



Application for South Carolina Residency  
**Independent Student**  
*(Please allow four to six weeks for processing)*

**Personal Information**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

CWID: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Undergraduate or Graduate Student

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ If married, date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If married, name and address of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

List all addresses where you have lived during the past two years and give the dates you lived at each. (Most recent address information first)

**Address**

**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Semester you are requesting in-state status to begin: \_\_\_\_\_ Term and year of original enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for in-state residency before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

List the last year in which you were claimed as a dependent on someone's State or Federal tax return: \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship (check only one box)**

- U.S. citizen
- Not U.S. citizen, but permanent resident of U.S. – Date permanent resident status granted: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other; give Visa type: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you are not a U.S. citizen, attach photocopy of official documents verifying your immigrant status.

**South Carolina License and Vehicle Registration**

Do you have a valid South Carolina driver’s license?     Yes     No

Is your license a renewal of a previously issued South Carolina license?     Yes     No

Do you own a motor vehicle?     Yes     No      If yes, is it registered in South Carolina?     Yes     No

Is this registration a renewal of a previously issued South Carolina Motor Vehicle Registration?     Yes     No

List all vehicles that you currently own and what state they are registered in:

Vehicle Make/Model	State	Newly Purchased Yes/No? If yes, list date purchased

**Part 1: Filing Status - ✓** Check only one box

**I have read the requirements, and I am requesting SC resident status based on the provision that:**

- (A) I am an independent person who has physically resided and established a permanent residence in South Carolina, off campus, for at least twelve months immediately prior to the term I am requesting residency status.

*Please attach the required documents for provision (A):*

- Lease or deed to your home
- Your South Carolina driver’s license <sup>1,2</sup>
- Your South Carolina vehicle registration(s) <sup>2</sup>
- Signed copy of your Federal tax return for the previous year
- Signed copy of your SC resident tax return for the previous year
- Letter of full-time employment or pay stubs for the previous 6 months <sup>3,4</sup>

*\*If you are 24 or younger, please complete a Student’s Affidavit of Financial Independence form and a Certificate of Independence form.*

- (B) I am an independent person, am employed full-time (37.5 hours) in South Carolina, and have been a permanent resident of South Carolina less than twelve months immediately prior to the term I am requesting resident status.

*Please attach the required documents for provision (B):*

- Lease or deed to your home
- Your South Carolina driver's license <sup>1,2</sup>
- Your South Carolina vehicle registration(s) <sup>2</sup>
- Signed copy of your Federal tax return for the previous year
- Signed copy of your SC resident tax return for the previous year
- Letter of full-time employment <sup>3,4</sup>

*\*If you are 24 or younger, please complete a Certificate of Independence form.*

- (C) I am an independent person who has retired, is receiving a retirement pension or annuity, and has physically resided and established a permanent residence in South Carolina less than twelve months immediately prior to the term I am requesting resident status.

*Please attach the required documents for provision (C):*

- Lease or deed to your home
- Your South Carolina driver's license <sup>1,2</sup>
- Your South Carolina vehicle registration(s) <sup>2</sup>
- Signed copy of your Federal tax return for the previous year
- Signed copy of your SC resident tax return for the previous year
- Retirement pension or annuity documentation

- (D) I am employed full-time (37.5 hours) at a South Carolina state-supported college or university.  
Please list the name of the college or university where you are employed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach the required documents for provision (D):*

- Letter of full-time employment <sup>3</sup>

**1, 2, 3, 4 Notes from Part 1**

<sup>1</sup> South Carolina driver's license must be obtained within 90 days and South Carolina vehicle registration within 45 days of establishing intent to become a resident. Failure to do so will delay the beginning date of eligibility until both documents are obtained.

<sup>2</sup> Note that a South Carolina driver's license must be issued at least one year prior to the term in which you are applying for residency, unless you are applying under either the full-time employment or retired person provision.

<sup>3</sup> If full-time, please attach a verification letter from your employer. The letter must be on letterhead stationery and needs to state: (a) the effective date of your employment in South Carolina, (b) that such employment is on a full-time basis (37.5 hours), and (c) the number of hours you work per week.

<sup>4</sup> Persons who are self-employed should submit a copy of their South Carolina business license.

- ❖ Owning property by itself does not allow a student to receive in-state tuition, as the other requirements still must be met. South Carolina must be the primary state of residence. Simply owning property is not sufficient.
- ❖ On-campus housing is considered temporary because you must be a student to live in it. As a result, you may not use on-campus housing to prove in-state residency.
- ❖ Resident status may not be acquired by an applicant or student while residing in South Carolina for the primary purpose of enrollment in an institution of for access to state supported programs designed to serve South Carolina residents.

In the space below, provided a complete statement covering the following items and any other circumstances which, in your opinion, establish legal residence in South Carolina. Attach another sheet if necessary.

- (1) Purpose for coming/returning to South Carolina
- (2) Immediate and long-range plans
- (3) Reasons why you expect to move out of the state after completing your studies or to remain in SC indefinitely.

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**Part 2. Signature**

I hereby certify that the information I have provided is accurate and that I am making this application in good faith based on a belief that I am eligible to pay tuition and fees at the rate afforded to legal residents of South Carolina.

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**Student's Signature**

**Date**

**REFUND POLICY: All requests for refunds are limited to the current term of enrollment.**