

The Monetary Award Program (MAP) provides grant assistance to eligible students demonstrating financial need. Students eligible for the MAP grant will be required to verify Illinois residency. Students or their parents must provide documentation to prove their Illinois residency in order to be eligible for the State of Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant. To verify Illinois residency, you (the student) or your parent(s) must submit one or more of the documents listed below.

Dependent	OR	Independent
A dependent student is a resident of Illinois if the parent of the dependent-application, who is required by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), physically resides within the State of Illinois and Illinois is his or her true, fixed and permanent home. Please provide proof of your parent's Illinois residency using one of the following.		An independent student is a resident of Illinois if the applicant physically resides within the State of Illinois (at the time of application), and has so resided for a period of 12 continuous, full months immediately prior to the start of the academic year for which assistance is requested and Illinois is his or her true, fixed and permanent home. Please provide proof (documentation in the student's name) that you have resided in Illinois for the full year of August 16, 2021 through August 16, 2022 using one of the following.
Parent's valid Illinois driver's license or State of Illinois identification card, issued by the Secretary of State.		Your State of Illinois driver's license or State Illinois identification card (if valid and issued on or before August 16, 2021).
Residential lease agreement - signed copy		Your apartment lease(s) showing an Illinois address covering the dates of August 16, 2021 through August 16, 2022 - signed copy
Utility or rent bills of August 16, 2021 through August 16, 2022 (i.e. water, electric, gas. A cell phone bill is not acceptable).		Utility or rent bills of August 16, 2021 through August 16, 2022 (i.e. water, electric, gas. A cell phone bill is not acceptable).
Illinois auto registration card		Copy of your State of Illinois auto registration (if valid and issued on or before August 16, 2021).
Parent's valid State of Illinois Tax Return (signed) or Federal Tax Return Transcript		Valid 2021 State of Illinois Tax Return - signed copy (This will only verify 2021 residency.)
Wage and tax statements (IRS Form W-2)		Illinois high school or college transcript (enrollment covering dates of August 16, 2021 through August 16, 2022)
Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services		Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Statement of benefits from the Illinois Department of Employment Security		Statement of benefits from the Illinois Department of Employment Security
Statement of benefits from the Social Security Administration		Statement of benefits from the Social Security Administration

Note: The documents listed above are the most commonly used to prove Illinois Residency. You may include documents from multiple Illinois addresses. If you cannot prove any of these, there are other options we can consider.