



Florida in-state tuition guide for completing the

"Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes" form

The "Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes" form can be found on the website of your higher education institution. It can also be located here. This guide is designed to assist students from immigrant families with the completion of the residency form.



FLORIDA RESIDENCY DECLARATION FOR TUITION **PURPOSES**

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 twelve (12) consecutive months preceding the first day of classes of the term for which Florida residency is sought.

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 To qualify as a Floridar resident for tuition purposes, you must be a U.S. citizen, a foreign national in a nonimmigrant visa classification that grants you the legal ability to establish a bona fide domicile in the United States, a permanent resident alien, parolee, asylee, Cuban-Haitian entrant, legal alien granted indefinite stay, or other qualified alien as defined under federal law. Other persons not meeting the twelve-month legal residence requirements may be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes twelve-month legal residence requirements may be classified as Florida residents for fution purposes only if they fall within one of the limited special categories authorized by the Florida Legislature pursuant to section 1009.21, Florida Statutes (see "Qualification by Exception" below). All other persons are ineligible for classification as a Florida "resident for truthon purposes." Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence. Students who depend upon out-of-state parents for support are presumed to be legal residents of the same state as their
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UNDOCUMENTED/DACA **STUDENTS**

If you wish to petition for instate tuition based on status as an undocumented or DACA student, you need only complete the "Non-Florida Resident" portion of the "Florida Residency **Declaration for Tuition** Purposes" form, which can be found at the bottom of page one of the residency form. In addition to this form, be sure to also submit your Florida high school transcript(s) and an outof-state fee waiver form, which can be found on your institution's webpage. Each school may have a different name for the tuition waiver form; contact your school if you need assistance locating it.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT SEEKING FLORIDA RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES.

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- I I am a dependent student, as defined by s. 1009.21(1)(a). Florida Statutes, in that I am eligible to be claimed as a dependent under the federal income tax code by the claimant below. The claimant is my "parent" as defined by s. 1009.21(1)(f). Florida Statutes (i.e., either or both parents of the student, any guardian of a student, or any person in a parental relationship to the student). My parent has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive morths. As defined by section 1009.21(1)(6). Florida Statutes, legal resident or resident means a person who has maintained his or her residence in this state for the preceding year, has purchased a home which is occupited by him or her as his or her residence, or has established a domicile in this state pursuant to s. 222.17." A copy of your parent's tax return may be requested to establish defendence.
- [] I am an independent person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. I provide more than 50% of my own support. An independent student generally includes a person who is at least 24 years old, married, a graduate or professional student, a veteran, a member of the armed forces, a ward of the court, or someone with legal dependents other than a spouse, pursuant to the United States Department of Education for the purposes of federal financial 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 (including financial independence.) A copy of your tax return may be requested to establish independence.
- [] I meet residency requirements through one of the Qualifications by Exception below (check appropriate exception):

TERM OF APPLICATION: (check one):	[]FALL	[]SPRING	[]SUMMER	YEAR: 20
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QUALIFICATION BY EXCEPTION (to be completed by the student.)

- [] I am a qualified beneficiary under the terms of the Florida Prepaid College Program (s. 1009.98, Florida Statutes). (Required: Copy of Florida Prepaid Recipient card.)
 [] I am married to a person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive morths. I now have established legal residence and intend to make Florida my permanent home. (Required: copy of marriage certificate and/or other documents required to establish residency.)
 [] I was previously enrolled at a Florida state postsecondary institution and classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I am transferring to another Florida state postsecondary institution within 12 months of the previous enrolled at a Florida state postsecondary institution and classified as a Florida resident for tution purposes. I abandoned my Florida domicile less than 12 months ago and am now re-establishing Florida legal residence.

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 [] Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States residing in this state and their spouses and dependent children, and active drilling members of the Florida National Guard. (Required: Copy of military orders or D2058 showing home of record.)

 [] Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States and their spouses and dependents attending a Florida College System institution or state university within 50 miles of the military establishment where they are stationed, if such military establishment is within a county contiguous to Florida. (Required:
- Copy of military orders.)

 [] United States citizens living on the Istmus of Panama, who have completed 12 consecutive months of college work at the Florida State University Panama Canal Branch, and their spouses and dependent children. (Required: Copy of marriage certificate or proof of dependency.)

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CITIZENS WITH UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS

If you wish to petition for in-state tuition as a citizen with undocumented parent(s). you must complete the entirety of the "Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes" form, minus the "Non-Florida Resident" portion located at the bottom of page one of the residency form.

Fill in appropriate responses.

Are you a dependent student, independent student, or do you meet residency requirements through one of the exceptions listed on pages two and

Select the one that applies.

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[1] I am a dependent student, as defined by s. 1009.21(1)(a), Florida Statutes, in that I am eligible to be claimed as a dependent under the federal income tax code by the claimant below. The claimant is my "per as defined by s. 1009.21(1)(f), Florida Statutes, (i.e., either or both parents of the student, ny guardian of student, or any person in a parental relationship to the student). My parent has maintained legal residence Florida for at Ideast the past 12 consecutive months. As defined by section 1000.21(1)(d), Florida Statutes, "legal resident" or 'residence in this state for the preceding year, has purchased a home which is occupied by him or her as his or her residence, or has established a domicile in this state pursuant to s. 222.17." A copy of your parent's tax return may be request to establish dependence.

[] I am an independent person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. I provide more than 50% of my own support. An independent student generally includes a person who is at least 24 years old, married, a graduate or professional student, a veteran, a member of the armed forces, a ward of the court, or someone with legal dependents other than a spouse, pursuant to the United States Department of Education for the purposes of federal financial 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 (including financial independence.) A copy of your tax return may be required to verify independence. requested to establish independence

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- [] Full-time instructional and administrative personnel employed by state public schools and institutions of higher education and their spouses and dependent children. (Required: Employment Verification)
 [] Students from Latin America and the Caribbean who receive scholarships from the federal or state government. Any student classified pursuant to this paragraph shall attend, on a full-time basis, a Florida institution of higher education. (Required: proof of scholarship and Latin America or Caribbean residency.)
 [] Southern Regional Education Board's Academic Common Market graduate students attending Florida's state universities. (Required: Certification letter from State Academic Common Market Coordinator.)
 [] Full-time employees of state agencies or political subdivisions of the state when the student fees are paid by the state agency or political subdivisions of the state when the student fees are paid by the state agency or political subdivision for the purpose of job-related law enforcement or corrections training. (Required: Employment verification/payment agreement). Required: Employment verification/payment agreement).

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] Active du/y members of the Canadian military residing or stationed in this state under the North American Air Defense (NORAD) agreement, and their spouses and dependent children, attending a Florida College System institution or state university within 50 miles of the military establishment where they are stationed. (Required: Proof of active dufy membership for specified purpose) [
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CLAIMANT/PERSON CLAIMING FL RESIDENCY:

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Claimant/Name of Person Claiming FL Residency:
Claimant's Relationship to Student:
Claimant's Address:
Telephone Number:
Date Claimant began establishing legal FL residence (if upon birth, enter birthdate):

PROVISION OF DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT CLAIM OF FLORIDA RESIDENCY Per s. 1009.21(3)(c), Florida Statutes, the residency determination must be documented by the submission of written or electronic verification that includes two or more of the documents identified below. No intellection

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[] Proof of permanent home in Florida occ	cupied as primary residence for 12 consecutive months
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If you meet residency through one of the qualifications by exception, select the appropriate exception and provide the requested documentation. If you did not select this option, leave it blank and continue to the next section.

*This section must be completed by the claimant, i.e. the independent student OR the parent/guardian of the dependent student. Make a note here that you qualify per Florida State Statute 1009.21(2)(d), which states that a "dependent child who is a U.S. Citizen may not be denied classification as a resident for tuition purposes based solely upon the immigration status of his or her parent."

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From Section A, select and provide at least one of the following forms of documentation to support your claim for Florida residency.

From Section B, select and provide at least one of the following forms of documentation to support your claim of Florida residency.

*You must have a total of AT LEAST two forms of documentation, one from section A and one from section B, to demonstrate residency.

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FLORIDA RESIDENCY DECLARATION FOR TUITION **PURPOSES**

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 twelve (12) consecutive months preceding the first day of classes of the term for which Florida residency is sought.

- Residence in Florida must be a bona fide domicilie 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 tution purposes, you must be a U.S. citizen, a foreign national in a nonimmigrant visa classification that grants you the legal ability to establish a bona fide domicilie in the United States, a permanent resident alien, parolee, asylee, Cuban-Haitian entrant, legal alien granted indefinite stay, or other qualified alien as defined under federal law. Other persons not meeting the twelve-morth legal residence requirements may be classified as Florida residents for tution purposes only if they fall within one of the limited special categories authorized by the Florida Legislature pursuant to section 1009.21. Florida Statutes (see "Qualification by Exception" below). All other persons are ineligible for classification as a Florida "resident for tution purposes".

 Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence. Students who depend upon out-of-state parents for support are presumed to be legal residents of the same state as their parents.
- Residency for tuition purposes requires the establishment of legal ties to the state of Florida. A student must verify that the student has broken ties to other states if the student or, in the case of a dependent student, his or her parent has moved from another state.

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 | Official transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years (2 or more years), if the Florida high school diplome or GED® was earned within the last 12 months.

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 (Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period. (Required: pay stubs or W-2 form for past 12 consecutive months and/or verification from employers, and/or an IRS 1099 with verification of employment for the past 12 consecutive months from an employer.)

- Claimant may provide one or more documents from the following categories to demonstrate may in Florida (to be used in conjunction with one document from above):

 Declaration of domicile in Florida in accordance with s. 222.17, Florida Statutes.
 Florida professional or occupational licerise.
 Florida incorporation
 Document evidencing family ties in Florida
 Proof of membership in a Florida based charitable or professional organization.
 Any other documentation that supports your request for resident status, including, but not limited to, utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments, a lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutives months of payments, a lease agreement and evidencing legal ties to Florida.

RESIDENCY DECLARATION:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true and further affirm the authenticity of the information provided on all pages of this Residency Declaration. I understand that any false or misleading information on this Residency Declaration, or provided in support of this Residency Declaration, will subject me to penalties pursuant to section 837 06, Florida Statutes, for making a false statement. I give permission for the institution to review or examine any and all documents and records, including those accessible electronically, which may assist in support of my claim as a Florida resident for tuition

Student Name (Please Print):	
Claimant Name (if not the Student):	
Signature of Claimant (Electronic or ink):	

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LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT & CERTAIN NON-U.S. CITIZEN STUDENTS

If you wish to request in-state tuition as a **lawful** permanent resident or a student of certain non-U.S. citizen categories, you must only complete the first section of the "Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes" form. In addition, you must provide the requested proofs of legal status as issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to qualify.

To view a complete list of all eligible aliens and the required documentation needed for proof, please view Appendix C, starting on page 28, of "Guidelines on Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes".

Fill in appropriate responses.

All students seeking to declare residency: upon reading the residency declaration statement, print and sign your name, and submit.

Please note that this document is only intended to serve as a guide. The information is subject to change and does not constitute legal advice.

We encourage students to contact their school with specific questions. Additional information can be obtained by contacting

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