Proof of Ability-To-Benefit

### Overview

The Department of Education requires confirmation of high school completion for federal aid recipients. Students whose completion status was not confirmed on the FAFSA must prove their completion status or the equivalent by submitting one of the documents listed below. After all documentation has been submitted check your Illinois Tech hawk email regularly as our office may have follow-up questions about the information submitted.

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Please provide **one** of the following documents listed below. Be certain to include your student name and campus-wide ID when submitting your documentation.

- A copy of your high school diploma.
- A copy of your final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded and all of the courses in which you were enrolled.
  - If you attended multiple high schools provide the transcript from each school.
- A state certification or transcript received by a student after the student passed a state-authorized examination that the state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma.
  - Examples include a GED, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examinations.
- If you completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of your “secondary school leaving certificate” or similar document.
- An academic transcript that indicates you successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor’s degree (e.g., an associate’s degree).
- A copy of your secondary school completion credential if you were homeschooled and your home state law requires this documentation.
  - If state law does not require homeschooled students to obtain a secondary school completion credential for home school (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent) a transcript or the equivalent signed by your parent/guardian is acceptable. This document must list the secondary school courses you completed. Additionally, it must document successful completion of a secondary school education in a home school setting.

**If you are unable to obtain the documentation listed above, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.**