

Florida Residency Classification

In order to receive in-state tuition rates, all adult applicants to Sumter County Adult Education must prove that they have established and maintained Florida Residency for at least 12 complete months prior to their first day of school. Students unable to prove in-state residency will be required to pay out-of-state tuition rates.

Please complete this form and attach copies of two (2) Florida documents. (approved list on the back).

Print Name of Student: _____

Dependent or Independent Student? Please check the appropriate classification.

___ I am an independent person and have maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months.

A person that meets any of the following criteria shall be classified as an independent student for the determination of residency for tuition purposes:

1. The student is 24 years of age or older by the first day of classes of the term for which residency status is sought as the Florida institution.
2. The student is married.
3. The student has children who receive more than half of their support from the student.
4. The student has other dependents who live with and receive more than half of their support from the student.
5. The student is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or is currently serving on active duty in the States Armed Forces for purposes other than training.
6. Both of the student's parents are deceased or the student is or was (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court

Applicants under age 24 can claim independence with proof of acceptable income and based on strict guidelines from Florida Statutes See: FACTS.org:

http://files.factusf.edu/pdfDocuments/manuals/Residency_Guidelines_041509.pdf#3.0-DeterminationDependent

___ I am a dependent person and my parent or legal guardian has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months.

___ I am a dependent person who has resided for five years with an adult relative other than my parent or legal guardian, and my relative has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months. (**Required:** A copy of most recent tax return on which you were claimed as a dependent or other proof of dependency).

___ I am married to a person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months. I have now established legal residence and intend to make Florida my permanent home. (**Required:** A copy of marriage certificate, claimant's voter registration, driver's license and/or registration).

___ I do not qualify for in-state tuition
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff use only

Staff verifying residency: _____ Date: _____

Name of Student: _____

Residence in Florida must be as a bonifide domicile rather than for the purpose of maintaining a residence incident to enrollment at an institution of higher education. Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence. Students who depend on out-of-state parents for support are presumed to be legal residents of the same state as the parents.

Person claiming Florida Residency must complete this section and sign

Name of person claiming Florida Residency: _____ **Relationship to student:** _____

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 affidavit will subject me to penalties for making a false statement pursuant to 837.06 Florida Statutes, and to Rule 6C-7.005 F.A.C.

Signature of person claiming Florida Residency: _____ **Date:** _____

In-State Tuition for Sumter County Adult Education

State statutes require that all adult students who attend Sumter County Adult Education pay for tuition rates based on whether or not the student, or parent/guardian for a dependent student, has resided in Florida for the past months. Everyone is considered an out of state student unless they prove in-state residency.

What is Proof of Residency?

Two documents are required. At least one (1) must be from the First Tier: the second document may also be from First Tier or may be from Second Tier. Documents must have been issued One (1) year prior to the start of the class and must still be valid the first day of class.

First Tier:

1. A Florida driver's license
2. A Florida voter's registration card.
3. A State of Florida identification card.
4. A Florida vehicle registration.
5. Proof of a permanent home in Florida which is occupied as a primary residence by the individual or by the individual's parent if the individual is a dependent child.
6. Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida.
7. Transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years (2 or more years) if the Florida high school diploma or GED was earned within the last 12 months.
8. Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a consecutive 12-month period.

Second Tier:

1. A declaration of domicile in Florida.
2. A Florida professional or occupational license.
3. Florida incorporation.
4. A document evidencing family ties in Florida.
5. Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or professional organization.
6. Any other documentation that supports the student's request for resident status, including, but not limited to, utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; or an official state, federal, or court document evidencing legal ties to Florida.

Examples of documents that may not be used

- Hunting/fishing licenses
- Library cards
- Shopping club/rental cards
- Birth certificate
- Passport
- Insurance Card
- Social Security Card

Social Security card is not required but would prefer to have it on record.