### Factors Affecting Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes: (No single piece of documentation will be considered conclusive.)

1. **Immigration Status**: Non-U.S. citizen applicants and/or parents must provide evidence of eligible legal immigration status in the U.S. before being considered for Florida resident fees. Please review [www.fvc.org](http://www.fvc.org) (Residency Guidelines) for more specific information on non-U.S. citizen categories that are eligible to be considered for in-state fees. International (F-1) applicants are NOT ELIGIBLE for Florida tuition rates.

2. **Dependency Status**: The determination of dependent or independent status is important because it is the basis for whether an applicant will submit his/her own documentation of residency (as an independent) or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) documentation of residency (as a dependent). Applicants under 24 are automatically considered “dependent” unless they can prove otherwise. Applicants age 24 and over will automatically be considered independent. Additional documents such as tax returns and birth certificates may be requested to verify independent/dependent status.

### CRITERIA FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS (FL RESIDENCY GUIDELINES):

- An applicant who meets any one of the following criteria shall be classified as an independent for the determination of residency for tuition purposes.

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<th>Is 24 years of age or older by the first day of classes of the term for which residency is sought.</th>
<th>REQUIRED DEPENDENCY PROOF</th>
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<td>Is currently married.</td>
<td>Marriage certificate.</td>
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<td>Have children who receive more than half of their support from the applicant.</td>
<td>Recent tax return showing dependent child(ren).</td>
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<td>Have other dependents who live with and receive more than half of their support from the applicant.</td>
<td>Recent tax return showing dependent(s).</td>
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<td>Is a veteran or is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces for purposes other than training.</td>
<td>Military discharge papers, military orders, or DD214.</td>
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<td>Both of the applicant’s parents are deceased, or the applicant is or was (until age 18) one of the following: (a) ward of the court or (b) in foster care.</td>
<td>Death certificates (both parents) or court documents showing ward of the court or foster care status.</td>
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<td>Determined homeless by a school district homeless liaison, emergency shelter or transitional housing program.</td>
<td>Signed documentation on official letterhead from a school district or agency.</td>
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<td>Provides more than 50 percent of their own cost of attendance. Florida State College requires proof of $8,300 as proof of income.</td>
<td>Recent tax return and W-2 forms, pay stubs, or employer earnings verification.</td>
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3. **Documentation of Residency**: If an applicant does not qualify for a statutory residency exception or qualification; they must submit documentation that they (or a parent or legal guardian if a dependent) have been a Florida resident for at least 12 months prior to the first day of classes for which the applicant is enrolling. At least two of the following documents must be submitted, with dates showing proof of the 12-month requirement. The Residency Statement/Affidavit must be submitted on or before the last day of registration/add drop of the Term for which Florida residency is sought. Refer to the “Registration Calendar” within the appropriate Term’s Class Schedule for registration deadlines.

#### First Tier (at least one of the two documents submitted must be from this list)- Dated 12 months prior to the first day of classes.

- Florida Driver’s license (if known to be held in another state previously, must have relinquished)
- State of Florida identification card (if evidence of no ties to another state)
- Florida voter registration card
- Florida vehicle registration
- Proof of a permanent home in Florida that is occupied as a primary residence of the claimant
- Proof of homestead exemption in Florida (if evidence of no ties to another state)
- transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years (2 or more years) if Florida high school diploma or equivalency degree was earned within last 12 months
- Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida (one or more jobs for at least 30 hours per week) for a consecutive 12-month period

**ONLINE DOCUMENT RESOURCES:**
- Driver License & Vehicle Check: [http://www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov)
- Voter registration: [http://elections.myflorida.com](http://elections.myflorida.com)
- Court Documents: [Duval- www.duvalclerk.com/ccWebsite](http://apps.coj.net/pao_propertySearch)
- FL Counties- [www.myfloridaclerks.com](http://www.myfloridaclerks.com)
- Duval Property Search or Tax Records: [http://DuvalTaxCollector.gov](http://www.duvalclerk.com/ccWebsite)

#### Second Tier (may be used in conjunction with one document from First Tier)- Dated 12 months prior to the first day of classes.

- Declaration of domicile in Florida (12 months from the date the document was sworn and subscribed)
- A Florida professional or occupational license (must be current and meet the 12-month requirement)
- Florida incorporation (must be current and meet the 12-month requirement)
- Documents evidencing family ties in Florida (generally refers to legal or court documents for a dependent applicant)
- Proof of membership in Florida-based charitable or professional organization (must be current and meet the 12-month requirement)
- Any other documentation that supports the applicant’s request for residency status

Examples of “other” documentation:

1. Utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments (service must be current, cell phone bills are not acceptable)
2. Lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments (private lease agreements must be notarized)
3. State or court documents evidencing legal ties to Florida
4. Benefit histories from Florida agencies or public assistance programs for a consecutive 12-month period
5. DJJ Address Verification Form in conjunction with parental/guardian 12 month documentation.

### Unacceptable Documents (may not be used)

- Hunting/fishing licenses
- Library cards
- Passport
- Shopping club/rental cards
- Birth certificate
- Concealed Weapons/Gun Permit
Residency Statement/Affidavit

Applicant Name ___________________________ Date of Birth _______ / _______ Connections User ID ___________________________

Did you submit a Readmission Application? Yes _______ No _______

Telephone ( ) E-mail ___________________________

U.S. Citizen? Yes _______ No _______ Alien Number __________ Visa Type _______ Expiration Date ____________ Other _______

Non U.S. Citizens: Legible copy of current immigration document required: resident alien card, visa and I-94 card, etc.

Immigration: Alien Resident? Yes _______ No _______ Alien Number __________

Documents supporting the establishment of legal residence must be dated, issued or filed 12 months before the first day of classes for which a Florida resident classification is sought. All documentation is subject to verification. Additional documents such as tax returns, birth certificates, court documents, etc. may be requested.

### PLEASE CHECK THE BOX THAT APPLIES TO YOUR CLAIM OF FLORIDA RESIDENCY

- [ ] I am an independent person at least 24 years of age and have maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months.
- [ ] I am a person under the age of 24, have maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months but want to be considered as independent for tuition purposes.
- [ ] I am a qualified beneficiary under the terms of the Florida Pre-Paid Program 1009.98.
- [ ] I am a dependent person under the age of 24 and my parent or legal guardian has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months.
- [ ] A Florida public college/university declared me a Florida resident for tuition purposes and my last enrollment was within the last 12 months. Additional verification may be required.

### PLEASE CHECK THE BOX THAT APPLIES TO YOUR CLAIM OF FLORIDA RESIDENCY

- [ ] I am a dependent person who has resided for five years with a legal resident adult relative other than my parent or legal guardian. Documentation of relationship required - Relative tax returns for the last five years, public school or court documentation of relationship.
- [ ] I am a full-time instructional or administrative employee of a Florida public school, community college or university, or I am the employee’s spouse or dependent child.
- [ ] Full-time employees of state agencies or political subdivisions of the state when the applicant fees are paid by the state agency or political subdivision for the purpose of job-related law enforcement or corrections training.
- [ ] Active duty member of the Armed Services of the United States residing or stationed in Florida; or military personnel not stationed in Florida whose home of record or state of legal residence certificate DD Form 2058, is Florida (and spouse/dependent children).
- [ ] Active duty members of the Florida National Guard residing or stationed in Florida.
- [ ] Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States (and spouse/dependent children) attending a public community college 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. Eligible Base: Naval Base Kings Bay, GA.
- [ ] Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States residing or stationed in this state, their spouses and dependent children, and active members of the Florida National Guard who qualify under s. 250.10(7) and (8) for the tuition assistance program.
- [ ] I am a permanent resident alien, legal alien or eligible non-immigrant category, granted indefinite stay by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and have maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months. Staff will review dependency status.
- [ ] None of these circumstances apply, but I would like to continue my request for Florida residency.

### PERSON CLAIMING FLORIDA RESIDENCY

Relationship to Applicant: Applicant/Student _______ Parent _______ Legal Guardian (court documentation required) _______ Spouse (Marriage cert. or military docs required) _______ Other _______

Claimant's Name ___________________________ Claimant Birth Year ___________________________

Claimant is a U.S. Citizen? Yes _______ No _______

Immigration: Alien Resident? Yes _______ No _______

Documentation of relationship required - Relative tax returns for the last five years, public school or court documentation of relationship.

### Claimant's Address

Number/Apt.# or P.O. Box and Street ___________________________ City ___________________________ State _______ ZIP Code _______ County _______

Date Claimant Established Legal Residence in Florida _______ / _______ / _______

Telephone ( ) Home or Cell ( ) Work ( )

Provide information regarding two of the three documents listed below. Documents supporting the establishment of legal residence must be dated, issued or filed 12 months before the first day of classes for which a Florida resident classification is sought. Please review the required proof (see table above) linked to your residency claim.

- [ ] Claimant’s License or State I.D.
  - State ___________________________ Number ___________________________ Issue Date _______
- [ ] Claimant’s Voter Registration
  - State ___________________________ Number ___________________________ County _______ Issue Date _______
- [ ] Claimant’s Vehicle Registration
  - State ___________________________ Title Number or VIN Number _______ Issue Date _______

I do hereby swear or affirm that the above named applicant 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.

Claimant's Legal Signature ___________________________ Date _______

Applicant’s Signature (If other than claimant) ___________________________ Date _______

Print and Sign. Return this form to your campus Student Success Center or fax to the Welcome Center (904) 633-5955.

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