



Florida Residency Affidavit for Tuition Purposes

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL IF YOU ARE CLAIMING FLORIDA RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES PERSUANT F.S. 1009.21

Students who have been established as exempt from paying tuition fees or use Florida Prepaid are exempt from the residency requirement.

Name of Student _____ Last 4 of SS# _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email _____ DOB ____/____/____

Claimant Name _____ Relationship to Student _____

(Claimant is the person who is claiming Florida residency, e.g., the student, parent, spouse, or legal guardian)

Permanent Legal Address of Claimant _____

Date Claimant Began Establishing Residency in Florida ____/____/____

Students must provide TWO qualifying forms of documentation proving at least 12 consecutive months residency prior to enrollment. Please select TWO qualifying forms of documentation from Tier 1 or ONE from Tier 1 & ONE from Tier 2.

Please indicate which required Florida residency supporting documents you are providing:

TIER 1: MUST have at least one from this tier

- Florida driver license or State of Florida ID card
- Florida voter registration
- Florida vehicle registration
- Proof of permanent home in Florida which occupied as primary residence by student of parent/legal guardian (if student is dependent)
- Proof of homestead exemption in Florida
- Transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years, if the Florida high school diploma or GED was earned within the last 12 months
- Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period
- Proof of active duty residing or stationed in Florida

TIER 2:

- Declaration of domicile in Florida
- Document evidencing family ties in Florida
- Florida professional or occupational license
- Florida incorporation
- Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or professional organization
- Any other documentation that supports the student's request for resident status (Examples: utilities bills for 12 months, lease agreement for 12 months)

Claimant's Driver License

State _____ Number _____ Issue Date ____/____/____

Claimant's Voter Registration

State _____ County _____ Number _____ Original Issue Date ____/____/____

Claimant's Vehicle Registration

State _____ Number _____ Original Issue Date ____/____/____

Non U.S. Citizen Only

Resident Alien Number _____ Issue Date ____/____/____

I do hereby swear and affirm that the above named student meets all requirements indicated in the checked category above for classification as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I understand that a false statement in this affidavit will subject me to penalties for making a false statement pursuant to F.S. 837.06.

Signature of Claimant _____ **Date** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY – please ensure copies of residency documents and independent proof if required are attached

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____ Approved: YES NO

Florida Residency Definitions

A Florida “resident for tuition purposes” is an independent person who has, or a dependent person whose parent or legal guardian has, established and maintained legal residence in Florida for at least twelve (12) months. Residency in Florida must be for the purpose of establishing a permanent legal residence and not merely to just attend school at an institution of higher education. To qualify as Florida resident for tuition purposes, you must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident alien, or legal alien granted indefinite stay by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. Other persons not meeting the twelve (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 Florida Board of Education for exemption. All other persons are ineligible for classification as a “Florida Resident for Tuition Purposes.”

Documents supporting the establishment of legal residence in Florida must be dated, issued, or filed 12 months prior to the first day of classes of the term for which an in-state classification is sought.

Who may be eligible to establish Florida residency for tuition purposes?

- U.S. citizens, permanent resident aliens, and certain Visa categories
- Independent persons (not claimed by anyone other than themselves for Federal Income Tax purposes), who have resided, and been employed in a permanent, full-time position, in Florida for the last 12 months or more.
 - **Independent:** 24 years of age or older; married (must provide marriage certificate if student is under 24); has children who receive more than half of their support from the student; has other dependents who live with and receive more than half their support; is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or is currently serving on active duty (provide DD214); both of the student’s parents are deceased (provide death certificates); student was (until age 18) a ward of the court.
 - **Dependent:** All students who do not meet the definition of an independent student shall be classified as dependent.
- Either parent or legal guardian of a dependent child. Federal Income Tax documents will be required to prove dependency. The term “dependent child” means any person, whether or not living with his/her parent or legal guardian, who is eligible to be claimed by his/her parent or legal guardian as a dependent under the Federal Income Tax and who receives more than 50% of the true cost of living expenses from his/her parent or legal guardian.

Who is not eligible to establish Florida residency for tuition purposes?

- Students who are dependent on out-of-state parents (claimed on the parent(s) Federal Income Tax form).
- Students who moved to the State of Florida for the sole purpose of attending an institution of higher education.
- Students who claim independence but cannot document independence.
- Certain Visa categories.

Who is exempt from establishing Florida residency for tuition purposes?

- Students who are exempt from paying fees (DCF, homeless waivers) are exempt from providing proof of residency F.S. 1009.25(2)(c)(d) and (f), F.S.
- Students paying with Florida Prepaid College Program. Each qualified beneficiary shall be classified as resident for tuition purposes, regardless of his or her actual legal residence. F.S. 1009.98(a)1.

NON-FLORIDA RESIDENT ONLY

I understand that I do not qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes for the term for which this application is submitted and that if I should qualify for some future term it will be necessary for me to file the required documentation prior to the beginning of the term in to be considered for Florida residency reclassification.

Printed Student Name _____ State of Residence _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____