



1 **Sponsors:** Student Body President Owens, Secretary of Governmental Relations Kubik

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3 Resolution Encouraging Full Funding for the Monetary Award Program

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5 WHEREAS, the Student Government Association is the official student governing body for Illinois State
6 University;

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8 WHEREAS, it is a goal of the 2011-1012 Student government administration to advocate for students
9 with respect to local, state, and federal policies that affect the student pursuit of an education;

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11 WHEREAS, financial status should not be a barrier to accessing higher education;

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13 WHEREAS, the Monetary Award Program (MAP) allows students to access higher education despite
14 financial burden;

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16 WHEREAS, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission released a message to Illinois students regarding
17 the 2011-2012 MAP grant funding in late September notifying students the potential reduction in later
18 term awards;

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20 WHEREAS, that limited funding and high application volume created a funding short fall which may
21 mean reductions in later term award amounts;

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23 WHEREAS, ISAC will be seeking authority from the state’s General Assembly to spend \$33.5 million in
24 funds that have been reserved for student financial assistance and would not require additional
25 General Revenue Funds;

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27 WHEREAS, the agency will ask for additional spending authority during the six-day legislative
28 session that begins October 25th,

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30 WHEREAS, because of the short session and variety of issues and competing interests that
31 legislators must consider, there is no guarantee that ISAC will gain the additional spending
32 authority;

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34 WHEREAS, even if additional spending authority is received to help alleviate some of the
35 shortfall, second- and third-term reductions to 2011-12 MAP awards are still likely to be
36 necessary;

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38 WHEREAS, more than 4,000 Illinois State University students receive the MAP grant with up to
39 \$4,700 a year from this program;

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41 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of the Student Government Association
42 supports full funding for the Monetary Award Program;

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44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government Association shall participate in lobby
45 day in Springfield to advocate for higher education issues, among them the full funding of the MAP
46 grant;

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48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly of the Student Government Association directs Secretary
49 of the Assembly Collins to transmit signature copies of this resolution to state legislators on Lobby Day.

