

2026–27 School-Issued MAP Grant Notification Language

Schools are required to notify all students who are eligible for State of Illinois MAP grant awards, including those students who are only eligible during the second semester or the second and/or third quarter. Schools must clearly identify MAP grant awards on the award notification as: **IL MAP (estimated)**. Schools are also required to include the following language, **exactly as it appears below**, with the award notification.

You may be eligible for a State of Illinois MAP grant.

Because you completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, you are also considered for financial aid from the State of Illinois. You may qualify for a **State of Illinois MAP grant**—financial aid from the State of Illinois that is based on financial need and **does not have to be repaid**. If you are eligible:

- Your financial aid offer from the school includes an estimated amount listed as **IL MAP (estimated)**.
- The amount listed is an **estimate**. The final amount may change depending on how much funding the state provides this year, as well as the number of hours you're enrolled and your other sources of aid.
- MAP grant awards may be received for up to about 4½ years of full-time college.
- You can learn more about the State of Illinois MAP grant and check how many credit hours you have used on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission website: isac.org/mapgrant

You may also qualify for help with dependent care expenses and food costs.

- Ask your financial aid office if you would benefit from the federal dependent care allowance.
- Call the Illinois Hunger Coalition Hotline at 800.359.2163 or visit the website at ilhunger.org for information about food assistance.
- Contact the Illinois Department of Human Services at 800.843.6154 or visit the website dhs.state.il.us for information about the Child Care Assistance Program and/or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
