

Residency Eligibility Dates

June 21, 2024 - June 21, 2025 **Summer 2026**

August 21, 2024 – August 21, 2025 **Fall 2026**

January 4, 2024 – January 4, 2025 **Winter 2026**

February 13, 2024 – February 13, 2025 **Spring 2026**

**PLEASE ALLOW AT LEAST 30 - 60 BUSINESS DAYS FOR DOCUMENT EVALUATION.
YOU WILL BE CONTACTED ONCE YOUR PETITION HAS BEEN EVALUATED.**

GENERAL RESIDENCY POLICY: Under the California Education Code, the general rule is that a student 1) must have been a legal California resident for at least **one (1) year and one (1) day prior** to the start of the semester to which you are applying to qualify as a resident student; 2) the student must have demonstrated intent to establish California residency for a minimum of two years; 3) has not engaged in conduct that is inconsistent with a claim for California residence; 4) is not prohibited by law from establishing California residency.

The burden of proof to demonstrate both **PHYSICAL PRESENCE** in the state of California and **INTENT** to establish permanent California residence (if your citizenship status does not preclude from establishing residence in the United States) is on the student. This means you **must** provide:

- Two (2) acceptable proofs of established** California residency * (see list below); **and**
- Documentation of your valid legal status** if you are not a United States citizen

*Additional proof may be requested if you engaged in conduct that is inconsistent with a claim for California residence.

Students who are **under 19 years of age** cannot establish their own residency, they derive residency from their parent or legal guardian. If a student is under 19 and classified as Out-of-Country, documentation of legal status (visa, permanent resident card, notice of action, etc.) for the student **and** the parent must be presented. All documentation must be for the same parent or guardian. If the student lives with a legal guardian, court guardianship documents must also be submitted.

LISTED BELOW ARE ITEMS THAT MAY BE ATTACHED TO THIS PETITION AS EVIDENCE OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE AND INTENT. A STUDENT MUST SUBMIT A **MINIMUM OF TWO (2) ITEMS (1 primary and 1 secondary)**. **Some students may be required to show more than two proofs of residency depending on the circumstances of their non-resident status.**

All documents submitted must be valid, legible, and dated at least one (1) year and one (1) day before the session/semester start date and include NAME and A PHYSICAL CALIFORNIA ADDRESS, NO P.O. BOXES. Please do not highlight or write on your documents. With the exception of the driver's license or California ID, documents CANNOT be older than 2 years prior to the start of the term for which residency is being requested. Students attending out-of-state colleges may be required to show proof of paying nonresident tuition at that college.

*****Only one item from each category will be accepted.*****

PRIMARY PROOFS

1. Valid California Driver License/ID or CA DMV Printout (Online printout not accepted) or CA car registration
2. California 540 tax form with California as the home address for the previous year including signature page (**540NR form NOT acceptable**)
3. Voter's registration card or proof of voter registration stamped by County Registrar's Office (Receipts not accepted)

SECONDARY PROOFS

1. Utility bill (DWP, gas, telephone, electric, cable, etc.) for the appropriate time period.
2. Apartment/home lease or rental agreement (one-year current) - **NO ROOM RENTALS OR MONTH TO MONTH**
3. Proof of California car insurance (insurance card or policy). Student, or parent if student is under 19, must be **Primary Insured Driver**. We will not accept insurance renewal bill as proof.
4. California bank account statement (Statement end date is the date that is used) - **NO CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS.**
5. California health insurance—must include **resident address and issue date.**
6. California public library membership, **if dated** or, Printout of library account information w/ library address stamp
7. Paystub or, employment verification on company letterhead **along with** paystub if paystub does not include address
8. Military discharge papers (DD 214) that includes Character of Service field if discharged within three years of start of semester or, Leave and Earnings statement indicating California as home of record
9. Filed Marriage license or divorce decree issued in California (for the appropriate time period)
10. California State Aid, Social Welfare, California Court documents that have been filed with the court
11. Union membership in a California Local—must include resident address and a date
12. Licenses or certificates **issued by the state of California** with issue date - **NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS**

IMPORTANT: FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) - For all Admissions and Records transactions, anyone representing an applicant/student must provide a student release of information giving approval from the applicant/student.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND DEFINITIONS

Residence

The location with which a person is considered to have the most settled and permanent connection; it is also the place where that person intends to remain, and during absences, intends to return. Residence results from the union of physical presence with objective evidence that the intent is to remain at that place for other than a temporary purpose.

Reference: ECS 68062, T5 54020

Resident

A student who has established both physical presence and intent to make California the permanent home (domicile), for more than one year pursuant to the California Education Code, as of the residence determination date is, unless prohibited by law or regulation, to be considered a resident.

Reference: ECS 68017, ECS 68060

Burden of Proof

The burden is on the student to demonstrate clearly, with proof, both physical presence in California and intent to establish California residence.

Reference: ECS 68041, T5 54026

Reestablished Residence

If a student or the parents of a minor student relinquish California residence after moving from California, one full year of physical presence, coupled with one full year of demonstrated intent to be a California resident, is required to reestablish residence.

Reference: T5 54030

Residence Determination Date

That day immediately preceding the opening day of instruction of the semester or session as set by the district governing board, during which the student proposes to attend a college.

Reference: ECS 68023, T5 54002

Conduct Inconsistent With a Claim for California Residence

This includes but is not limited to:

- Maintaining voter registration and voting in another state.
- Being a petitioner for a divorce or lawsuit as a resident in another state.
- Attending an out-of-state institution as a resident of that state.
- Declaring non-residence for California income tax purposes.

Reference: T5 54024

Military Personnel

The laws and regulations governing residency and residency determination for military personnel and their dependents are complex. These students are encouraged to make an appointment with the Veterans Services Specialist in Admissions if they have any questions.

Alien Students

A student who is an alien may establish his or her residence pursuant to the provisions of the California Education Code if not precluded by the Immigration and Nationality Act from establishing domicile in the United States; provided that the student has had residence in California for more than one year prior to the residence determination date for the semester or session for which attendance is proposed. Reference: ECS 68062(h), T5 54045

An alien is precluded from establishing domicile in the United States if the alien entered the United States illegally, or under a visa which requires that the alien have residence outside of the United States, or that he or she entered the United States solely for a temporary purpose. An alien is precluded from establishing domicile in the United States and shall not be classified as a resident of this state if he or she holds a visa of the following types: B-1, B-2; C; D-1, D-2; F-1, F-2; H-2, H-3; J-1, J-2; M-1, M-2; O-2; P-1, P-2, P-3, P-4; Q; TN, TD.

Reference: Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C., 1101(a)(15).

ECS = Education Code Section T5 = Title 5



RESIDENCY RECLASSIFICATION PETITION

Term: _____

Year: _____

For Admissions Use Only

AB13 Eligible By
Resident Nonresident
By Date

Last Name: First Name: MI:

Student ID #: Date of Birth: Email:

Street Address: City: State: Zip Code:

Daytime Phone Number: Alternate Phone Number:

Part A - Legal Status:

- Are you a citizen of the United States?
If you are not a citizen, please complete the following questions regarding your legal status:
Do you have a permanent resident card?
Do you have an employment authorization card?
Do you hold a valid nonimmigrant visa?

Please attach a copy of proof of your legal status.

Part B - Military Service:

- Are you on active duty in the US military?
If yes, what date were you assigned to active duty?
Will you be stationed in California as of the start of the semester in question?
If yes, were you assigned to CA for educational purposes?
Are you a dependent spouse or child of an individual currently on active duty in California?
If yes, what date was the military personnel assigned to active duty in California?

Part C - Physical Presence and intent: (2 proofs from the list on page one must be attached)

- Date California became your permanent home
Are you 19 years of age or older?
If no, skip to Part D on Page 4

Driver's License/ID or Car registration:

- Do you have a valid driver's license or ID?
If yes, by which state was it issued?
Do you own a registered motor vehicle?
If yes, in which state is the vehicle registered?

Voter Registration:

- Are you registered to vote?
If yes, in which state are you registered to vote?
Date of Registration

Employment/Tax Return:

- Did you work in the last two years?
If yes, in what state did you work?
Did you file a state tax return in the last two years?
If yes, in which state did you file your tax return?

Part D - Students under 19 years of age complete sections D, E and F. All others skip to Part G.

- Are you a ward of the court or emancipated minor? Yes No
If yes, attach supporting court documents and skip to Part E .
- The person most recently responsible for your support is your:
 Birth Parent Adopted Parent Guardian Other: _____
If answer is other than "Birth Parent" you must provide supporting court documents.
- Parent/Guardian Name _____
- Parent/Guardian Address _____
_____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Part E - Parent/Guardian Legal Status:

- Is your parent/guardian a citizen of the United States? Yes No **If yes, skip to Part F.**
If your parent/guardian is not a citizen, does your parent/guardian have any of the following documents:
- A permanent resident card? Yes No Issue Date _____/_____/_____
Expiration Date _____/_____/_____
- An employment authorization card? Yes No Issue Date _____/_____/_____
Expiration Date _____/_____/_____
- A valid nonimmigrant visa? Yes No Visa Type _____
Issue Date _____/_____/_____
Expiration Date _____/_____/_____

Please attach a copy of proof of your parent/guardian's legal status.

Part F - Parent/Guardian Physical Presence: (2 proofs from the list on page one must be attached)

Parent/Guardian Driver's License/ID or Car registration:

- Does your parent/guardian have a driver's license or ID? Yes No
If yes, by which state was it issued? _____ Issue Date _____/_____/_____
Expiration Date _____/_____/_____
- Does your parent/guardian own a motor vehicle? Yes No
If yes, in which state is the vehicle registered _____ Registration Date _____/_____/_____
Expiration Date _____/_____/_____

Parent/Guardian Tax Return:

- Did your parent file a state tax return in the last 2 years? Yes No
If yes, in which state was the tax return filed? _____

Part G—Signature

I have completely read and understood the directions accompanying this petition and declare under penalty of perjury that all the statements and information in the petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I am not withholding any pertinent information.

WARNING: Falsifying information about citizenship, California residency, financial aid, and/or military status could result in: criminal charges for perjury and/or fraud and, if convicted, imprisonment; student disciplinary action; and/or accumulated monetary charges such as for restitution or nonpayment of nonresident tuition fees.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

COMMENTS: