

# Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes Request

Submit completed form and supporting documents to [residency@usf.edu](mailto:residency@usf.edu).

## Student Information

USF ID	Last Name	First Name	MI
Date of Birth	Phone Number	USF Email	
Student's First Term at USF (Term/Year)		Term Seeking Residency (Term/Year)	
Level: Undergrad, Graduate, Non-Degree, Professional		Student's Last College Attended & Dates of Attendance	

## Dependent/Independent Status (Check one category that applies to student)

By the first day of the term for this request, I am:

☐ Under 24 years of age AND (SELECT ONE)

☐ My parent(s)/legal guardian claim me for tax purposes, and 50% or more financial support is provided by another individual to me. (**DEPENDENT** - parent/legal guardian is claimant)

OR

☐ I provide 51% of my financial support at the IN-STATE cost of attendance. (**INDEPENDENT** - student is claimant)

**Required:** proof of intent; copy of tax transcripts from parent(s) and student from prior year to verify independence.

OR

☐ I am enrolled in graduate school, married, on active duty military, a legally emancipated person, an unaccompanied homeless youth determined by a school district or homeless liaison, or have a dependent which receives more than half of their support from me (**INDEPENDENT** - student is claimant)

**Required:** provide relevant documentation establishing independence as outlined above; proof of intent.

☐ 24 years of age or older  
(**INDEPENDENT**)

☐ The claimant or student meets residency requirements through one of the qualifications by exception (**select one option on page 5**)

## Claimant Information

Below pertains to the claimant. The "claimant" is the person claiming Florida residency. If the student is a dependent, the spouse/parent(s)/legal guardian is the claimant, and all documentation must support the spouse/parent(s)/legal guardian information. If the student is independent, the student is the claimant and all documentation must support the student as the claimant.

Name of Claimant \_\_\_\_\_ Claimant Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

The Claimant is: ☐ Student ☐ Parent ☐ Legal Guardian\* ☐ Spouse\*\* ☐ Other\*\*\*

\***REQUIRED:** Court ordered documentation indicating guardianship.

\*\***REQUIRED:** Copies of legal documentation including proof of marriage or court documents.

\*\*\*If other, elaborate \_\_\_\_\_

Other = Dependent child living with an adult relative other than the child's parent. Child may qualify as a resident for tuition purposes if the adult relative is a legal resident who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the child's initial enrollment in an institution of higher education, provided the child has resided continuously with such relative for the 3 years immediately before the child's initial enrollment in an institution of higher education, during which time the adult relative has exercised day-to-day care, supervision, and control of the child. **REQUIRED:** Last 3 years of claimant's tax transcripts showing financial dependency.

Date claimant established residency in Florida \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant's Current Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

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## Citizenship

*The student and claimant (if not the student) must be eligible to apply for Florida residency for tuition purposes. To qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes, you must be a U.S. citizen, a foreign national in an eligible non-immigrant visa classification that grants you the legal ability to establish a bona fide domicile in the United States, a permanent resident alien, or a legal alien granted indefinite stay by the U.S. C.I.S. Please note that F1 and J1 visas are not eligible visa categories. Non-U.S. citizens must be classified in the correct citizenship category in OASIS and provide their documentation prior to the published deadline for residency reclassification. Please review the Florida Tuition Residency Guidelines for more information on eligible visa categories. **Copies of permanent resident cards/visa/immigration documents for student and claimant are required.***

Is the STUDENT a U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, status/visa category \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Immigrant Number (Non-U.S. Citizen only) \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

If the student is NOT the claimant:

Is the CLAIMANT a U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, status/visa category \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Immigrant Number (Non-U.S. Citizen only) \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Permanent Address

**Required:** The student must have a Florida Permanent Address in Student Self-Service.

☐ Verify the student's Student Self-Service address is correct or update if necessary by navigating to my.usf.edu -> Student Self-Service -> Student Record -> View & Update My Information.

## Documentation for Claimant

Claimant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Term	Domicile Year
Spring 2025	January 12, 2024 through January 12, 2025
Summer 2025	May 18, 2024 through May 18, 2025
Fall 2025	August 24, 2024 through August 24, 2025

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Homestead Exemption - If the claimant can demonstrate proof of a homestead exemption in Florida in their name, this would be considered a single, conclusive piece of evidence proving residency.

☐ Homestead Exemption. **Required:** Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida in the claimant's name. Additional ties are not required.

If the claimant does not have a homestead exemption in Florida, they will need to provide three separate ties to the State of Florida as follows:

**1. Physical Presence - Required.** Provide 1 of the following ties to the State of Florida **for the full domicile year in the claimant's name.**

- ☐ Warranty Deed
- ☐ Lease of multiple years' duration
- ☐ Lease for apartment/house for domicile year. **Required:** provide signed lease agreement and proof of payment (ex: ledger) for all 12 months.
- ☐ Utility bills. **Required:** proof of 12 consecutive months of payment issued by the utility provider. *Note: Water & power bills are acceptable. Cable, internet, cell phone bills, and bank statements are not acceptable.*
- ☐ Employment Verification - Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a consecutive 12-month period. **Required:** A letter of employment verification dated within 30 days of submission on letterhead or 12 months of consecutive paystubs showing hours worked. *Note: Offer letter not accepted as proof of employment. Full time work is defined as 30 hours or more a week.*
- ☐ Declaration of domicile. (Obtained from the Clerk of Circuit Court in the County Court of Florida in which you claim permanent domicile dated 1 year prior to first day of term for reclassification.)

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**2. Additional Ties - Required.** Provide additional ties to the State of Florida (cannot use the same documentation used for physical presence or intent) **in the claimant's name**. One document **must** come from Tier 1. If intent is not required, 1 additional tie is required and may come from Tier 1 or Tier 2. **Ties must be dated by first day of domicile year or prior.**

### Tier 1 Documents

- ☐ Florida Driver's License or ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Original Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Vehicle Registration Number (VIN) \_\_\_\_\_ Original Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Florida Voter Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ Original Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Warranty Deed
- ☐ Lease of multiple years' duration
- ☐ Transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years (2 or more years) if the Florida high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma (GED) was earned within the last 12 months.
- ☐ Employment Verification - Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a consecutive 12-month period. **Required:** A letter of employment verification on letterhead or 12 months of consecutive paystubs showing hours worked. *Note: Offer letter not accepted as proof of employment. Full time work is defined as 30 hours or more a week.*

### Tier 2 Documents

- ☐ Florida professional/occupational license. **Required:** copy of documentation (Ex: FL Department of Health, FL Department of Business & Professional Regulation).
- ☐ Ownership of a Florida incorporation. **Required:** corporate verification.
- ☐ Membership in Florida professional or charitable organization. **Required:** proof of membership on organization letterhead.
- ☐ Documentation of family ties in Florida. **Required:** notarized letter from a relative indicating relationship to the claimant, length of time as Florida resident, and a copy of the relative's Florida issued ID.
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- ☐ Utility bills. **Required:** proof of 12 consecutive months of payment issued by the utility provider. *Note: Water & power bills are acceptable. Cable, internet, cell phone bills, and bank statements are not acceptable.*
- ☐ Any other documentation that supports your request status, including, but not limited to, an official state, federal, or court document evidencing legal ties to Florida. USF reserves the right to review and accept documentation at our sole discretion.

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## **Intent for Independent Students** (You **must** complete this section if the **student** is categorized as independent)

Why did the claimant move to Florida? State statute is very specific about who is eligible to receive in-state tuition. **If the primary reason you moved to Florida was to pursue an education, you are NOT eligible to receive in-state tuition.** As stipulated in Section 1009.21(2)(a)2, F.S., "it is imperative that the required 12 month qualifying period be for the purpose of maintaining a bona fide domicile rather than for the purpose of maintaining a mere temporary residence or abode incident to enrollment in an institution of higher education." In other words, if you moved to Florida to earn a degree from the University of South Florida (USF), you are not eligible to receive in-state tuition.

### **3. Intent - Required if the student is independent.** Provide 1 of the following ties to the State of Florida **in the claimant's name.**

- ☐ Employment Verification - Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week that began **prior** to your **initial enrollment** at USF. **Required:** A letter of employment verification dated within 30 days of submission on letterhead or paystubs showing dates and hours worked. *Note: Offer letter not accepted as proof of employment. Full time work is defined as 30 hours or more a week.*
- ☐ Documentation of family ties in Florida. **Required:** notarized letter from a relative indicating relationship to the claimant, length of time as Florida resident, and a copy of the relative's Florida issued ID.

Provide any additional compelling evidence for residency for tuition purposes at USF:

## **Financial Independence**

**Only students under the age of 24 claiming independent status should complete this financial statement to support their claim of independent status. Proof of documentation is required.**

Were you claimed as a dependent on your parent or legal guardian's Federal and/or state (if applicable) taxes for the preceding calendar year?

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No (Copies of your tax transcript and your parents' tax transcript are required).

**If you answered yes, you DO NOT qualify for independent status; file residency request form as a dependent.**

If you answered no, the below documentation is **required**:

- ☐ Copy of your most recent tax transcript
- ☐ Copy of your parents' most recent tax transcript

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## Qualifications by Exception

If you meet the requirements for one of the following exceptions, please check the box next to the exception and attach the required documentation listed below.

### I am a(n):

- ☐ Florida resident for tuition purposes at a Florida public institution of higher education, but abandoned Florida domicile, and then re-enrolled in Florida within 12 months of the abandonment, and will maintain the re-established domicile during the period of my enrollment. (This benefit only applies one time.) **Required:** Copy of enrollment verification or official transcript during absence from Florida.
- ☐ Student previously enrolled at a Florida state postsecondary institution and classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes at that institution and I am transferring to another Florida state postsecondary institution within 12 months of the previous enrollment. **Required:** Transcript from previous school.
- ☐ Active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces residing or stationed in Florida (or a spouse or a dependent); or an active drilling member of the Florida National Guard; or military personnel not stationed in Florida whose home of record or state of legal residence certificate is Florida (or dependent). **Required:** Form DD-2058.
- ☐ Active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces (or a spouse or a dependent) attending public college or university within 50 miles of the military establishment where the service member is currently stationed, if such military establishment is within a county contiguous to Florida. **Required:** Copy of military orders.
- ☐ United States citizen living on the Isthmus of Panama, who has completed 12 consecutive months of college work at the Florida State University Panama Canal Branch, or a spouse and dependent child. **Required:** Copy of enrollment certification and marriage certificate or proof of dependency.
- ☐ Full-time instructional and administrative employee of Florida public school system or institutions of higher education as defined in [s.1009.21(10)(d), F.S.] or spouse/dependent child. **Required:** Copy of employment verification and marriage certificate or proof of dependency.
- ☐ Student from Latin America and the Caribbean who receive scholarships from the federal or State of Florida and is enrolled in a full-time basis. **Required:** Copy of passport to show proof of Latin American or Caribbean residency.
- ☐ Southern Regional Education Board's Academic Common Market graduate student. **Required:** Certification letter from state coordinator.
- ☐ Full-time employee of a State of Florida agency or political subdivision whose student fees are paid by the state agency or political subdivision for the purpose of job-related law enforcement or corrections training. **Required:** Copy of employment verification.
- ☐ McKnight Doctoral Fellow and Finalist and also a U.S. citizen. **Required:** Verification from Graduate Studies.
- ☐ U. S. Citizen living outside the U.S. who is teaching at a Department of Defense Dependent School or in an American International School, and is enrolled in a graduate level education program that leads to a Florida teaching certificate. **Required:** Employment Verification.
- ☐ Active duty member of the Canadian military residing or stationed in this state under the North American Air Defense (NORAD) agreement, (or a spouse/dependent) attending a Florida Colleges and Schools (FLCS) or state university within 50 miles of the military establishment where the service member is stationed. **Required:** Proof of active duty membership for specified purpose.
- ☐ Active duty member of a foreign nation's military who is serving as a liaison officer (or a spouse/dependent) and residing or stationed in this state within 50 miles of the military establishment where the foreign liaison officer is stationed and is attending a Florida Colleges and Schools (FLCS) or state university. **Required:** Copy of military orders.
- ☐ Qualified beneficiary under the terms of the Florida Prepaid College Program. **Required:** Copy of Florida prepaid ID card or letter.
- ☐ Spouse married to a person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for 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 supporting documents from page 3 of the form in spouse's name are required to establish residency.

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## Residency Declaration

The claimant must read and initial that they acknowledge the following points:

- Residency requirements are established by Florida Statutes and the Florida Department of Education administrative code, not USF. There is a difference between being a “Florida resident” and a “Florida resident for tuition purposes” pursuant to Florida Statutes. Residing in Florida for a year or longer or maintaining Florida documents for 12 months does not automatically qualify a claimant as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. To be considered a “Florida Resident for Tuition Purposes,” the claimant has the burden of proof, through the submission of official and/or legal documents, that there are sufficient permanent ties to Florida, and when the student is the claimant that enrollment at USF is not “incidental.” If the student is the claimant, he/she will not normally meet this requirement once they are consecutively enrolled at USF. Students may not use relatives other than parents, legal guardians or spouses to declare Florida residency, except under very specific circumstances.
- Students may apply for residency for tuition purposes for any term; however, the documentation provided will determine when and if the claimant is qualified. Florida residency for tuition purposes determinations are based on multiple criteria, including: arrival in Florida; documentation with established permanent ties to Florida; identity of claimant; if the claimant is a student; domicile; the status of the claimant (independent/dependent) during the qualifying period; and the duration the claimant can demonstrate they have lived in Florida while not attending school unless they meet an exception. Eligible documentation must support 12 months prior to the first day of classes for the term requested unless the claimant meets an exception.
- All claimants must show proof of a bona fide domicile, rather than a mere temporary residence incidental to a student’s enrollment in an institution of higher education, particularly during the requisite 12-month qualifying period. The claimant must support where they reside full-time; USF affiliated housing and temporary housing will not qualify as a bona fide domicile. Owning a home in Florida does not in itself establish residency for tuition purposes.
- USF is not responsible for soliciting any particular documentation to prove residency. All documents must support the claimant’s physical presence in Florida and a bona fide domicile. There must be an absence of any documents representing legal ties to any other country or state during the qualifying period. Official and or legal documents establishing Florida residency are listed in this residency request form. Unless the document provided is proof of homestead exemption, no single document will qualify a claimant for residency for tuition purposes. Determinations are made based on multiple variables stated in this residency request form. It is the responsibility of the student to provide all required documentation to prove residency.
- A claimant under age 24 who claims to be “independent” and is not married must demonstrate that he/she is financially and legally independent from any out-of-state residency through documents requested in this residency request form. Financial “independence” is only one aspect of the residency request process – meeting the minimum income requirement and documentation does not guarantee that a claimant will qualify for Florida residency. Minimum income for financial independence is determined each semester at the University’s discretion based on the cost of in-state tuition.
- 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 all documents and records, including those accessible electronically, which may assist in support of my status as a Florida resident for tuition purposes.
- I understand that this residency request form will be reviewed and cross-checked with information in my student permanent record for the term requested and that I will be informed of a decision once all documentation is received and reviewed. The process may take up to four weeks for processing. If approved, my status will be updated; if denied, I have the option to appeal and have the decision reviewed by the USF Residency Appeals Committee by submitting a written request or apply for residency for tuition purposes for any subsequent term. I understand that the Committee’s decision is final. I understand that while this list addresses significant and common criteria that relate to residency for tuition purposes, it is not exhaustive.
- This residency request for tuition purposes form and all supporting documentation must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar no later than the fifth day of term for which the adjustment is sought. There are no exceptions to this mandated deadline. Requests and/ or supporting documentation received after the published deadline are considered only for future terms. Tuition will be assessed at the non-resident rate for that term. Until a decision has been made, the student should consider themselves a non-Florida resident. It is the student’s responsibility to adhere to all fee payment deadlines for the term. If approved for in-state residency after payment is made, the student will be refunded the out-of-state portion of fees.

Student signature

Date

Claimant signature (if different than student)

Date

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