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YOUR MAP PAID CREDIT HOURS USED: 30  
(AS OF: 01-15-2008)

This letter is to notify you that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has received the information you reported on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) for the 2008-09 academic year. By filing the FAFSA, you not only applied for federal financial aid but you also applied for a Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant. The MAP grant is a program of the State of Illinois and is administered by ISAC.

**Only if you are eligible will an estimated MAP grant for 2008-09 appear on your financial aid award letter from your Illinois MAP-approved college** [as long as the college is reported as one of the college choices on your 2008-09 federal *Student Aid Report* (SAR)]. The award letter from the college will be your only notification as to whether you will be receiving a MAP grant for 2008-09.

### **Information about Eligibility for a MAP Grant**

Eligibility for a MAP grant depends on several factors, including each student's family income, the costs at the college, and accurate and complete information provided on the FAFSA. To receive a MAP grant, the student must attend an Illinois MAP-approved college and that college must be listed as one of the college choices on the federal *Student Aid Report* (SAR). A list of all Illinois MAP-approved colleges can be accessed online at **collegezone.com**. Please refer to the enclosed *2008-09 Monetary Award Program (MAP) Rights and Responsibilities* for a more complete listing of eligibility requirements. The amount of the grant depends on the number of eligible applicants, certain costs at the college, and funding levels each academic year. Reductions to the amount of announced grants are possible.

### **Explanation of YOUR MAP PAID CREDIT HOURS USED**

The total number of MAP Paid Credit Hours that you have used is listed in the field entitled "YOUR MAP PAID CREDIT HOURS USED" at the top of this letter. Please pay special attention to the "Tracking MAP Usage" section of the *2008-09 Monetary Award Program (MAP) Rights and Responsibilities*. Please note that any payments processed on your behalf after the "AS OF" date listed above will increase the number of "YOUR MAP PAID CREDIT HOURS USED" as reported on this letter.

### **Filing Deadline for 2009-10 Academic Year – Apply Early**

In order to be considered for a full-year MAP grant for the next academic year, the federal processor must receive the 2009-10 FAFSA no later than August 15, 2009. Please be aware that grant funding could be depleted before this date. Applicants may file electronically with FAFSA on the Web at **fafsa.ed.gov** but not before January 1, 2009.

To learn more about the financial aid process and available programs, visit us at **collegezone.com**, call an ISAC College Zone Counselor at 800.899.ISAC (4722), or send an e-mail message to [collegezone@isac.org](mailto:collegezone@isac.org).