

AGENDA ITEM 11.

FY2006 MAP AND IIA APPLICATION VOLUME UPDATE REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND

Submitted for: Action

Summary: As of a U.S. Department of Education application received date of June 3, 2005, the number of announced applications, or completed applications from Illinois residents planning to attend an institution approved to participate in the Monetary Award Program (MAP) totaled 198,967. This represents a decrease of 1.6 percent over the same point in the FY2005 processing cycle. MAP-eligible applications, however, have decreased 6.0 percent over last year.

The average dependent parental income increased by 10 percent to \$62,138 and the average dependent federal expected family contribution (EFC) increased by 5 percent to \$11,323. To date, 49 percent of dependent applicants are eligible for a MAP award. For independent applicants, the average student income increased by 3 percent to \$21,878 and the average independent EFC grew by 5 percent to \$2,841. Just over 84 percent of independent applicants have been determined MAP-eligible.

The number of FY2006 applicants eligible for the Illinois Incentive for Access (IIA) Program is similar to last year. As of June 3, there were 18,905 freshman applicants with an EFC of zero, representing a decrease of just under one percent over the same time in FY2005.

The FY2006 appropriation for MAP is \$350.4 million and includes \$8 million in new state funds and \$3.7 million in federal LEAP/SLEAP funds. The FY2006 IIA appropriation is \$7.2 million, level funding over the previous year. At this time, staff projects it will be necessary to suspend award announcements in late July or early August for IIA. Under the proposed recomputed formula, suspension for MAP applicants would occur in late August.

Action requested: The Commission authorizes staff to suspend FY2006 award announcements for MAP and IIA when it becomes necessary to avoid a substantial risk of overcommitting MAP and IIA appropriations.

ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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FY2006 MAP Application Volume

As of a U.S. Department of Education application received date of June 3, 2005, the number of FY2006 announced MAP applicants, or undergraduate Illinois residents attending MAP-approved institutions, totaled 198,967, down 1.6 percent when compared to the same point in time last year. MAP-eligible applications have decreased 6.0 percent over last year. Table 1 below summarizes the number of FY2005 and FY2006 announced and MAP-eligible applications received by school and dependency type.

Table 1: Comparison of FY2005 and FY2006 MAP Applications Received as of June 3, by Sector and Dependency Type			
	FY2005	FY2006	% Change
Announced Applications	202,150	198,967	-1.6%
Eligible Applications	130,463	122,689	-6.0%
Announced MAP Applications			
Public Universities	71,922	71,193	-1.0%
Private Institutions	60,212	58,660	-2.6%
Community Colleges	61,554	60,891	-1.1%
Proprietary	8,462	8,223	-2.8%
Dependent	122,063	122,232	0.1%
Independent Without Dependents	32,567	31,468	-3.4%
Independent With Dependents	47,520	45,267	-4.7%
MAP-Eligible Applications			
Public Universities	39,461	37,386	-5.3%
Private Institutions	38,384	34,895	-9.1%
Community Colleges	45,838	44,310	-3.3%
Proprietary	6,780	6,098	-10.1%
Dependent	64,342	59,744	-7.1%
Independent Without Dependents	23,495	22,713	-3.3%
Independent With Dependents	42,626	40,232	-5.6%

By school type, the number of announced applications has decreased almost 3 percent at proprietary institutions, 2.6 percent at private institutions, and 1 percent at public universities and community colleges when compared to last year. The number of MAP-eligible applications has decreased 10 percent at proprietary institutions, 9 percent at private institutions, 5 percent at public universities, and just over 3 percent at community colleges when compared to last year.

By dependency type, announced application volume for dependent students is similar to that of last year. Application volume for independent students is down 4.7 percent for those with dependents and 3.4 percent for those without dependents. MAP-eligible dependent application volume has decreased 7 percent. Volume for eligible independent students is down 5.6 percent for those with dependents and 3.3 percent for those without dependents.

For announced dependent applicants, the average parental income grew \$2,990 from \$59,148 to \$62,138. The average federal EFC increase more than \$1,000 from \$10,220 to \$11,323. Twelve percent of dependent applicants had no family resources to pay for college, down from 13 percent last year. Forty-nine percent of applicants have been determined MAP-eligible, down four percent from last year. For announced independent applicants, the average student income increased \$656 from \$21,222 last year to \$21,878. The average federal EFC grew \$145 from \$2,696 to \$2,841. Approximately 46 percent of independent applicants had no family resources to pay for college, down from 47 percent last year. Just over 84 percent of independent applicants have been determined MAP-eligible, down slightly from last year.

FY2006 IIA Application Volume

As of a U.S. Department of Education application received date of June 3, 2005, there were 18,905 applicants eligible for the IIA program, representing an decrease of just under one percent over the same point in time last year. To be eligible for IIA, applicants must be in their freshman year and have limited family resources to pay for college. For FY2005, awards will be funded only for those applicants with a zero Expected Family Contribution. Table 2 below shows the number of IIA-eligible applications by school and dependency type.

Table 2: Comparison of FY2005 and FY2006 IIA Eligible Applicants: Freshmen With Zero Expected Family Contribution			
	FY2005	FY2006	% Change
Eligible Applications	19,030	18,905	-0.7%
Public Universities	2,979	3,081	3.4%
Community Colleges	11,606	11,662	0.5%
Private / Proprietary Institutions	4,445	4,162	-6.4%
Dependent	6,710	6,701	-0.1%
Independent	12,320	12,204	-0.9%

The number of freshmen zero-EFC applicants has decreased 6 percent at private/proprietary institutions, remained constant at community colleges, and increased 3 percent at public universities when compared to last year. Dependent application volume is relatively unchanged from last year while applications from independent students is down almost one percent.

Request Permission to Suspend

As in past years, it will be necessary for the Commission to suspend award announcements for MAP and IIA. At this time, staff projects it will be necessary to suspend award announcements in late July or early August for IIA. Under the proposed recomputed formula, suspension for MAP applicants would occur in late August. Staff is requesting Commission authorization to suspend FY2006 award announcements when it becomes necessary to avoid overcommitting MAP and IIA appropriations.