The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has received the information you reported on your 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). By filing the FAFSA, you not only applied for federal financial aid, but also for a Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant. The MAP grant is a financial aid program funded by the State of Illinois and administered by ISAC.

This letter is to notify you that you are not eligible for a MAP grant at this time because your student loan, guaranteed by ISAC, is in default. The financial aid office at the college you plan to attend will not be able to process federal or state student loans, scholarships or grants for you until your defaulted student loan is resolved.

ISAC’s mission is to assist you in completing your college education in the field of your choice. One of the ways we do that is through programs that will resolve your loan default and, as a result, re-establish your eligibility for financial aid. We encourage you to contact one of our Call Center Representatives – at the number or e-mail address below – who can give you information about the available default resolution options, such as the Federal Loan Rehabilitation Program, reinstatement of federal and state student aid, loan consolidation and payment in full. These programs are described in detail on the insert enclosed with this letter.

If your default status is resolved and if you are otherwise eligible, an estimated MAP grant for 2020-21 will 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 2020-21 federal Student Aid Report (SAR)]. A list of all Illinois MAP-approved colleges can be accessed online at isac.org. The award letter from the college will be your only notification as to whether you will be receiving a MAP grant for 2020-21.

To learn more about the financial aid process and programs available through ISAC, visit our website at isac.org, call an ISAC Call Center Representative at 800.899.ISAC (4722) or send an e-mail to isac.studentservices@illinois.gov.

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