



## 2025-26 Illinois Residency Verification

We anticipate that you will be eligible to receive an *Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Monetary Award Program Grant (MAP Grant)* for the **2025-26** academic year. Before we can determine if you are eligible for MAP funds, your Illinois residency must be verified. ISAC rules state that a self-supporting student is considered a resident of Illinois if he/she meets the following criteria:

*"An independent student is a resident of Illinois if the applicant physically resides within the State of Illinois (at the time of Free Application Federal Student Aid application) and has so resided for a period of twelve 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."*

**This means that you must have resided in Illinois since BEFORE August 20, 2024**

Please provide **at least one** of the following documents, **with a date of issuance prior to August 20, 2024** to verify Illinois residency in accordance with the above definition:

- ☐ Illinois Driver's License with an issuance PRIOR to August 20, 2024
- ☐ Utility or rent bills in my name with dates PRIOR to August 20, 2024
- ☐ Illinois High School or College transcript showing attendance for the **complete 2024-25** academic year
- ☐ Illinois Auto Registration Card showing date of issuance PRIOR to August 20, 2024
- ☐ Residential lease with my name appearing on the lease showing date of issuance PRIOR to August 20, 2024
- ☐ Wage and tax statements (IRS W-2 Forms) for calendar year 2023 which indicate an Illinois address for year-end
- ☐ State of Illinois Identification Card issued by the Secretary of State issued PRIOR to August 20, 2024
- ☐ Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Public Aid issued PRIOR to August 20, 2024
- ☐ Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Employment Security issued PRIOR to August 20, 2024
- ☐ A valid state or federal income tax return for calendar year 2023
- ☐ Statement of benefits from the Social Security Administration for calendar year 2023
- ☐ Illinois voter's registration card issued PRIOR to August 20, 2024
- ☐ Property tax bill issued PRIOR to August 20, 2024