Residency Verification Requirements 2017-18

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. Please read the instructions below to learn 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 2017. Utility bills must cover service in 2017.**

**Independent students:** You must have physically resided in Illinois for the **12 continuous months** prior to the start of the academic year (8/21/16-8/20/17). 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 8/21/16 thru 8/20/17. **Per state guidelines, documents with a campus address will not be accepted.**

- Valid Illinois Driver's License *(copy both sides of the license)*
- Valid Illinois Identification Card issued by the Secretary of State *(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 2016 that indicates the student 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 2016-2017 academic year
  - Transcripts are only valid for the dates during 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 2016 *(independent students only)*
  - A property tax bill only covers proof of residency for the year in which the document is filed

*Documents listing a PO Box are not sufficient for proving residency.*