Changing Your Residency Status for INCOMING STUDENTS

Residency is a combination of several factors: physical presence, intent to remain in California indefinitely, and, if applicable, a valid immigration status. All of these factors are required one full-uninterrupted year prior to the Residence Determination for the term in which you are seeking residence status for tuition purposes.

The Residence Determination Dates are as follows:

- Fall - September 20
- Spring - January 25
- Summer - June 1

If you are in California for educational purposes only, you will NOT be able to obtain California residence for tuition purposes, regardless of the length of your stay in California. For additional information about residency requirements, please refer to the section titled “Determination of Residence for Nonresident Tuition Purposes” in the current CSUF catalog.

Please follow these instructions:

1. COMPLETE A RESIDENCE QUESTIONNAIRE FORM.

2. PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR CALIFORNIA DRIVER’S LICENSE OR CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION CARD. Your residency request will not be considered without one of these cards.

3. PROVIDE A CLEAR COPY OF DOCUMENTS THAT SUPPORT YOUR CLAIM FOR RESIDENCY (see below). You may attach as many documents as you feel are necessary. Documents must be dated one year prior to the Residence Determination Date. Please know that you may be required to submit additional documents should you not submit any or insufficient documentation.

   - Current California DMV car registration
   - California voter registration
   - California state income tax forms submitted for the previous year
   - Federal income tax return - If you are under 26 years of age, you will need to submit your parent’s federal tax return transcripts. We will need copies of the three years prior to the year you apply for residency. Use IRS form 4506-T which can be found on the IRS website at http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506t.pdf
   - W2 statement and/or pay stubs
   - California lease agreement
   - California property title/mortgage documents
   - Active bank account showing date opened

4. IF YOU ARE A CITIZEN OF ANOTHER COUNTRY – Provide paperwork on your current immigration status such as an I-94, any Visas, or a Permanent Resident Card.

5. RETURN ALL DOCUMENTS TO: email residency@fullerton.edu with subject: New Student Questionnaire

   Or Fax to: Attn: Residency Specialist
   (657) 278-7699

   Or Mail to: California State University, Fullerton
   Attn: Residency Specialist
   Admissions and Records
   P.O. Box 6900
   Fullerton, CA 92834

   In Person to: Admissions & Records Service Center
   Langsdorf Hall, Room 114
TEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CALIFORNIA RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES

1. California residency for tuition purposes eligibility criteria are established by State Law and the California Code of Regulations. California State University implements these Laws and Regulations.

2. California State University cannot alter or waive the eligibility criteria for any reason.

3. Under California law, if you have moved to California primarily to attend a California institution of higher learning, then you are not eligible for in-state tuition.

4. Living in California for 12 months is not an automatic qualification for in-state tuition.

5. You must prove through official and/or legal documents that you have moved to California permanently and are not merely living in California temporarily while you attend California State University, however long your course of study may take.

6. Financial hardship cannot be considered in evaluating California residency for tuition purposes eligibility.

7. Legal ties that you maintain in another state or country (e.g., state tax liability, a driver’s license, voter’s registration, etc.) will disqualify you from residency reclassification, regardless of your reason(s) for maintaining these ties.

8. Evidence that you are receiving out-of-state financial support in any way, either directly (e.g. tuition payments, parent PLUS loans, etc.) or indirectly (e.g., parent-purchased or co-purchased residences, parent-controlled financial portfolios), will disqualify you from California residency for tuition purposes.

9. Despite the length of time you attend California State University or live in California, you may not qualify for California residency for tuition purposes.

10. Residency reclassification applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted during the term in which reclassification is requested.

** The term "California resident" for tuition purposes may differ from other definitions of California residency. A person who has a California driver's license/vehicle registration or who is a California resident for tax, voting, or welfare purposes may have established legal residence in the state but might not necessarily be considered a resident for tuition purposes.

For more information about the laws governing residence for tuition fee purposes, please refer to California Education Code, sections 6800-68090, 68120-68134, 89705-89707.5, and in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 41900-41916.
CSU Residence Questionnaire

CWID: ________________

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE YOUR RESIDENCE STATUS. COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CAMPUS OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS.

The information requested is deemed relevant and necessary to a proper determination of your residence status for tuition purposes pursuant to Education Code Section 66841. Failure to answer all questions may cause you to be classified as a nonresident. You may submit additional information you believe will establish your California residence. Questions about residence regulations should be referred to a campus residence specialist. A summary of the regulations is printed in campus catalogs and in the application for admission booklet. If you disagree with the campus residence determination, you have the right to appeal that decision to the Office of General Counsel, The California State University, 401 Golden Shore, 4th Floor, Long Beach, California 90802-4210 within 120 days from the date of the final residence determination by the campus. Note: You may be requested to furnish documentation in support of your responses.

Name_________________________ Social Security No. ________________
Birth date __________/_____/______ Campus __________________ Specify Campus _______

1. If you will be 19 years of age or older by the residence determination date, check here and Answer 2 through 16 as they pertain to you.  ○

If you will be younger than 19 years of age by the residence determination date, check here and Answer 2 through 16 as they pertain to the natural or adopted parent with whom you most recently resided and whose name and whereabouts you will provide below.  ○

Name/Relationship ______________________________ Present actual whereabouts ________________________

2. What State do you regard as your permanent home? ________________ 3. If California, when did your present stay begin? __________/_____/______

4. Are you claimed as a dependent on the military record of any member of the U.S. armed forces? Yes ○ No ○ If “yes,” explain the relationship and answer #6 for the service person.

5. Member or veteran of U.S. armed forces? Yes ○ No ○ Date joined __________/_____/______ From what state ______________ Date separated from active duty, if any __________/_____/______

6. Most recent permanent address on military records __________________________

Stationed ___________________________ From __________/_____/______ To __________/_____/______

7. Have you ever registered to vote? Yes ○ No ○ State ______________ Date registered __________/_____/______ Last Voted __________/_____/______

List all states where registered and date of registration __________________________

State ______________ Date registered __________/_____/______ Last Voted __________/_____/______

8. Do you possess a driver’s license and/or ID Card? Yes ○ No ○ If yes: State ______________ Date issued __________/_____/______

Previous State ______________ Date issued __________/_____/______

9. Current registration of all vehicles owned or operated in CA State ______________ Date issued __________/_____/______ State ______________ Date Issued __________/_____/______

10. Are all personal effects located in California? Yes ○ No ○ If “no,” attach explanation on a separate piece of paper.

11. Purchase date(s) and location(s) of California residence(s) owned Date __________/_____/______ Location __________________

Date __________/_____/______ Location __________________

12. Purchase date(s) and location(s) of other residence(s) owned Date __________/_____/______ Location __________________

13. Did you attend a California High School for at least 3 years and graduate or obtain a California G.E.D? Yes ○ No ○

14. Employed in California in the past year? Yes ○ No ○ Employer(s) ____________________________ From __________/_____/______ To __________/_____/______

15. State where last three state income tax returns filed on total income and year covered by each. State ______________ Year ______________ State ______________ Year ______________

16. Address shown on most current W-2 form __________________________

Certification – To be read and signed by all applicants to certify the accuracy of the information provided.
I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements and any other information submitted by me in connection with the determination of my residence are true, complete, and accurate.
I certify that so long as I am a student at this institution, I will advise the residence specialist if there is a change in any of the facts upon which the residence determination was made, such as the state of residence and military status of my parent if I am a minor or, if not, changes in any of the above for me or my spouse, if any; changes in the California State University employment status of my spouse, parent, or myself; or changes in my teaching employment or credential status. I authorize release of any information submitted by me in connection with my application for admission and determination of residence to any person, firm, corporation, association or government, whether federal, state, local, or foreign, but only as necessary to verify or explain the information, to obtain pertinent records, or in connection with perjury proceedings.

Signed at __________________________ City and County __________________________ Applicant’s Signature __________________________ Date __________________________