

Appendix A: Residency Information for Tuition Purposes

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FLORIDA RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES

1. The State of Florida requires certifications of dependent and independent student status as defined by the Internal Revenue Service Income Tax Code.

Dependent Student: If you are under age 24 and 51% or more of your support is provided by another as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, you will be classified as a dependent student. A copy of your parent's or legal guardian's most recent federal tax return is required unless you are classified as an **ALL FLORIDA RESIDENT**.

Independent Student: If you meet any one of the following criteria, you will be classified as an independent student:

- You are 24 years of age or older prior to the Proof of Florida Residency Deadline listed in the Academic Calendar in the online official catalog.
- You are married.
- You have children who receive at least 51% of their support from you.
- You have other dependents who live with you and receive more than 51% of their support from you.
- You are a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.
- Your parents are deceased and you are, or were until age 18, a ward of the court.
- You can provide documentation that you are not claimed by your parent(s) as a dependent under the federal tax code and can document that you provide at least 51% of your own support for the cost of attendance as defined by the Valencia Financial Aid Office.

A copy of your most recent federal tax return is required unless you are classified as an **ALL FLORIDA RESIDENT**.

2. Under Florida law, there is a difference between being a Florida resident and being a Florida resident for tuition purposes.
3. Proof of residence for tuition purposes is the sole responsibility of the student.
4. The parents' and/or student's tax return(s) will be required when establishing dependence or independence for residency purposes. Parents may make financial information illegible.

5. Living in Florida and/or attending school full-time for a year or longer is not automatic qualification for Florida residency for tuition purposes.
6. All supporting documents must be dated 12 consecutive months prior to the Proof of Florida Residency Deadline in the Academic Calendar in the online official catalog.
7. College staff cannot consider personal justification for documents not meeting the 12 consecutive months requirement. For example, "I have one document not, but I did not get a driver's license when I moved here a year ago because..."
8. Any ties to another state such as driver's license, parental support, etc. prevent the establishment of Florida residency for tuition purposes.
9. Financial hardship cannot be considered in determining residency for tuition purposes.

You will be classified as an ALL FLORIDA RESIDENT for tuition and fee purposes if you meet one of the following requirements and submit the appropriate documentation.

1. You are an independent student 24 years of age or older; you are a citizen of the United States with a permanent Florida address; you graduated from a Florida high school and every educational institution you have attended is located in Florida; and you can provide verification that you possess two of the following three documents that date back more than 12 months: a driver's license and either a vehicle registration or voter registration card. No taxes are required.
2. You are a dependent student under age 24 who is eligible to be claimed by your parent or legal guardian as a dependent under the federal tax code; you are a citizen of the United States; and your mother, father or legal guardian who is claiming Florida residence can provide verification of two of the following three documents that date back more than 12 months: a driver's license and either a vehicle registration or voter registration card. No taxes are required.

You will be classified as a Florida resident for tuition and fee purposes if you meet one of the following requirements and submit the appropriate documentation.

1. You are an independent person, you have completed the Residency Statement, and you have maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the Proof of Florida Residency Deadline listed in the Academic Calendar in the online official catalog.
2. You are a dependent person and your parent or legal guardian has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the Proof

of Florida Residency Deadline listed in the Academic Calendar in the online official catalog. (Attach documents if guardianship is court-appointed.)

3. You are a dependent person and you have resided for five years with an adult relative other than your parents or legal guardian and your relative has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the Proof of Florida Residency Deadline listed in the Academic Calendar in the online official catalog. (Attach a notarized verification letter from the adult relative; the adult relative must also complete and sign the Residency Statement.)
4. You are married to a person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the Proof of Florida Residency Deadline listed in the Academic Calendar in the online official catalog. You have established legal residence and intend to make Florida your permanent home. (Copy of marriage certificate required.)
5. A Florida public college/university declared you a resident for fee purposes. Typically, Florida residency is noted on the official transcript. (Attach verification from the institution.)
6. You were previously enrolled at a Florida state institution and classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. You abandoned your Florida domicile less than 12 months ago and are now re-establishing Florida legal residence.
7. You are a member of the armed services of the United States and are stationed in Florida on active military duty pursuant to military orders or your home of record is Florida or you are the member's spouse or dependent child. Copy of military orders or DD2058 showing home of record required.
8. You are a full-time instructional or administrative employee employed by a Florida public school, community college, or university (or are the employee's spouse or dependent child). A copy of employment verification is required.
9. You are a full-time employee of a state agency or political subdivision of the state whose student fees are paid by the state agency or political subdivision for the purpose of job-

related law enforcement or correctional training. (Letter of verification required.)

10. You are a qualified beneficiary under the terms of the Florida Pre-Paid Postsecondary Expense Program (S.240.551.F.S.). (Copy of card required.)
11. According to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), you have applied and been approved as a permanent resident alien or other legal alien granted indefinite stay and have completed the Residency Statement. In addition, you have maintained domicile in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the Proof of Florida Residency Deadline listed in the Academic Calendar in the online official catalog. (ICE documentation required.)
12. You are a foreign national, or under age 21 and a dependent of a foreign national, with a visa that allows you the opportunity to pay Florida resident fees and you have maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the Proof of Florida Residency Deadline listed in the Academic Calendar in the online official catalog.
13. You are a foreign national who has protected or deferred status or who has applied for adjustment of status or who has applied for asylum; and who has received a Notice of Action or Court Action; and who has met the requirements for Florida residency reclassification found in the "Change of Residence" and "Florida Resident" entries in the Admissions section of this catalog.
14. You are part of the Latin American/Caribbean scholarship program. (Copy of scholarship required.)
15. You are a full-time student participating in an international linkage institute (S.240.137,F.S.). (Letter of verification required.)
16. You are living on the Isthmus of Panama and have completed 12 consecutive months of college work at the F.S.U. Panama Canal Branch or are the student's spouse or dependent child. (College transcript required.)

