



Getting a State ID in Michigan

If you plan to get a State of Michigan ID, it is easier if you get it before your visa expires. If you do not plan to drive while you're at Michigan Tech, you won't need a driver's license, but you may still find an official ID useful.

The State of Michigan offers a state ID card. It costs \$10 and is good for 4 years. Obtaining a state ID requires the same documentation as getting a driver's license, but it doesn't require the driving test.

Checklist of Required Documents for F-1/F-2 or J-1/J-2 Students and Scholars seeking Michigan IDs and Driver's Licenses

Please note: The Michigan Department of State is now verifying student status with a version of the SAVE program that includes SEVIS information. Please ensure that student information has been entered and updated to SEVIS before the student visits a Secretary of State office. The student should provide the following:

- ✚ Social Security documents
 - Proof of a Social Security Number (Social Security card, pay stub, W -2, non SSA 1099)
 - **or** proof of ineligibility for a number. The local Social Security Office, which is next door to the Secretary of State Office where you apply for a driver's license, will provide this proof of ineligibility.
- ✚ Immigration documents
 - Valid, unexpired foreign passport, visa (even if it has expired), and 1-94 stamped with entry date indicating duration of status (*D/S*) or a specific future date for proof of legal presence and identity verification.
 - 1-20 Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant (F-1) student or DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) status indicating enrollment in a Michigan school, college, or university (needed for both the student and the spouse or any other dependents).
 - Students on Optional Practical Training (OPT) must provide supporting evidence from the school.
- ✚ Two documents are needed to prove residency: acceptable documents include a lease agreement, utility bill, bank or other financial institution statement, credit card statement, school account records, insurance policy, pay stub, government document, or vehicle title and registration with the local address on it. Note: Family member documents may be used if the relationship can be substantiated.
 - A letter from the school, college, or university Designated School Official (DSO), confirming enrollment and current address can be accepted as one of the residency documents. Please include the DSO name and contact number. The IPS Office will provide this letter confirming enrollment & address.