

Substantially Rewritten

FSU-2.02416 Student Residency for Tuition Purposes

The university determines resident and non-resident status for tuition purposes in accordance with Federal law, Florida Statutes section 1009.21 and Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.005. Detailed information about the classification, reclassification, and appeals process related to Florida residency for tuition purposes can be found at Residency | Office of Admissions.

(1) Students seeking classification as a Florida resident for tuition purposes—or, if the student is a dependent, the student’s parent or legal guardian—must submit a residency declaration form supported by clear and convincing documentation.

(a) The student, parent, or legal guardian must establish and maintain legal residence in Florida for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to the first day of classes for the term for which Florida residency is sought.

(b) Documentation must demonstrate that the intent of establishing residency for tuition purposes is not solely for educational purposes, except as otherwise provided by Florida Statutes section 1009.21 and Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.005.

(c) For documentation to be “clear and convincing,” it must be credible, precise, and compelling enough to persuade the institution that the student or, if that student is a dependent, the student’s legal guardian has established legal residency in Florida.

(d) Written notice shall be provided in the residency declaration form and to admitted students, as published in the University Bulletin, to explain that the burden of providing clear and convincing documentation to justify the institution’s classification of residency status for tuition purposes rests with the student or, if the student is a dependent, with the student’s parent or legal guardian.

(2) The residency declaration form, supporting documentation, and/or appeal requests must be submitted no later than the 1st day of classes for the term for which Florida residency is sought. If the deadline is not met, an approved change in residency status may take effect in the subsequent semester.

(3) The documents required to establish Florida residency for tuition purposes are set out in Florida Statutes section 1009.21. The university may request additional documentation as needed to affirmatively determine residency for tuition purposes, including documentation required to evaluate an admitted student’s citizenship status under Florida Statutes section 1009.21(2)(d).

(4) Pursuant to Florida Statutes section 1009.21 and Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.005, Florida State University has established a Florida Residency Appeal Committee for the processing of residency appeals.

(a). The university appeal committee will be composed of a minimum of three committee members, at least one member being drawn from each of the following offices: Admissions, University Registrar, and Financial Aid. Additional members may be added as appropriate.

(b) Students wishing to appeal are required to submit a written request along with relevant new supporting documentation. The residency appeal committee may ask for additional documentation to make a final residency determination. An appeal will not be reviewed until all required documentation has been received. Failure to submit the required documentation will result in the appeal being denied. Students will receive written notification of the committee's decision. The institution considers the committee's ruling to be final, and no additional appeals will be allowed during that semester.

(5) The university's residency declaration form must disclose the penalties for intentional fraud or misrepresentation of the student's residency status, or if that student is a dependent, the student's parent or legal guardian's residency status. If a student is granted "resident for tuition purposes" status based on a sworn statement that is later found to be false, the university president, or delegated authority may impose disciplinary actions according to the Student Conduct Code, as outlined in FSU Regulation-3.004. The student, or if that student is a dependent, the student's parent or legal guardian, may also face civil or criminal penalties under relevant Florida laws.

Specific Authority - BOG Regulation 1.001(3)(j); Reg. Procedure July 21, 2005, Law Implemented 1009.21, Florida Statutes.

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