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 confirm 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 2019. Utility bills must cover service in 2019.**

**Independent students:** You must have physically resided in Illinois for the 12 continuous months prior to the start of the academic year. 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 between 8/20/18 thru 8/18/19. Documentation for each month is required. 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
  - Utility bills must indicate dates of utility service to the student or parent’s residence
- Residential lease
- Current Illinois Auto Registration Card
- A valid State of Illinois Tax Return from 2018 (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 2018-2019 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 2018 (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.*