

2017/2018 PROOF OF ILLINOIS RESIDENCY - INDEPENDENT

To be eligible for the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant, you must prove that **you** were an Illinois resident for the **full year of August 18, 2016, through August 18, 2017.**

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

Example: An independent student attending an institution with an academic year starting on August 18, 2017, must have resided in Illinois from August 18, 2016, through August 18, 2017.

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.

EXAMPLES OF DOCUMENTATION TO PROVE ILLINOIS RESIDENCY

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

- Copy of Illinois driver's license (issued prior to August 18, 2016)
- Copy of State of Illinois identification card, issued by the Secretary of State
- Copy of Illinois high school or college transcript
- Copy of residential lease in the applicant's name
- Copy of property tax bill
- Copy of Illinois auto registration card
- Copy of utility or rent bills in the applicant's name

Note: You must prove Illinois residency--not necessarily prove residency at any single address.