

## **State of Illinois Grants**

### ***Monetary Award Program (MAP)***

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission administers grants from the state's Monetary Award Program (MAP). These grants range in value from \$486 to \$4,869 per year. To be considered for a MAP grant as a dependent student, a parent or guardian must live in Illinois. To be considered for a MAP grant as an independent student, a student must live in the state for the 12 months immediately prior to enrollment.

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 your award letter. This award may be an estimate made by the financial aid office 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 three 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 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 a State of IL MAP Grant (Est) is not included in your award letter, you are not eligible for the grant at Lincoln College.

Information concerning the [2017-2018 Illinois MAP Rights & Responsibilities](#)