

## 2025-2026 State of IL MAP Grant (Est) Special Notice

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. All MAP-approved institutions are required by the State of Illinois to announce MAP Grant awards to students who are enrolled or intending to enroll at their institution. An award amount is included in your financial aid package if you have met the eligibility criteria.

The MAP Grant award amount is an estimate made by the financial aid office and is identified as a "State of IL MAP Grant (Est)". Please be aware that the number of available MAP Grants is limited by funding levels approved by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor, and reductions to estimated or actual MAP Grants are possible.

There are also limitations to how long you can continue to receive a MAP Grant. Usage is tracked by the number of credit hours for which you've received MAP benefits and is referred to as MAP Paid Credit Hours (MPCHs). The maximum number of MPCHs that can be received is 135, which is equivalent to approximately four and a half years of full-time enrollment. For your reference, and to learn more about MPCH limitations, you may access a record of your MPCHs, as well as other student resources, through the ISAC Student Portal at [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org).

Eligibility for the need-based MAP Grant award may indicate that you are eligible for assistance with expenses such as food, housing, or child care for dependent children. If you have dependent care expenses, ask the financial aid office about the federal dependent care allowance. For eligibility and application information about the [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP) and the [Child Care Assistance Program](#), contact the [Illinois Department of Human Services](#) at 800-843-6154 or [www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us). Contact the [Illinois Hunger Coalition](#) Hunger Hotline at 800-359-2163 or [www.ilhunger.org](http://www.ilhunger.org).

If a State of IL MAP Grant (Est) is not included in your offer letter, you are not eligible for the grant at Aurora University.

### State of IL MAP Grant (Est) Quick Facts:

- Subject to funding levels appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor
- Subject to MAP filing deadline imposed by the State of Illinois
- Independent students must be Illinois residents for 12 continuous months prior to the academic year
- FAFSA contributor of dependent students must be Illinois residents
- Awards for students registered for less than 15 credit hours per semester will be prorated
- May only be awarded to undergraduate students
- A student is NOT eligible if:
  - The student has a Student Aid Index (SAI) of \$9,000 or higher on the FAFSA.
  - The student has received 135 MAP Paid Credit Hours.
  - The student has already completed a bachelor's or professional degree.

### Repeat Courses:

A student may be eligible to receive MAP Grant funds for a course the first time that it is repeated. If the same course is taken three or more times at AU, the student is no longer eligible to receive MAP Grant funds for this course. MAP Grant funds will be awarded only for eligible coursework and will be prorated accordingly.