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 workforce 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 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.


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