

# Verification of Illinois Residency Requirement

The following are examples of documents that may be collected for verification of Illinois residency. For an independent student, the documentation must indicate that the student resided in Illinois for the previous 12 continuous full months prior to the beginning of the school's academic year:

- Parent's (or student's, if independent) valid Illinois income tax return for the calendar year preceding the award year;
- Student's Illinois high school or Illinois college transcript;
- Valid Illinois driver's license, (Make sure it has not expired);
- Utility or rent bills in the parent's (or independent student's) name;
- Illinois auto registration card;
- Wage and tax statements (IRS Form W-2);
- Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Public Aid;
- Residential lease in parent's (or independent student's) name;
- Statement of benefits from the Illinois Department of Employment Security;
- State of Illinois Identification Card issued by the Secretary of State;
- Statement of benefits from the Social Security Administration;
- Illinois Voter's Registration card: or
- Property tax bill.