



# FLORIDA RESIDENCY AFFIDAVIT 2009-2010

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."

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW:**

- A. To qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes you must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or legal alien granted indefinite stay by BCIS.
- B. Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence.
- C. Students who depend on out of state parents for support are presumed to be a resident of the same state as their parents.
- D. Residence in Florida must be for the purpose of establishing a permanent home and not merely incidental to enrollment at an institution of higher education.
- E. Documents supporting the establishment of legal residence must be dated, issued, or filed 12 months before the first day of classes of the term for which a Florida resident classification is sought.

**Please check ONE category below under which you qualify, and provide the documentation indicated. 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 the remainder of this form as well as the signature portion.)
- 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.)

**ATTACH COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION INDICATED ABOVE.** Additional documentation (e.g. copies of voter's registration, driver's license, tax return, deeds, etc.) may be required and will be requested by The University of Tampa in some cases. **ALL DOCUMENTATION IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION. Someone other than the student (e.g. parent) should complete this affidavit if the student is a dependent (as determined by the Federal Student Aid Programs) or seeks to be classified as a Florida Resident by virtue of a relationship.** Otherwise, the student should complete this affidavit.

**Please print or type in blue or black ink:**

1. Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. SSN \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Claimant (if different from student): \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Date began establishing legal Florida residence and domicile: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Voter's registration state: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *Original*

10. Driver's license state: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *Original*

11. Vehicle registration state: \_\_\_\_\_ Number (R#): \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *Original*

12. Non-U.S. Citizen only - Resident Alien Number and Date card was issued: \_\_\_\_\_ *(copy of both sides of card required)*

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.

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.

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, 1986
- Will be working on a master's or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year
- 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**) must be originally issued and dated one year before the start of classes, whether starting in the fall or spring semester. Examples of some acceptable documents are as follows: driver's license, voter's registration, vehicle registration, lease agreement, deed, or tax returns.

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