



## Independent Student

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

We anticipate that you will be eligible to receive a Monetary Award from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) for the 2026-2027 academic year. Before the funds can be disbursed, Financial Aid Services must verify your Illinois residency. 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 has a true, fixed and permanent home within the State of Illinois (at the time of application) and has so resided for a period of 12 continuous, full months immediately prior to the start of the academic year for which assistance is requested."

This means that you must have resided in Illinois prior to **August 24, 2025**. Please complete the attached form and return it to our office with a copy of at least **one** of the documents listed. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call our office.

Sincerely,

Financial Aid Services

## Illinois Residency Verification 2026-2027

I understand that I must be a resident of Illinois to receive financial assistance under the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Monetary Award Program. Further, I understand that Illinois residency is defined by the ISAC to be the following:

"An Independent Student is a Resident of Illinois if the applicant has a true, fixed and permanent home within the State of Illinois (at the time of application) and has so resided for a period of 12 continuous, full months immediately prior to the start of the academic year for which assistance is requested."

I certify that I was living in the State of Illinois at the time I filed the 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Alternative Application for IL Financial Aid and that I have physically resided in the State of Illinois 12 continuous full months since **August 24, 2025**.

I have attached the following document(s) with an issue date prior to **August 24, 2025**, to verify my Illinois residency in accordance with the above definition:

- ☐ Illinois driver's license or state of IL ID card issue by Secretary of State;
- ☐ Utility or rent bills in the applicant's name;
- ☐ Illinois high school or college transcript;
- ☐ Illinois auto registration card;
- ☐ Residential lease with applicant's name appearing on the lease;
- ☐ State of IL income tax return or federal tax return transcripts
- ☐ Wage and tax statement (IRS Form W-2 or 1099 miscellaneous income);
- ☐ Statement of benefits from the Social Security Administration;
- ☐ Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Public Aid;
- ☐ Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Employment Security;
- ☐ Property tax bill; or
- ☐ Illinois voter's registration card.

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Student Name *(please print)*

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USF ID

Please return this statement and one supporting document to:

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