in CIS360 – a comprehensive career development, planning, and management tool. Learn how using the PaCE Career Plan with students can spark inspiration, encourage action, and build a stronger sense of community. With the new PaCE-aligned tools in CIS360, schools and districts can more easily implement the PaCE Framework, ensuring consistent and meaningful support for students statewide.

### Registration for Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ 1:00 – 2:00pm

This session will take place on Webex. Registration is free. [Click here to register](#). Once you have registered, you will receive a calendar invite and instructions to join the webinar.

### Registration for Tuesday, April 7, 2026 @ 11:00am – 12:00pm

This session will take place on Webex. Registration is free. [Click here to register](#). Once you have registered, you will receive a calendar invite and instructions to join the webinar.

For questions, contact [isac.outreachtraining@illinois.gov](mailto:isac.outreachtraining@illinois.gov) directly.

