

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 2023-2024 academic year. ~~Before~~ 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 ~~aca~~ academ

2023-2024

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 ~~2023~~ 2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) the Alternative Application for IL Financial Aid and that I have physically resided in the State of Illinois 12 continuous full months since [August 22, 2022](#). I have attached the following document(s) with an issue date prior to [August 22, 2022](#) to verify my Illinois residency in accordance with the above definition:

- Illinois Driver's License or State of IL ID card issued by Secretary of State
- Utility or rent bills in my name
- Illinois High School or College transcript
- Illinois Auto Registration Card
- Residential lease with my name appearing on the lease
- Valid State of IL income tax return or federal tax return transcripts
- Wage and tax statement such as W-2 or 1099 forms
- Statement of benefits from the Social Security Administration
- Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Public Aid