

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 and considered for 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 their true, fixed, and permanent home.
- Preferred forms of documentation which **may** verify the parent's Illinois residency include:
 - Parent's **signed** 2022 Illinois tax return (IL-1040)
 - Parent's valid Illinois Driver's License (reflecting home address)
 - Parent's valid Illinois State ID Card (reflecting home address)
 - Parent's 2022 W-2 (reflecting home address)

Independent Students

For an **independent** student to be considered a resident of Illinois and considered for a grant:

- The student is required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **and** 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 their true, fixed, and permanent home.
- Preferred forms of documentation which **may** verify the student's Illinois residency include:
 - Student's **signed** 2022 Illinois tax return (IL-1040)
 - Student's valid Illinois Driver's License (reflecting home address)
 - Student's valid Illinois State ID Card (reflecting home address)
 - Student's 2022 W-2 (reflecting home address)

Example: An independent student attending an institution with an academic year starting on August 21, 2023, must have resided in Illinois from August 22, 2022 through August 21, 2023, and **must provide documentation proving Illinois residency for that entire time period** in order to be considered for a grant. If the above preferred documents are not available, please reach out to the Office of Student Financial Aid to discuss other possible options.

Note: If a student is an Illinois resident but the institution cannot determine this fact, the student may verify residency through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC: www.isac.org).