

MAP Matters



The Problem:

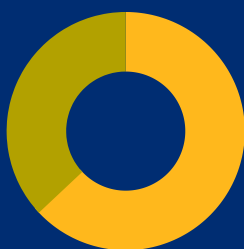
Illinois needs a more educated workforce.

Too many students can't afford education because the state's largest need-based financial aid program remains underfunded.

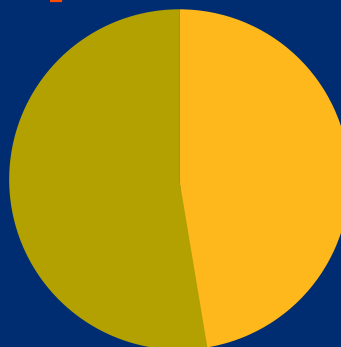
We can't maximize our potential future work force if we're leaving students behind.

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:



63%
Female



About 50%
Black or Hispanic

About 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:

33% at Community Colleges



36% at Public Universities



MAP is given on a first-come first-served basis. In FY 2019, nearly

83,000

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.