

Suggested documents that may help your petition. Please note, depending on your situation, other documentation may be requested.

Documentation for Independent Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • copy of your Illinois driver's license (if applicable) • copy of your Illinois vehicle registration (if applicable) • copy of a state i.d. (if applicable) • your most recent state income tax return, including all forms, schedules, and worksheets* • most recent federal income tax return, including all forms, schedules, and worksheets* • copy of your most recent W-2s • copy of your Illinois voter's registration card • copies of your pay stubs for previous 12 months showing Illinois state tax withholding and year-to-date earnings information • copy of your permanent resident card or visa (if applicable) • signed and dated copy of your lease agreement or proof of Illinois home purchase • your utility bill statements for previous 12 months • statement from employer indicating start date, position, status (permanent/temporary), and location of your employment • enrollment verification from all institutions of higher education showing level of your enrollment, if enrolled during the past 12 months
Documentation for Dependent Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if parents are divorced or legally separated, provide copy of legal separation document • statement from both parents'/guardians' employers indicating start date, position, status (permanent/temporary), and location of employment^ • copy of both parents'/guardians' pay stubs for previous 12 months showing Illinois state tax withholding and year-to-date earnings information^ • copy of both parents'/guardians' Illinois driver's licenses^ • copy of both parents'/guardians' Illinois vehicle registrations^ • copy of both parents' state i.d.^ • copy of parents'/guardians' recent state income tax return, including all forms, schedules, and worksheets*^ • copy of parents'/guardians' recent federal income tax return, including all forms, schedules, and worksheets*^ • copy of parents'/guardians' most recent W-2s^ • signed and dated copy of lease agreement or proof of Illinois home purchase • utility bill statements for previous 12 months • copy of both parents'/guardians' Illinois voter registration cards^ • copy of parents'/guardians' permanent resident cards or visas (if applicable)^

*For **residence status beginning with a summer or fall term**: please include a copy of the state and federal income tax return for the year prior to the summer or fall term

For **residence status beginning with a spring term**: please include a copy of 1) the most recent state and federal income tax return, and 2) copy of a December pay stub with year-to-date information

^If parents are divorced or legally separated, provide documentation from the Illinois domiciled parent