Documenting Illinois Residency for the Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program

Required Illinois residency criteria for the Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program is available on the IVG page of ISAC's website at isac.org. If proof of Illinois residency is required to determine program eligibility, acceptable documents are listed below. These documents must have been issued/dated (as applicable) within the relevant time frame. Acceptable documents cannot be handwritten and must include your name, applicable dates and your Illinois address. Documents cannot be sent to a PO Box. Acceptable documents must come from an outside source and not completed by you. More than one acceptable document may be required to prove residency.

Documents for a Relevant 6 Month Period

Acceptable Documents For Proof of Residency

- Illinois high school transcript*;
- Illinois Driver's License;
- Illinois Identification Card;
- Illinois Department of Employment Security Statement of Benefits;
- Official Utility or rent bills (in the applicant's name only);
- Illinois auto registration cards;
- Letter of employment printed on company letterhead that reflects your Illinois address while employed, your dates of employment, and is verified by certification in accordance with Illinois law (see 735 ILCS 5/1-109)**;
- Statement of benefits history from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services;
- Statement of benefits from the Social Security Administration***
- Illinois voter's registration card;
- Official mail received from a state, county, city, village, or a federal government agency

Examples of Unacceptable Documents for Proof of Residency

- Residential lease in the applicant's name;
- College transcripts (unless you were enrolled at the time of entering federal active duty);
- Wage and tax statements (W-2);
- State of Illinois Tax Returns or federal tax transcripts;
- IRS Form 1099 - Miscellaneous Income Statements;
- Illinois Driver's License Abstract;
- Temporary Driver's License;
- Credit report;
- Property tax bills

Documents for Each Year of a 15 Consecutive Year Period

Acceptable Documents For Proof of Residency

- Illinois Driver's License;
- Illinois Identification Card;
- Illinois Department of Employment Security Statement of Benefits;
- Official Utility or rent bills (in the applicant's name);
- IRS Form 1099 – Miscellaneous Income Statements;
- Illinois auto registration cards;
- Letter of employment printed on company letterhead that reflects your Illinois address while employed, your dates of employment, and is verified by certification in accordance with Illinois law (see 735 ILCS 5/1-109)**;
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- Property tax bills;
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* Students who attended Chicago public high schools: contact the Office of Former Student Records at 773.553.4110. Transcripts may also be requested online at cps.edu/services-and-supports/student-records-and-transcripts/. A fee may be required. Students who attended Illinois public high schools outside of Chicago: contact the high school attended (Illinois high schools are required to maintain records for 60 years). If the high school has closed, contact the Regional Board of Education where the school was located.

** As provided in 735 ILCS 5/1-109, the letter from your employer must contain the following wording:

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

*** Social Security Administration (SSA): To request a detailed statement of your Social Security earnings history from the Social Security Administration (SSA), complete the *Request for Social Security Earnings Information* (Form SSA-7050-F4) available on the SSA website (socialsecurity.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf). A fee may be required.

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