

# FLORIDA RESIDENCY DECLARATION FOR TUITION PURPOSES

A Florida "resident for tuition purposes" is a person who has, or a dependent person whose parent or legal guardian has, established and maintained legal residency in Florida for at least twelve (12) consecutive months preceding the first day of classes of the term for which Florida residency is sought.

- x Residency in Florida must be a bona fide legal alien granted indefinite stay by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or other qualified alien as defined under federal law. Other persons not meeting the twelve-month legal residence requirements may be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes only if they fall within one of the limited special categories authorized by the Florida Legislature pursuant to section 1009.21, Florida Statutes (see "Qualification by Exception" below). All other persons are ineligible for classification as a Florida "resident for tuition purposes."
- x Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence. Students who depend upon out-of-state parents for support are presumed to be legal residents of the same state as their parents.
- x Residency for tuition

on purposes requires the establishment of legal ties to the state of Florida. A student must verify that the student has broken ties to other states if the student or, in the case of a dependent student, his or her parent has moved from another state.

RESIDENCY TERM OF APPLICATION (check one):  FALL  SPRING  SUMMER YEAR 20\_\_\_\_\_

First Class Day of Term/Session: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE A NON-FLORIDA RESIDENT

I do not qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes for the term for which this application is submitted. I understand that should I qualify for a future term, it will be necessary for me to submit an updated Residency Declaration while providing

MY STATUS (Check one):

Initial residency: have not attended EFSC in the past 12 months.

Residency reclassification appeal: I attended EFSC ~~as a resident~~ within the past 12 months. A minimum of three supporting documents are required.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT SEEKING FLORIDA RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES**

I qualify as a resident for tuition purposes, as defined by s. 1009.21, Florida Statutes, for the term which this application is submitted. I understand that it will be necessary for me to present evidence of residency for tuition purposes supporting my claim as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I have read the residency information on qualifying as a dependent or independent student, and declare that (select one of the options below):

I am a dependent student, as defined by s. 1009.21(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and am eligible to be claimed as a dependent under the federal income tax code by the claimant below. The claimant is my "parent" as defined by 1009.21(1)(f), Florida Statutes, (i.e., either or both parents of the student, any guardian of student, or any person in a parental relationship to the student). My parent has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months as defined by section 1009.21(1)(d), Florida Statutes, "legal resident" or "resident" means a person who has maintained his or her residence in this state for the preceding year, has purchased a home which is occupied by him or her as his or her residence, and has



**PROVISION OF DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT CLAIM OF FLORIDA RESIDENCY**

Per s. 1009.21(3)(c), Florida Statutes, the residence determination must be documented by the submission of written or electronic verification that includes two or more of the documents identified below. No single piece of evidence shall be conclusive.

**SECTION A / FIRST TIME** Claimant must provide at least one of the following of his/her personal documentation:

Florida Voter's registration card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Driver's license  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Florida State identification card  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Vehicle registration  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of permanent home in Florida occupied as primary residence for 12 consecutive months prior to the student's enrollment. (Required: document such as a deed or other evidence of title to property used as primary residence, a homeowner's policy, a title insurance policy, evidence of a property tax payment on the primary residence, multiple leases reflecting a Florida address, or a lease of multiple years' duration.)

Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida. (Required: document from the county tax collector demonstrating the application of a homestead exemption to the claimant's primary residence.)

Official transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years (2 or more years), if the Florida state high school diploma or GED was earned within the last 12 months.

(Dates of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Required: transcript)

Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period. (Required: pay stubs or W-2 form for past 12 consecutive months and/or verification from employers, and/or an IRS 1099 with verification of employment for the past 12 consecutive months from an employer.)

**SECTION B / SECOND TIME** Claimant may provide one or more documents from the following categories to demonstrate residency in Florida (to be used in conjunction with at least one of the documents in Section A):