

Acceptable Proof of Illinois Residency

*For **independent student applicants**, the dates recorded on the documents must indicate the applicant has resided in Illinois for 12 months prior to the start of the academic year.*

*For **dependent student applicants**, the parents must submit the proof of Illinois residency, but is acceptable to have a current date.*

***Note:** If Illinois becomes the parent's true, fixed, and permanent home after the initial FAFSA is filed, the student's and the parent's state of legal residence and permanent mailing address must be corrected to indicate Illinois on the FAFSA, and corrections must be received while data is still accepted and processed for the applicable academic year.*

- Illinois Driver's License
 - Must be valid and have an issue date prior to 9-1-24 for the 25-26 academic year. Will accept valid Driver's License with current date if the student also has expired license and there is no more than a 30-day lapse.
- Valid Illinois State ID Card
- Utility or rent bills in the applicant's (or parent's) name (cell phone bill is not acceptable)
- Illinois Auto Registration card
- Residential lease in the applicant's (or parent's name)
- Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Health and Family Services.
- Statement of benefits from the Illinois Department of Employment Security
- Illinois Voter's Registration Card – as long as it has a date 12 months' prior
- Property Tax Bill
- Parent's (or student's, if independent) valid State of Illinois income tax return or federal tax transcript
- Wage and tax statements (IRS Form W-2)
- IRS Form 1099-Miscellaneous Income Statements

Please note that credit card statements, bank statements and cell phone bills are not sufficient to prove Illinois Residency.