The State of Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant

2009-2010 Academic Year

The following information is in regards to your eligibility for the State of Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant. 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 Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant. If you were determined to meet the eligibility criteria for the MAP grant, an award is included on this award letter. This award may be an estimate made by Financial Aid Services and, if so, is identified as a "State of Illinois MAP Grant (Est)". MAP grants are limited and 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 a student may receive a payment of MAP for, if you are classified by your school as a freshman and/or 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 grant eligibility to resume. The maximum number of MAP Paid Credit Hours that can be received is capped at 135.

If an estimated State of Illinois MAP Grant is not included in your financial aid award, you are not eligible for the grant at University of St. Francis. If you qualified for MAP, Financial Aid Services has estimated your eligibility on the enclosed Financial Aid Award letter. Our elected representatives in Springfield decide the approved funding for the MAP program during the summer months. Upon approval, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will announce any new or revised MAP awards for the 2009-2010 academic year. Financial Aid Services will notify all eligible students with revised financial aid awards should the value of your estimated MAP award increase or decrease.

The MAP award, if one was included in your Financial Aid Award package is based upon your anticipated enrollment reported on the USF Student Profile form. The MAP award for eligible full-time students has been based upon an expected per semester enrollment of 15 credit hours or more. Please contact Financial Aid Services if you have questions on your expected enrollment, your enrollment has changes, or your estimated MAP award.

For additional information and recent funding announcements regarding the Illinois MAP grant, please go to: collegezone.com.