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Feigenholtz Encourages College-Bound Students to Apply Early for Financial Aid

CHICAGO – State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) reminded college-bound students and their parents on Monday that the application periods for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Illinois Monetary Assistance Program (MAP) for the 2012-2013 school year are now open.

“Students should complete their FAFSA and MAP applications as soon as possible because state aid is only available until the allotted funding runs out,” said Feigenholtz. “With more students attending college and more families depending on financial aid to finance higher education, it is more important than ever that these applications are filled out correctly and in a timely manner.”

FAFSA and MAP are designed to help working families and are based entirely on a family’s ability to pay for college tuition.

Completion of a FAFSA application determines student eligibility for the Pell Grant, federal student loans, college work-study, and other federal student aid programs. The application can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and paper copies may be requested by calling (800) 433-3243. Students attending colleges outside of Illinois should check the FAFSA website for alternative application deadlines in that school’s state.

Students attending college in Illinois may be eligible for need-based grants for tuition and fees through MAP. Eligibility is determined by the completed FAFSA application and the final grant amount is calculated using the family’s financial need, the school’s tuition and fees, credit hours and other factors. The maximum grant award during the 2011-2012 school year was \$4,968.

For more information on FAFSA, MAP grants, and other financial aid options for students, contact the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) at (800) 899-4722 or visit www.CollegeIllinois.org.

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