

Florida Residency Requirements*

Who classifies/reclassifies as a Florida Resident for tuition purposes?

A Florida “resident for tuition purposes” may be one of the following:

- A person who has established and maintained legal residency in Florida for a minimum of **twelve months** prior to the first day of the term
- A married person whose spouse has established and maintained legal residency in Florida for a minimum of **twelve months** prior to the first day of the term

DEPENDENT STUDENT

- A dependent student is under twenty-four year old, whose parent or legal guardian has established and maintained legal residency in Florida for a minimum of **twelve months** prior to the first day of the term
- Dependent Students will be granted in-state residency for tuition purposes if the Residency Affidavit on the college application indicates that **all of the following criteria are met**. Further documentation will not be required for these students.
 1. The student is eligible to be claimed by his or her parent or legal guardian as a dependent under the federal income tax code;
 2. The student’s nation of citizenship is the United States;
 3. The student is under 24 years of age;
 4. The student’s mother, father or legal guardian is the person claiming Florida residence;
 5. The student’s mother, father or legal guardian claiming
 6. Florida residence has a Florida permanent legal address; **and**
 7. The student’s mother, father or legal guardian claiming Florida residence provides written or electronic verification that he or she has been issued two of the following three Florida documents that are dated more than 12 months old:
 - a voter’s registration
 - a driver license
 - a vehicle registration

INDEPENDENT STUDENT

An independent student who provides evidence of any of the following criteria shall be classified as an independent student for the determination of residency for tuition purposes:

- (1) The student is 24 years of age or older by the first day of classes of the term for which residency status is sought at a Florida institution;
- (2) The student has children who receive more than half of their support from the student;
- (3) A student has other dependents who live with and receive more than half of their support from the student;
- (4) The student is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or is currently serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces for purposes other than training;
- (5) Both of the student’s parents are deceased or the student is or was (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court;
- (6) The student submits documentation (tax returns of self and parents) that he or she provides fifty (50) percent or more of the cost of attendance for independent, in-state students as defined by

the College financial aid office.

Independent students will be granted in-state residency for tuition purposes if the [Residency Affidavit](#) on the college application indicates that **all of the following criteria are met.** Further documentation will not be required for these students.

- 1) The student's nation of citizenship is the United States;
- 2) The student is 24 years of age or over;
- 3) The student's permanent address is a Florida address;
- 4) The high school from which the student graduated is a Florida high school;
- 5) Every community college or university the student has attended is located in the State of Florida; and
- 6) The student provides written or electronic verification that he or she has been issued two of the following three Florida documents that are dated more than 12 months old:
 - a voter's registration
 - a driver license
 - a vehicle registration

If you are using information from a person other than yourself, that person is considered your "**claimant.**"

What forms or documents can I show to verify I am a Florida Resident?

To instantly prove residency, simply provide your Florida Pre-Paid card or official transcript from another Florida state institution stating that you were classified as a Florida Resident for tuition purposes within the last 12 months.

OR

You may prove Florida residency by showing **at least two items** from the following list, each must be **dated at least 12 months** prior to the first day of the term and from the same claimant.

Acceptable Documents:

- Florida Driver's License or State of Florida ID (information on obtaining a Driver's license history is available if you have recently renewed your license)
- Florida Vehicle Registration (two years may be required in order to show 12 months)
- Florida Voter's Registration card
- For full-time employment, letter from employer on official letterhead stating **name, start date and end date of employment**, and indicating **full-time** employment
- For part-time employment, letter from employer on official letterhead stating **name, start date and end date of employment**, indicating **part-time** employment and number of hours worked per week (must be a minimum of 30 hrs/wk to be an acceptable employment document)
- **Warranty deed** of home along with **current property tax form verifying homestead exemption** **OR** do a property search from county property appraiser's website, and **print page with sales history and exemptions to verify homestead exemption**
- **Declaration of Domicile** from the state of Florida (Clerk of Circuit Court issue date must show the 12 months)
- **Military documents DD214 or DD2058** showing Florida as your Home of Record or that you are on **active duty** and stationed in Florida (does *not* have to show 12 months)

What if my claimant and I do not share the same last name?

For dependent students whose last name differs from the claimant, proof of relationship must be determined. A relationship through names must be established.

The following documents can be used to verify relationship:

- Birth Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- Marriage Certificate (used in instances where parent has remarried or for showing spouse's relationship)