Residency Verification Requirements 2015-16

Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant Overview

By applying for financial aid with the Department of Education, you have been considered for the State of Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant. This program provides Illinois residents with a need-based grant. This grant does not need to be repaid. Please read the instructions below to determine how to prove your Illinois residency. Be certain to include your CWID with your documentation.

Acceptable Documentation

**Dependent students:** Illinois must be your parent’s true, fixed, and permanent home. In order to receive MAP Grant funding, you must document your parent is an Illinois resident. Please submit one of the documents below. **Documentation must be valid during 2015. Utility bills must cover service in 2015.**

**Independent students:** you must have physically resided in Illinois for the 12 continuous months prior to the start of the academic year (8/24/14-8/23/15). In order to receive MAP Grant funding, you must document that Illinois was your true, fixed, and permanent home by submitting one or more of the documents below. Your document(s) must prove that you lived in Illinois for each day between 8/24/14 thru 8/23/15. Documents with a campus address will not be accepted.

Acceptable Documents:

- Valid Illinois Driver's License **(if sending in a copy, please copy both sides of the license)**
- Valid Illinois Identification Card issued by the Secretary of State **(if sending in a copy, please copy both sides of the card)**
- A utility (water, gas, electric, or waste removal) or rent bill in the applicant's (or parent's) name
  - Utility bills must indicate dates of utility service to the student (or parent’s) residence
- Residential lease in the applicant's (or parent's) name
- Current Illinois Auto Registration Card
- A valid State of Illinois Tax Return from 2014 that indicates the student/parent lived in Illinois for 12 months **(independent students only)**
  - Tax returns only cover proof of residency for the year in which the document is filed
- Illinois high school transcript from the 2014-2015 academic year
  - Transcripts are only valid for the dates in which the school was in session
- Current Statement of Benefits from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Current Statement of Benefits from the Illinois Department of Employment Security
- Current Statement of Benefits from the Social Security Administration
- Property tax bill from 2014 **(independent students only)**
  - A property tax bill only covers proof of residency for the year in which the document is filed

Please email, fax, or hand in your documentation via the contact information provided above. Email is preferred for documentation purposes.