AURORA UNIVERSITY

2027–2028 State of Illinois MAP Grant Special Notice

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 credit hours you are enrolled in and your other sources of aid.
- MAP grant awards may be received for up to about 4.5 years of full-time college.
- You can learn more about the State of Illinois MAP grant and see 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 **dhs.state.il.us** for information about the Child Care Assistance Program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

If IL MAP (estimated) is not included in your offer letter, you are not eligible for the grant at Aurora University.

State of Illinois MAP Grant Quick Facts

- The MAP Grant:
  - Is subject to funding levels appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor.
  - Is subject to a MAP filing deadline imposed by the State of Illinois.
  - May only be awarded to undergraduate students.
- Independent students must be Illinois residents for 12 continuous months prior to the academic year.
- Dependent students must have a parent or legal guardian who is an Illinois resident on their FAFSA.
- Awards for students registered for less than 15 credit hours per semester will be prorated.
- 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.

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