

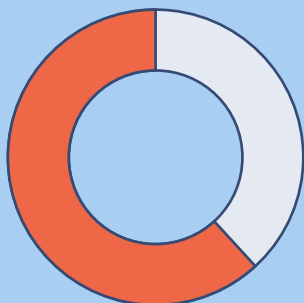
# MAP MATTERS

**THE PROBLEM:**  
Illinois needs a more educated workforce. Too many students can't afford education because the state's largest need-based financial aid program remains underfunded.

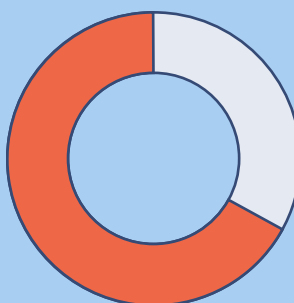
We can't maximize our potential future work force if we're leaving students behind.

*The Monetary Award Program (MAP) gives more students a chance by providing grants to lower-income students, primarily women and students of color attending public institutions.*

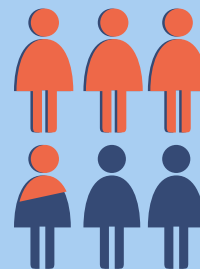
## MAP recipients are:



62% Female



67% Community College Students



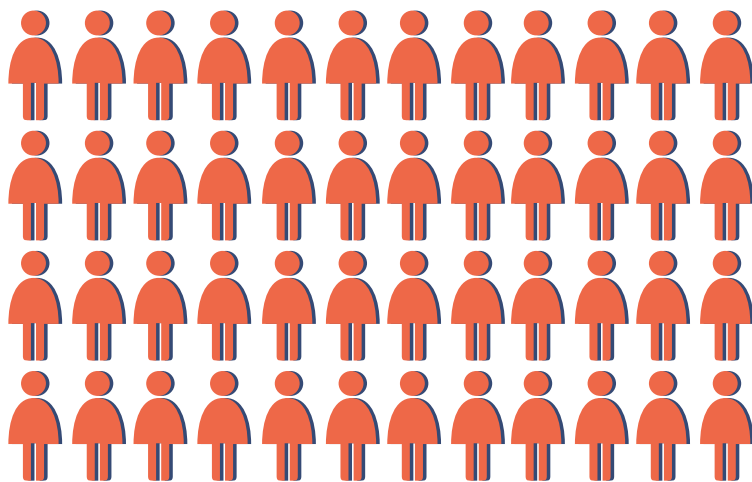
Over half of undergrads at Illinois' public universities who identify as Black or Hispanic receive a MAP grant.

MAP used to cover the full cost of tuition and fees, but today it only covers:

**66%** at Community Colleges

**32%** at Public Universities

MAP is given on a first-come first-served basis. In FY 2018, nearly **100,000** qualifying students did not receive a MAP grant because state funding ran out.



## THE SOLUTION: Fully fund MAP.

Getting a degree shouldn't mean being burdened with a lifetime of debt, and it shouldn't be a privilege for the wealthy. Women and their families in Illinois deserve an affordable higher education.