

**AGENDA ITEM 5.**

**MONETARY AWARD PROGRAM AND SILAS PURNELL ILLINOIS INCENTIVE  
FOR ACCESS PROGRAM – FY2009 STATUS REPORT and REQUEST FOR  
APPROVAL OF PAYMENT CLAIM DEADLINE DATES**

**Submitted for:** Action

**Summary:** FY2009 Monetary Award Program Status

As of the first week of September 335,178 undergraduate Illinois residents had completed a FY2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and expressed interest in attending a school that participates in the Monetary Award Program (MAP). Nearly 63 percent of these “announced” applicants are eligible for a MAP award. Announced applications have increased 7 percent over last year and eligible applications are up 6 percent.

Table 1 compares eligible applications for FY2008 and FY2009 by sector and dependency type. Community colleges have seen the bulk of the increase; more than 80 percent of the additional applicants chose a community college as their first-choice school. Compared to last year, more than 5,500 additional independent students with children applied and are eligible for MAP; more than 5,300 additional dependent applicants are eligible as well.

Table 1: Comparison of FY2008 and FY2009 MAP Eligible Application Volume Received as of September 5 <sup>th</sup>				
	FY2008	FY2009	Difference	% Change
Public Universities	52,652	53,247	595	1.1%
Private Four-Year	44,308	45,442	1,134	2.6%
Community Colleges	87,706	97,540	9,834	11.2%
Private Two-Year	2,777	2,708	-69	-2.5%
Hospital	974	1,072	98	10.1%
Proprietary	10,223	10,824	601	5.9%
Dependent Students	92,929	98,264	5,335	5.7%
Independent Students w/out Dependents	38,128	39,444	1,316	3.5%
Independent Students with Dependents	67,583	73,125	5,542	8.2%
All Eligible Applications	198,640	210,833	12,193	6.1%

The Commission suspended FY2009 MAP award announcements for applications received on or after July 26, 2008 to avoid over committing the appropriation. This is the earliest suspension date since FY1993, when awards for continuing students only were suspended in June. As of September 5<sup>th</sup>, awards for 27,275 eligible applicants have been suspended. Staff will analyze MAP claims after the January 10 first-term claim deadline to determine whether releasing any suspended applications is feasible.

FY2009 Silas Purnell Illinois Incentive for Access Program Status

Application volume for the Silas Purnell Illinois Incentive for Access Program (IIA) is up 12 percent over last year. IIA-eligible students are freshmen with an expected family contribution of zero. Table 2 shows that as of September 5, nearly 5,000 more self-reported freshmen with zero-EFCs have completed applications compared to last year.

Table 2: Comparison of FY2008 and FY2009 IIA Application Volume Freshmen with Zero EFCs Received as of September 5 <sup>th</sup>				
	FY2008	FY2009	Difference	% Change
Public Universities	4,723	5,321	598	12.7%
Private Four-Year	4,338	4,240	-98	-2.3%
Community Colleges	28,694	32,932	4,238	14.8%
Private Two-Year	693	768	75	10.8%
Hospital	148	157	9	6.1%
Proprietary	2,198	2,327	129	5.9%
Dependent Students	15,591	18,080	2,489	16.0%
Independent Students	25,203	27,665	2,462	9.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,794</b>	<b>45,745</b>	<b>4,951</b>	<b>12.1%</b>

The Commission suspended IIA award announcements for applications received on or after July 12, 2008, the earliest date ever for this program. At September 5<sup>th</sup>, awards for nearly 12,300 IIA-eligible students had been suspended. Staff will analyze IIA claim data after the first term claim date to determine whether any suspended awards can be released.

Priority Claim Deadline Dates for MAP and IIA

Payment for the 2008-09 school year was made available to schools through MAPnet on August 18th, enabling schools to submit FY2009 MAP and IIA claims to ISAC. Schools may request payment as early as ten days before the beginning of the semester. Payment is requested through ISAC and the State Comptroller sends funds directly to the school. Each year the Commission approves deadline dates for schools to submit payment requests for MAP and IIA. These dates ensure timely submission of enrollment and payment information and facilitate program management.

**Action requested:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed FY2009 priority payment claim deadline dates for MAP and IIA as shown below.

<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline</u></b>
1st semester or quarter . . . . .	January 10, 2009
2nd semester or quarter . . . . .	April 1, 2009
2nd semester starting after 2/15/09 . . . . .	June 1, 2009
3rd quarter . . . . .	June 1, 2009