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Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant Overview

The state of Illinois offered you a MAP Grant for the 2020-21 aid year based on your application for financial aid with the Department of Education (FAFSA) or the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid). Before disbursing your grant the state requires we confirm a parent's (dependent students) or your (independent students) Illinois residency. Please read the instructions below to learn how to confirm Illinois residency. Be certain to include your CWID with your documentation.

Acceptable Documentation

Dependent students: To qualify for a MAP Grant, Illinois must be your **parent's** true, fixed, and permanent home. Please submit one of the documents below. Documentation must be valid during **2020**. Utility bills must cover service in **2020**.

Independent students: To qualify for a MAP Grant you need to document you physically resided in Illinois for **12 continuous months** prior to the start of the academic year. To document your residency, please submit one or more of the documents below. Your document(s) must prove that you lived in Illinois between 8/24/19 thru 8/23/20. Documentation for each month is required. Per state guidelines, documents cannot list a campus address.

- 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 2019 (**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 2019-2020 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 2019 (**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.*