



Information for Residency Classification

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A Florida resident for tuition purposes is a person who has, or a dependent person whose parent or legal guardian has, established and maintained legal residency in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months preceding the first day of classes of the term for which Florida residency is sought. Residence in Florida must be as a bonafide domicile rather than for the purpose of maintaining a residence incident to enrollment at an institution of higher education.

To qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes, you must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident alien or legal alien granted indefinite stay by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Other persons not meeting the 12 month legal residence requirement may be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes only if they fall within one of the limited special categories authorized by the Florida Legislature and the State Board of Education. All other persons are ineligible for classification as a Florida resident for tuition purposes.

Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence. Residence for tuition purposes requires the establishment of legal ties to the state of Florida. Students must verify that they have broken ties to other states if the student or, in the case for dependent students, his or her parent, has moved from another state.

Non-Florida Residents

Non-Florida Residents: I understand that I do not qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes for the term to which I have applied. I also understand that if I should qualify for Florida residency in some future term, I must file the required documentation prior to the beginning of that term.

Signature (in ink): _____ SSN or FAMUID: _____ Date: _____

Florida Residents

Florida Residents: Complete this section in full if you claim Florida residency for tuition purposes. Attach copies (if any) of documents required.

Dependent: a person, whether or not living with his or her parent, who is eligible to be claimed by his or her parent as a dependent under the federal income tax code.

Independent: a person who is at least 24 years old, married, a graduate or professional student, a veteran, a member of the armed forces, an orphan, a ward of the court, or someone with legal dependents other than a spouse, per the U.S. Department of Education for the purposes of federal aid eligibility. There may be limited cases where a person under the age of 24 years old may qualify as an independent student. Such students will be required to verify independence.

- A copy of marriage certificate is required in **all cases** of a spouse claiming a partner's residency.

A) I am an **independent person** and have maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months.

B) I am a **dependent person** and my parent or legal guardian has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months.

C) I am a **dependent person who has resided for five years** with an adult relative other than my parent or legal guardian, and my relative has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. (**Required:** Copy of most recent tax return on which you were claimed as a dependent or other proof of dependency).

D) I am **married to a person** who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. I now have established Legal residence and intend to make Florida my permanent home. (**Required:** Copy of marriage certificate and other documents required to establish residency).

E) I was **previously enrolled at a Florida state institution** and classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I abandoned my Florida domicile Less than 12 months ago and am now re-establishing Florida legal residence.

F) According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, I am a **permanent resident alien or other legal alien** granted indefinite stay and Have maintained a domicile in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. (**Required:** USCIS documentation and proof of Florida residency status).

G) I am a **member** (or the spouse/dependent child of) of the **Armed Services of the United States**, and am currently stationed in Florida on active military duty pursuant to military orders, or whose home of record is Florida. (**Required:** Copy of military orders or DD2058 showing home of record.)

H) I am a full-time instructional or administrative employee (or the spouse/dependent child of) **employed by a Florida public school, community college or institution of higher education.** (**Required:** Copy of employment verification).

