

Department of Rehabilitation Services

Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)?

- DHS's Division of Rehabilitation Services is the state's lead agency serving individuals with disabilities. DRS works in partnership with people with disabilities and their families to assist them in making informed choices to achieve full community participation through employment, education, and independent living opportunities

Who is eligible for DRS services?

- All students with a documented disability receiving services outlined in an IEP or a 504 Plan.
- Students who plan on attending college or a vocational/trade school or program
- Students who will need assistance finding and keeping a job in the future

What services can DRS offer to students who are attending college or trade school next year?

- Financial assistance with college/trade school*
 - Able to provide financial assistance for trade school, community college, and (in some cases) 4-year universities → Students **must** have identified a program of study
 - *DRS requires FAFSA to be completed by all clients*
 - *Financial assistance from DRS is **not** always influenced by parental income*
- Can assist individuals to a find job in their field of interest/study following graduation

Stipulations for Continued Financial Aid:

- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better (if GPA goes lower, a person is determined ineligible)
- Will not pay for retakes for classes that are failed
- 3 years to complete a 2-year program and 5 years to complete a 4-year program
- Must be students seeking a degree or certification, not remedial classes or “trials”
- Students must have identified a program of study before DRS assists financially
- Grades, schedules, and tuition bills must be submitted at the end of each semester

Informational Meetings:

- DRS Counselor will hold virtual informational meetings for students and families in the spring.

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After graduation, individuals can use the below link for education/training or employment assistance.

Self Referral Link: <https://wr.dhs.illinois.gov/wrpublic/wr/dynamic/referral.jsf>
[IDHS 4029S \(R-11-19\) Fact Sheet - Rehabilitation Services \(DRS\)](#)

[IDHS 4029S \(R-11-19\) Fact Sheet - Rehabilitation Services \(DRS\)-Spanish](#)

DRS Document Checklist for Students and Families (FYI)

- FAFSA Award Letter (Financial Aid)
- ACT/SAT Scores
- High School Final Transcript (can be unofficial)
- Family Federal Tax Return Documents (1040 not W2)
- College/University Acceptance Letter (major must be declared and relates to the intended vocational goal)
- Signed IPE (Individualized Plan for Employment) Form
- Itemized tuition bill
- Registration statement which includes class schedule.
- Required book list from college bookstore website or syllabus
- Documentation of Disability (copy of most recent IEP and Reevaluation)
- Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) Information (if applicable)
- Student's State ID/Driver's License
- Student's Social Security Card



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College Training / Customer

1. Description of your vocational goal and how college training will prepare you for this goal. Description of your academic qualifications and the degree to which you will likely benefit from college and obtain a degree within three to six years.
2. Description of your current level of education (high school transcript after graduating) and previous college training, if any. Include information on course grades from any previous college of study.
3. Academic qualifications described in detail for your college training. Include a description of grades and other indicators of standard college tests such as the ACT and SAT. Any special academic honors or scholarships should be noted.
4. The college you intend to enroll in and describe your expected course of study in college. Provide documentation that the college has accepted you.
5. Provide financial information as it relates to college training, including the results of your application for Financial Aid. This must include a letter from the college with the financial aid amounts, if any, including Pell and MAP Awards.
6. Describe your vocational goal and how college training will result in the achievement of your employment goal.

These questions must be completed with the counselor during the interview or sent to the counselor for approval before the customer starts the college semester.

TYPE OF REFERRAL:
[] HSP [] VR [] BBS

DIST: _____



REFERRAL FORM

DATE: _____ **CASE #:** _____ **ASSIGNED ON:** _____

TRIAGE: (Screening or Emergency) [] YES [x] NO

CUSTOMER INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:
MIDDLE INITIAL:	GENDER:
AGE:	DATE OF BIRTH:
REASON FOR REFERRAL:	DISABILITY:
SSN:	MEDICAID: [] YES [] NO
ADDRESS: _____	TELEPHONE #: _____ ALTERNATE #: _____
COUNTY:	EMAIL:
REFERRAL SOURCE:	*TAKEN BY:
LANGUAGE:	*ASSIGNED BY:

NOTES: _____ _____ _____
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