



# FLORIDA RESIDENCY AFFIDAVIT 2012-13

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

A Florida resident for tuition purposes is a person who has (or a dependent person whose parents or legal guardian has) **established and maintained legal residence in Florida for at least twelve months prior to the start of the academic term.** Residence in Florida must be a bona fide domicile, other than for the purpose of maintaining a residence incidental to enrollment at an institution of higher education. Other persons not meeting the twelve month legal residence requirement may be classified a Florida resident for tuition purposes only if they fall within one of the limited special categories authorized by the Florida legislature and Board of Regents. All other persons are ineligible for classification as a Florida "resident for tuition purposes."

**Step 1: Check ONE category below under which you qualify.** (Please refer to the backside of this form for independent student eligibility.)

- I am an independent person and have maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months.
- I am a dependent person and my parents or legal guardians have maintained residence in Florida for at least twelve months. (A parent or guardian must complete and sign this form and provide copies of documents in Step 2.)
- I am a dependent person who has resided for five years with an adult relative other than my parents or legal guardian, and my relative has maintained residence in Florida for the last twelve months. (Copy of the most recent tax return on which you are claimed as a dependent or other proof of dependency is required.)
- I am married to a person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months. I have established legal residence and intend to make Florida my permanent home. (Copy of Marriage Certificate required.)
- I was previously enrolled in a Florida state institution and classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I have abandoned my domicile less than twelve months ago, and am now re-establishing Florida legal residence.
- According to the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, I am a permanent resident alien or other legal alien granted indefinite stay. I have maintained domicile in Florida for at least twelve months. (BCIS documentation required.)
- I am a member of the armed services of the United States and am stationed in Florida on active military duty pursuant to military orders, or whose home of record is Florida or I am the member's spouse or dependent child. (Copy of military orders or military documentation of home of record required.)
- I am full-time instructional or administrative employee employed by a Florida public school, community college or institution of higher education or I am the employee's spouse or dependent child. (Copy of employment verification required.)
- I am part of the Latin American/Caribbean scholarship program. (Copy of scholarship papers required.)

**Step 2: Provide supporting documentation.** First time student to UT (i.e. the person claiming Florida residency) must submit copies of two documents dated no less than one year prior to the term in which Florida residency designation is sought. At least one document must come from the Tier One list; the second document may come from Tier One or Tier Two. *Continuing students claiming residency for the first time must submit three documents, with at least two documents from the Tier One list.* The claimant for dependent students is a parent or legal guardian who meets the Florida residency requirements.

**Tier One** – The issue date (if applicable) must be at least 12 months prior to start of academic term.

- Florida driver's license or identification card
- Florida voter's registration card
- Florida vehicle registration card
- Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida
- Proof of purchase of a permanent home in Florida that is occupied as the primary residence of the claimant
- Students transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years, if not already submitted to The University of Tampa, if earned within the last 12 months
- Benefit history from a Florida agency or public assistance program
- Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida

**Tier Two** – The issue date (if applicable) must be at least 12 months prior to start of academic term.

- A Florida professional or occupational license
- Florida incorporation
- Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or professional organization
- Federal IRS Tax forms for current and previous year
- Utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payment
- Lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments
- State or court documents evidencing legal ties to Florida
- Declaration of domicile in Florida

**Step 3: Claimant information.**

Name of Claimant (if different from student): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent legal Address of Claimant: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-U.S. Citizen only - Resident Alien Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Copy of both sides of card required) (Original)

I do hereby swear or 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 837.06, Florida statutes, and that a false statement in this affidavit may subject the above named student to the penalties for making a false or fraudulent statement pursuant to BOR Rule 6C-6.01 (6), F.A.C. **I understand that I (the student) must have a completed and error-free FAFSA on file to be eligible for Florida Aid.**

Signature of Claimant (parent, guardian, or independent student) in ink \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Pursuant to federal regulations, for financial aid purposes, students are considered to be dependent until the age of 24. For this reason, residency information must be that of the parent or legal guardian.

A student is automatically determined to be an independent applicant for federal student aid if he/she meets any one of the following criteria:

- Born before January 1, 1989
- Is married
- Has children who receive more than half of their support from the student
- Has dependents (other than children or a spouse) who receive more than half of their support from the student
- Both parents are deceased, or is/were a ward/dependent of the court
- Is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces

All supporting residency documents (**2 are required with at least one from Tier One for students new to UT; continuing students must provide 3 documents, with at least one from Tier One**) must be originally issued and dated more than one year before the start of classes, whether starting in the fall or spring semester. Fall classes begin August 27, 2012.

**A Florida Residency Affidavit submitted without documentation will be returned.**

Should you have questions when completing this form, please contact the Financial Aid Office.