Illinois Monetary Award Program Recipients

USF is required to supply you with the following information regarding your ISAC MAP Award.

By applying for financial aid and agreeing to share that information with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) you have been considered for the State of Illinois (IL) Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant. If you were determined to meet the eligibility criteria for the MAP Grant, an award is included on your award letter. This award may be an estimate made by Financial Aid Services and, if so, is identified as a “State of IL MAP Grant (Est.).” MAP Grants are limited based on the number of applicants and funding levels appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly. Please be aware that in light of state funding constraints, reductions to estimated or actual MAP Grants are possible. Eligibility for a MAP grant is tracked by the equivalent number of semester credit hours of MAP benefits paid on your behalf. This is called MAP Paid Credit Hours. Payment for each term is being made according to the equivalent number of credit hours eligible for MAP payment, with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 15 MAP Paid Credit Hours. There is a limit on the number of MAP Paid Credit Hours that can be paid while you are classified by your school as a freshman and sophomore. This limit is the equivalent of 75 MAP Paid Credit Hours. If this maximum is reached, you must attain junior status for your MAP grand eligibility to resume. The maximum number of MAP Paid Credit Hours that can be received is capped at 135.

* The award criteria listed above for the IL MAP Grant is subject to change.

* If a State of IL MAP Grant (Est.) is not included on your award letter you are not eligible for the grant at University of St. Francis.
• Your financial aid award is based on the average overall expenses you will incur during the year. The average is based on the living arrangements you listed on your USF Student Profile Form.

• The procedure for distributing financial assistance at USF is to package awards. A variety of funds, depending on your need, are used to make up your award. Your final award package may include scholarships and grants that do not have to be repaid, low interest loans that must be repaid after graduation or termination of enrollment, and on-campus employment for which you are paid by direct deposit every two weeks if you are employed.

• Awards are made in compliance with federal, state and USF regulations. For undergraduates, it is assumed that you will be a full-time student carrying at least 12 credit hours each semester (unless you have specified otherwise). Any reduction in credit load will result in a review of your award. It is the student’s responsibility to notify Financial Aid Services when changes in enrollment or living arrangements occur.

• Reconsideration of financial aid awards will be made only in cases where a significant change of circumstances can be documented.

• Falsification of information submitted for the purpose of receiving financial aid will result in cancellation of aid and referral to the appropriate judicial body.

• Financial Aid Services may request information documenting family income. No assistance will be credited, nor will any loans be processed until verification of the file has been completed.

• Financial Aid Services is required to follow federal, state and university policies when awarding financial aid. Errors made in determining eligibility or amount of aid must be corrected.

• Increases in Federal Pell or Illinois MAP awards may cause the reduction of both USF Grant and Federal SEOG funds when and if they occur. In general, the total gift assistance received will remain the same as in the original package.

• If the combinations of USF, federal, state or outside scholarships exceeds direct costs (tuition/fees/room/board), USF aid will be reduced to cover direct costs only.

• You must notify USF of any outside scholarships you may receive from other sources. If necessary, adjustments will be made.

• Like all universities, USF is subject to government policy and final approval of funding. While reductions are not expected, should there be a reduction in program funding, USF would notify students of award revisions.

ALL AWARDS ARE FOR ONE YEAR ONLY. YOU MUST RE-APPLY FOR AID EACH YEAR.

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