

Residency Requirements

All recipients of the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant must be residents of the State of Illinois.

Dependent Students

For a dependent student to be considered an Illinois resident in order to receive a grant:

- The parent of the dependent student who is required to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** must physically reside in Illinois and Illinois must be his/her true, fixed, and permanent home.

Independent Students

- For an [independent](#) student to be considered a resident of Illinois s/he must have physically resided in Illinois for 12 continuous full months immediately **prior to the start of the academic year** for which assistance is requested and Illinois must be his/her true, fixed, and permanent home.

Example: An independent student attending an institution with an academic year starting on August 23, 2021, must have resided in Illinois from August 23, 2020 through August 23, 2021.

Illinois Residency Documentation

Data from **one or more** of the documents listed below **may** provide proof that an applicant (or parent) is an Illinois resident. For independent students, the dates recorded on the documents must indicate that the applicant has resided in Illinois for the relevant twelve continuous, full months.

- Valid 2020 State of Illinois **signed** tax return
- 2021 Illinois high school or college transcript
- Valid Illinois driver's license with street address
- Current utility or rent bills in the applicant's (or parent's) name
- Illinois auto registration card
- Current residential lease in the applicant's (or parent's) name
- 2020 W-2 Forms
- 2020 Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- State of Illinois identification card, issued by the Secretary of State
- 2020 Statement of benefits from the Illinois Department of Employment Security
- 2020 Statement of benefits from the Social Security Administration
- Illinois voter's registration card
- 2020 Property tax bill
- 2020 IRS Form 1099 - Miscellaneous Income Statements

If a student is a resident of Illinois, but the institution cannot determine this fact, the student may verify residency through ISAC's appeal process.