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# Veterans Services Provided by Illinois Community Colleges

Illinois Community College Board Meeting

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The system is engaged in  
partnerships and opportunities  
to serve veterans.



## **ILLINOIS JOINING FORCES**

- A public and not-for-profit collaboration to serve veterans, service members, and their families
- Bridging gaps in services to address the challenges veterans face in their communities
- 150+ member organizations
- 9 Working Groups



# ILLINOIS JOINING FORCES



## MEET TODAY'S 4-STAR TALENT, TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Across every generation, men and women step up, take their oath, don a uniform and put their lives at risk to serve our nation. Most wear their uniform for just a time. With the permanent badge of "veteran," they return to civilian life to continue to serve. The 9/11 generation, for one, is returning or already home in force, more ADEPT in training, cultural diversity and leadership than those before it.

They now yearn to serve the private and public sectors by starting their own businesses or carving careers rich in experience and responsibility. At the same time, EMPLOYERS crave THE SKILLS, TALENT and POTENTIAL that the modern military generates and that CREATE TOMORROW'S LEADERS.

IT'S TIME To grasp the opportunity before us to mesh this four-star talent with employers who need what they possess and the Community partners that support this process. It's time to recognize that today's vet is our best bet.



STUDENT VETERANS  
of AMERICA



ILLINOIS JOINING FORCES  
Supporting Service Members, Veterans  
and their Families



HIRING  
OUR  
HEROES.  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION



Veterans, Employers and Community Partners,  
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## VETERANS AS STRATEGIC ASSETS INITIATIVE



★ TODAY'S VETS ARE OUR BEST BET ★

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# Military Training Counts

- IJF initiative to ensure veteran and military students receive appropriate academic credit for the education, skills and experience earned in the military
- Partners include:
  - Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Illinois education agencies
  - u.select Illinois
  - Illinois higher education institutions

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# Military Training Counts

- Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics
- Computer Support Specialists/Operators/Security Specialists
- Electrical and Electronics Repairs
- Military Medic
- Military Police/Security
- Truck Driver

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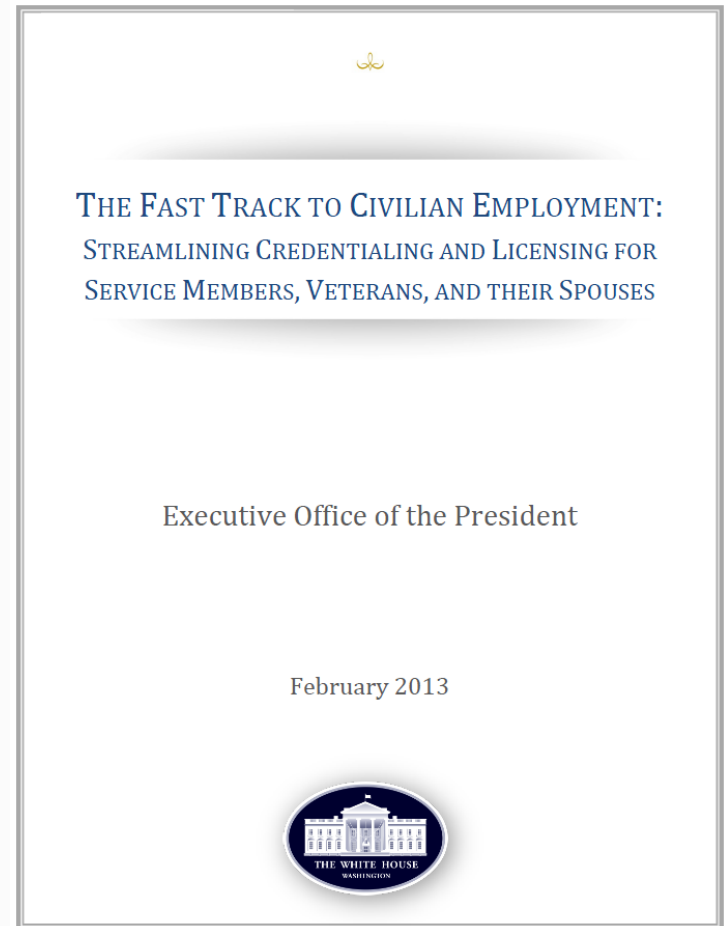
# Military Training Counts

- Phase 1
  - College of DuPage
  - College of Lake County
  - Moraine Valley
  - Southwestern
- Phase 2
  - Kaskaskia
  - Heartland

# Federal Priority - Licensure

Key:

Civilian licensing  
requirements  
differ from military  
requirements



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# Executive Order 13-02

- Requires affected agencies to determine gaps between military education & training and professional licensure requirements
- Gap assessment is to aid institutions in creating gap-bridging programs and service members in identifying outstanding requirements

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# Licensure Bridges

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Police Patrol Officers
- Emergency Medical Technician – Basic

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# Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit

- 7 states involved
- Key Premises:
  - State education agencies need to collaborate to meet the needs of service members and their families
    - Identify and publicize institutional best practices
    - Coordinate statewide efforts & adopt best practices
  - Federal government needs to partner with states to encourage progress

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# Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit

- Next Steps:
  - Address data reporting to track student success and completions
  - Enhance communication tools (webinars, web sites, etc.) to assist base education officers and veterans understand available options

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Illinois community colleges  
provide an array of services  
to Illinois veterans.

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# Higher Education Veterans Service Act

- Addresses needs of veterans and active duty personnel in finding education benefits and services
- Requires institutions to complete survey of available services and programs
- Requires a Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel Student Services position
- Creates expectation of enhanced programs and services

# Veterans Services

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## Military/Veteran Students



The College of Lake County welcomes veterans, military service members and their dependents. Our staff and faculty are dedicated to assisting you in transitioning into college and supporting you in meeting your educational goals. At CLC we understand that the transition to student life can be challenging, yet rewarding. With that in mind we have worked very hard to ease this transition for you.

The College of Lake County has a Military Network of Services committee whose members are dedicated to providing you with services and resources that will assist you in adjusting to civilian and campus life. The committee consists of staff and faculty who are interested in your success!

[View the Higher Education Veterans Service Act Survey Results - PDF](#)

### PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">How to Get Started Checklist</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Apply Online</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Academic Programs</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Servicemembers Opportunity College</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Transfer Credit for Military Education</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Credit by DSST Exam (formerly DANTES)/CLEP</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Military Family Members</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Military/Veterans Benefits</a></li></ul>
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### REGISTERING AND PAYING FOR CLASSES

### Contact Us

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[Charles Kellogg, Academic Advisor](#)  
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[Karen Adams, Disabilities Service Specialist](#)

**Great Lakes Center**  
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**Job Center**  
[Rey Infante and Judy Leonard, Veterans' Employment Representatives](#)

# Veterans Logo




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# Veterans Conferences

- Coordinators:
  - Assisting Student Veterans in Higher Education: Developing Faculty & Staff Awareness; Strategies for Addressing the Military-Civilian Gaps on Campus
  - April 3, 2013, Parkland College
- Students:
  - From Combat to College: Assisting in Student Veteran Success
  - April 15, 2014, Illinois State University

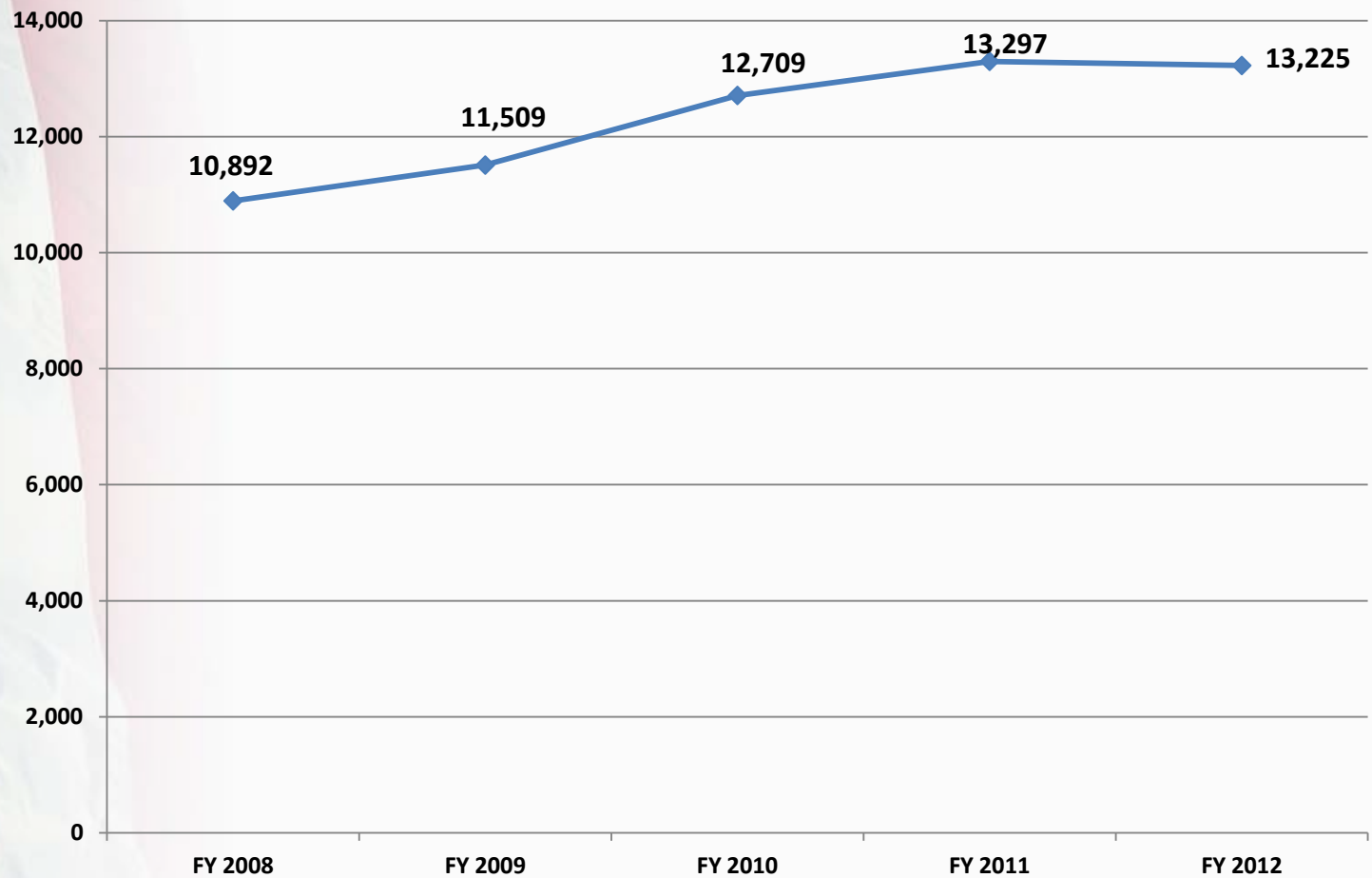
# Mobile Veterans Center



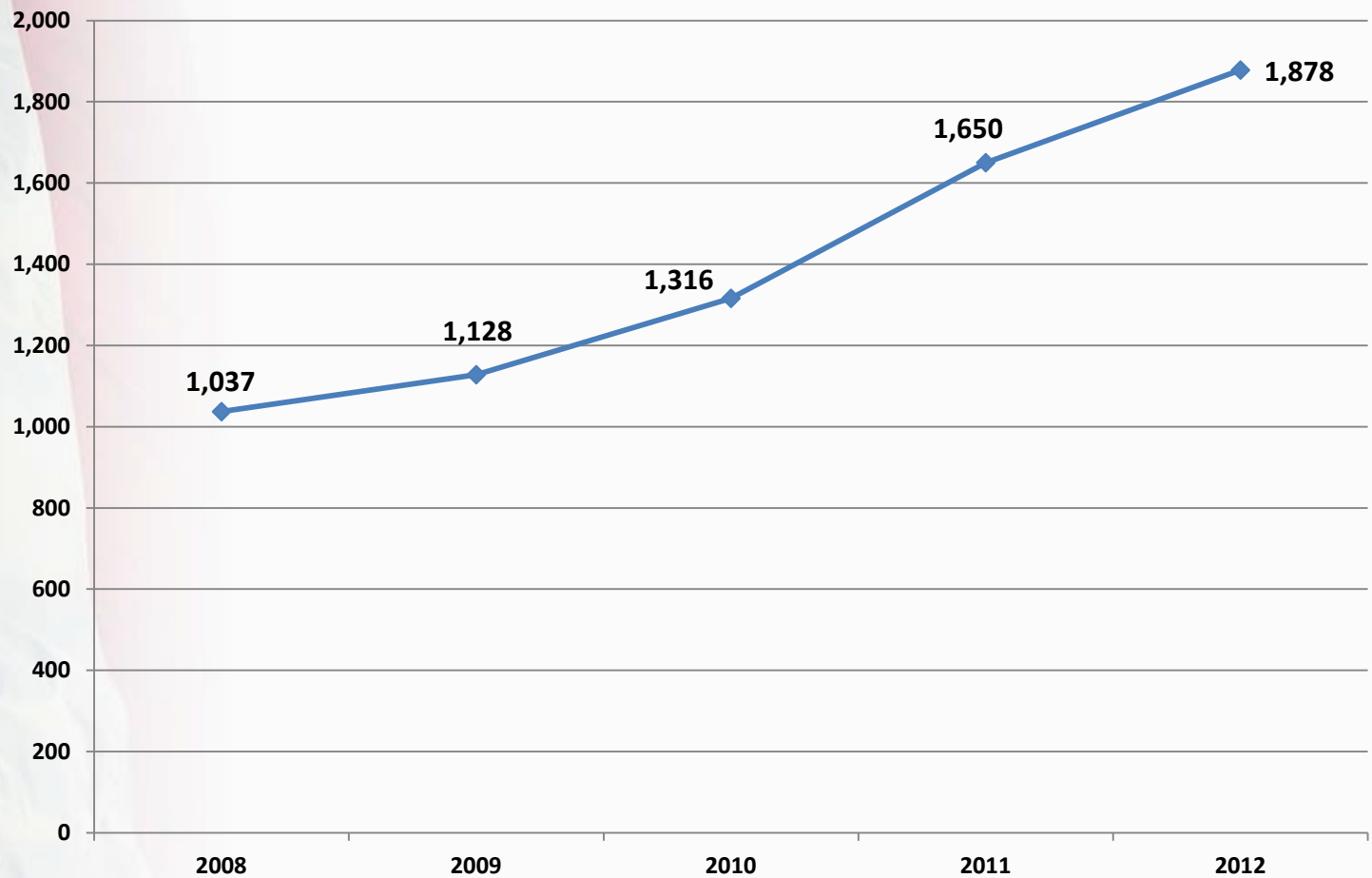
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Veterans are coming to  
community colleges for  
education.

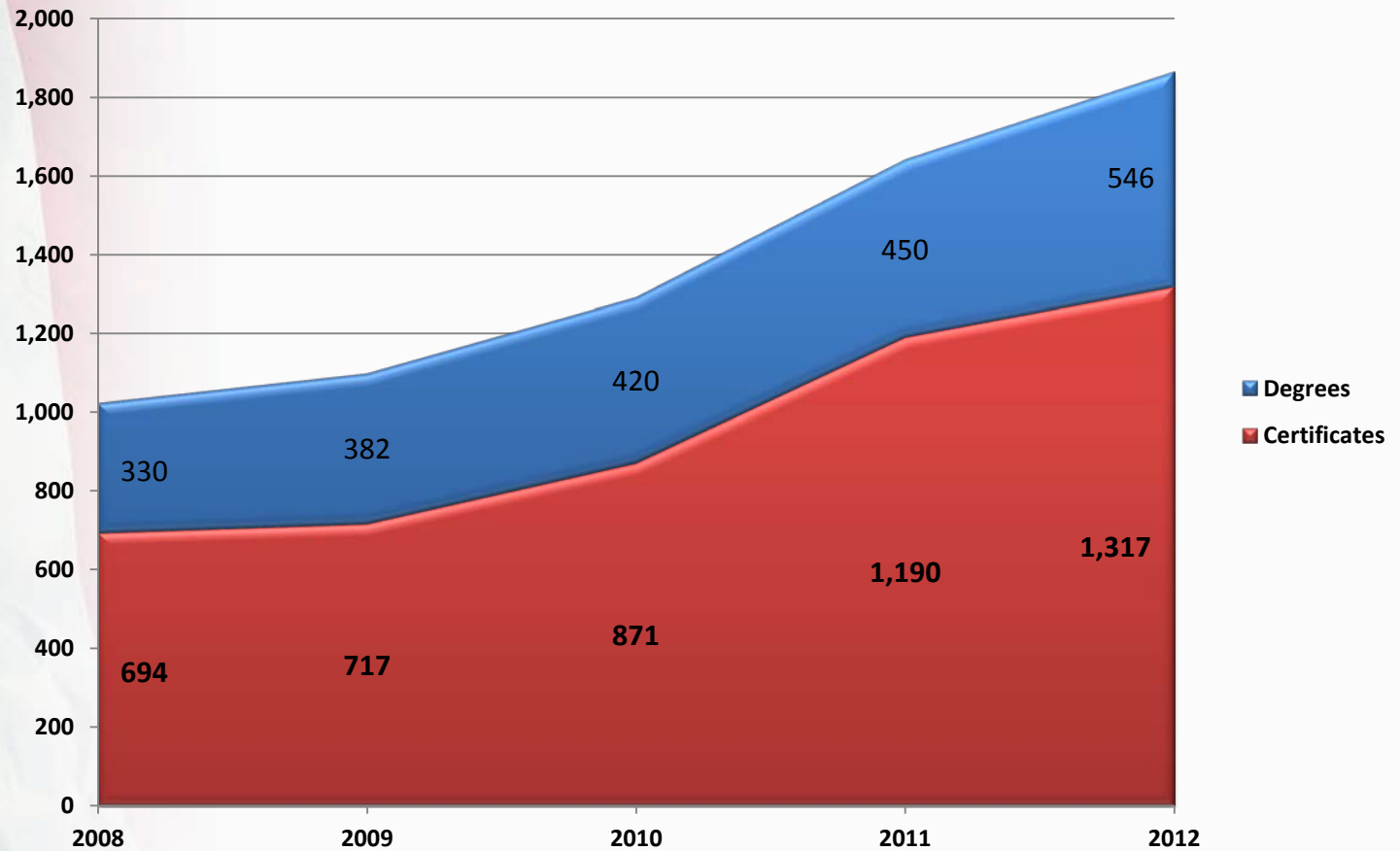
# Veterans Enrolled



# Veteran Completions



# Degrees & Certificates



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# Curriculum

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Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies

Biological and Physical Sciences

General Studies

Pre-baccalaureate/Transfer Course Enrollees

Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields, Other

Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences, Other


Criminal Justice/Police Science

Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

Engineering, General

Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields, Other

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What are the costs  
to the system?

# Services Expenditures

	FY 2013 Expenditures		
	State Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Coordinator of Veteran and Military Personnel Student Services	\$1,729,797	\$1,808,131	\$3,537,928
Services provided to veterans but not directly related to the Act	\$1,132,634	\$602,376	\$1,735,010
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,862,431</b>	<b>\$2,410,507</b>	<b>\$5,272,938</b>

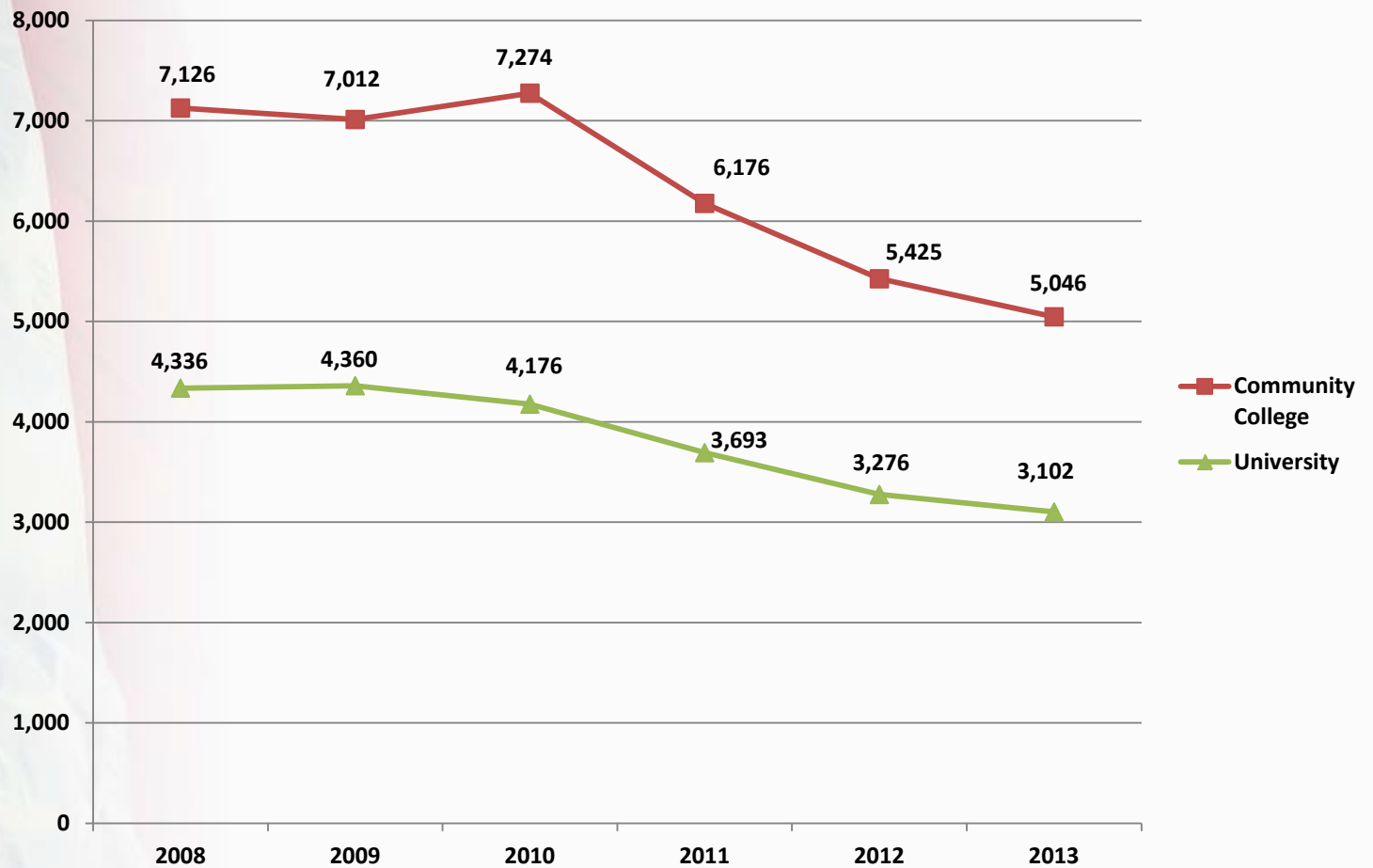
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# Illinois Veterans Grant

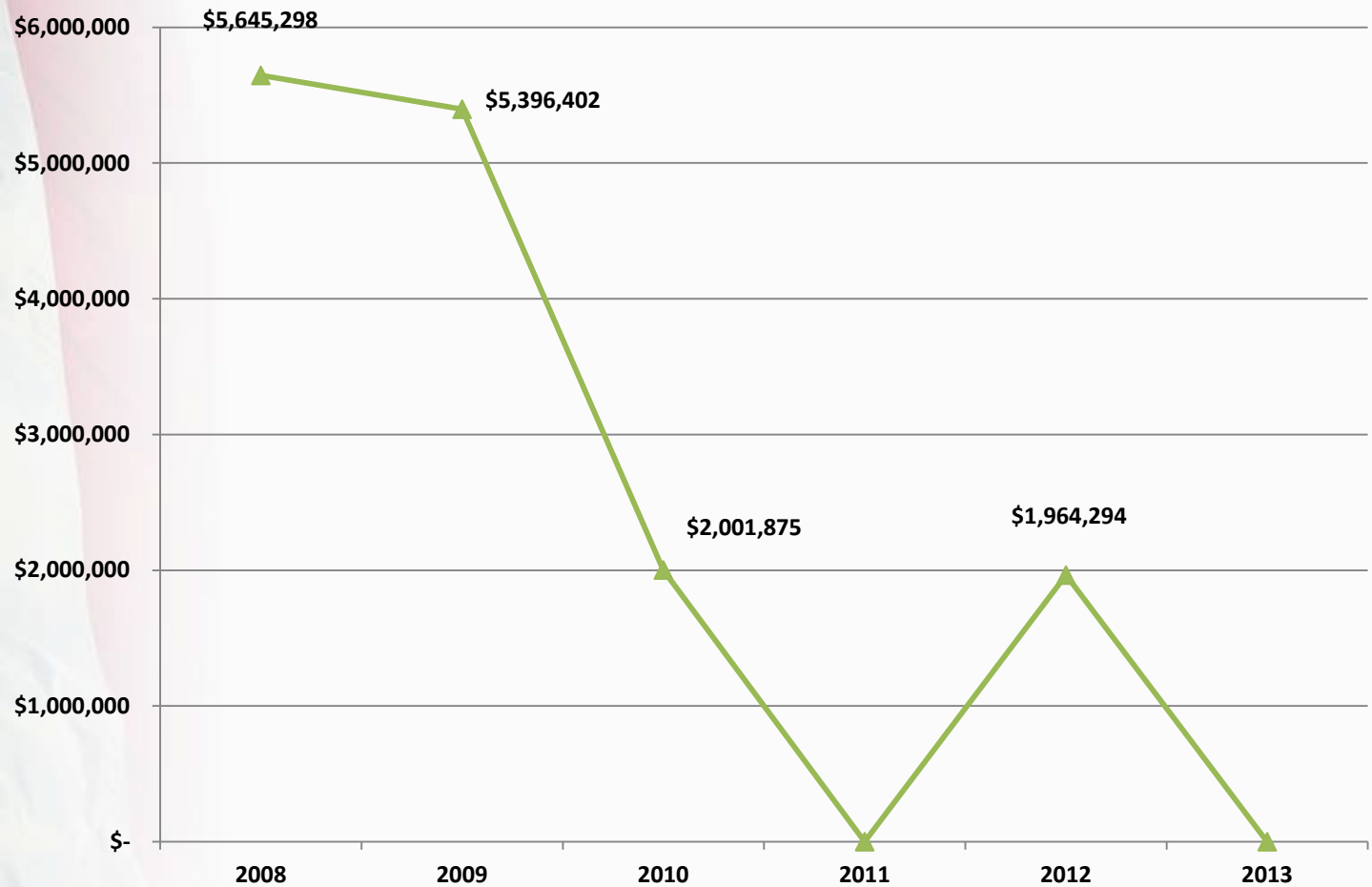
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(c) A qualified applicant is not required to pay any tuition or mandatory fees while attending a State-controlled university or public community college in this State for a period that is equivalent to 4 years of full-time enrollment, including summer terms.

# IVG Awards



# IVG Funding





# QUESTIONS