



Petition for Classification of Tuition Status

(Supporting documentation must accompany this petition)



Complete and return this Petition (with required supporting documentation) to:
Dalton State College • The Office of Admission • 650 College Drive • Dalton, GA 30720
Phone 706.272.4436 • Fax 706.272.2530

Term of enrollment (*Check one*): Fall Spring Summer 20_____

Personal Information:

Name _____ DSC ID# _____

Present Address _____
Street City State Zip

Permanent Address _____
Street City State Zip

Email Address _____ Telephone _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Personal Statement:

I have lived continuously in Hamilton County, Bradley County, or Georgia, since _____
Month Day Year

Check Yes or No:

I own a motor vehicle Yes No If yes, in which state is it registered? _____

I am registered to vote Yes No If yes, in which state are you registered? _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

NON-US CITIZENS ONLY

Country of Citizenship _____ VISA Type _____

Noncitizens initially shall not be classified as “in-state” for tuition purposes unless there is evidence to warrant consideration of in-state classification. **Lawful permanent residents, refugees, asylees, or other eligible noncitizens as defined by federal Title IV regulations may be extended the same consideration as citizens of the United States in determining whether they qualify for in-state classification.** International students who reside in the United States under nonimmigrant status conditioned at least in part upon intent not to abandon a foreign domicile are not eligible for in-state classification.

Definitions:

Domicile:

A person’s fixed, permanent and principal home to which he or she intends to return following periods of absence.

Independent Student:

An individual who is not claimed as a dependent on the federal or state income tax returns of a parent or United States court-appointed legal guardian and whose parent or guardian has ceased to provide support and rights to that individual’s care, custody, and earnings.

- a. An independent student who has established and maintained a domicile in the State of Georgia for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term shall be classified as in-state for tuition purposes.

No student shall gain or acquire in-state classification while attending any postsecondary educational institution in this state without clear evidence of having established domicile in Georgia for purposes other than attending a postsecondary educational institution in this state.

Dependent Student:

An individual under the age of 24 who receives financial support from a parent or United States court-appointed legal guardian.

- a. A dependent student shall be classified as in-state for tuition purposes if such dependent student's parent has established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term and (a) the student has graduated from a Georgia high school or (b) the parent claimed the student as a dependent on the parent's most recent federal or state income tax return.
- b. A dependent student shall be classified as in-state for tuition purposes if such student's United States court-appointed legal guardian has established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term, provided that such appointment was not made to avoid payment of out-of-state tuition and the U.S. court-appointed legal guardian can provide clear evidence of having established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term.

If the parent or United States court-appointed legal guardian of a dependent student currently classified as in-state for tuition purposes establishes domicile outside of the State of Georgia after having established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia, such student may retain his or her in-state tuition classification so long as such student remains continuously enrolled in a public postsecondary educational institution in this state, regardless of the domicile of such student's parent or United States court-appointed legal guardian.

I am seeking classification of tuition status under the following category: *(Review and check one from A-H below.)*

- A. I am an independent student who is at least 24 years of age and who has established and maintained a domicile in the State of Georgia for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term I plan to enroll. *(Supporting documents: Provide certified copy of your most recent tax year Federal and Georgia 500 tax returns which establish financial self-sustaining income status.)*
- B. I am a dependent student whose parent/s have established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term, and I graduated from a Georgia high school. *(Supporting documents: Provide documentation that demonstrates relationship, i.e. copy of birth certificate, and a certified copy of your parent/s' most recent tax year Federal and Georgia 500 tax returns, and a copy of their Georgia Driver's License.)*
- C. I am a dependent student whose parent/s have established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term for which I plan to enroll, and I have been claimed as a dependent on my parent/s' most recent federal or state tax return. *(Supporting documents: Provide documentation that demonstrates relationship, i.e., copy of birth certificate, and a certified copy of your parent/s' most recent tax year Federal and Georgia 500 tax returns, and a copy of their Georgia Driver's License.)*
- D. I am a dependent student of a U.S. court-appointed legal guardian who has established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term for which I plan to enroll, and I can provide clear evidence that the appointment was not made to avoid payment of out-of-state tuition. *(Supporting documents: Provide documentation that demonstrates relationship, i.e. copy of court document which establishes the legal guardianship relationship, and a certified copy of your legal guardian's most recent tax year Federal and Georgia 500 tax returns, and a copy of your guardian's Georgia Driver's License.)*
- E. I am an independent student who was previously classified as in-state and temporarily left the State of Georgia for less than twelve months.

- F. I am a dependent student classified as in-state for tuition purposes, and I have been continuously enrolled even though my parent/s or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian have elected to leave the state and have established domicile outside of Georgia.
- G. I am (or my parents are) in the U.S. military, and my home of record is Georgia.
- H. According to the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, I am a Permanent Resident or other eligible noncitizen under a visa status granting indefinite stay in the United States. I also qualify for: *(Select one from A-G above and check the appropriate block below)*

- A B C D E F G

A copy of my permanent resident card and visa paperwork: I-94, I-55, I-688, I-485, I-797, passport, etc. is attached.

Financially Self-Sustaining Income Status:

To establish financial self-sustaining income status, an independent student must meet the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines stated below. **Most recent year's income tax returns may be submitted to substantiate financial self-sufficiency status.** If income is less than poverty guideline amounts, student must provide supporting documentation of the other source/s of financial assistance.

HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.
1	\$10,400
2	14,000
3	17,600
4	21,200
5	24,800
6	28,400
7	32,000

Out-of-State Tuition Waivers (Waiver descriptions may be found in the current Dalton State College catalog.)

I am a nonresident, and I am requesting consideration for an out-of-state tuition waiver. *(Select one from list below.)*

- International Student
- Superior Out-of-State Student
- Non-Resident Student
- Full-time School Employees
- Other Waiver *(Requires a current Employment Authorization Card)*
- Military Personnel *(Requires a copy of DD Form 214)*
- Border County Resident *(Bradley and Hamilton County residents must submit a current copy of Tennessee driver's license.)*
- National Guard member or U.S. Military Reservist
- Economic Development Project
- Georgia-Based Corporation
- ICAPP Advantage
- Direct Exchange Program Student
- Economic Advantage
- Recently Separated Military
- University System of Georgia Employee and Dependents
- Career Consular *(Requires an additional application form)*
- Vocational Rehabilitation Waiver

Supporting Documents:

For Independent Students: Certified copy of your most recent Georgia and Federal Income Tax Returns and a copy of your Georgia Driver's License

For Dependent Students: Certified copy of your parent's/legal guardian's most recent Georgia and Federal Income Tax returns and a copy of their Georgia Driver's License

*If you are unable to provide the above documents, you may submit three forms of documentation from the following list, as long as the documents provided contain dates which validate 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term for which you are applying, along with the proper name and Georgia address: **verification of residency by employer on employer stationery, proof of 12 consecutive months of residential utility service at your Georgia address, proof of land-line telephone service at your Georgia address, bank statements verifying 12 months of banking service at your Georgia address, copy of a lease or warranty deed, automobile registration, or voter registration card.***

NOTE: PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD HOLDERS MUST SUBMIT A CURRENT COPY OF THEIR RESIDENCY CARD ALONG WITH THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

Oath and Affirmation
Notary Public

I, the undersigned, hereby swear or affirm to the authenticity of the information provided on all pages of this affidavit. I understand that any false or misleading information on this affidavit or provided in support of this affidavit may result in denial of admission or expulsion from the institution. I understand that it may also cause me to be billed for the out-of-state tuition. I hereby give permission for the institution to review or examine any and all documents and records, including any confidential loan forms and related data, which may assist in clarifying my in-state status.

Signature of person making affidavit

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____

Notary Public

Commission Expires

Petitions for Classification of Students for Tuition Purposes should be submitted to The Office of Admission prior to the first day of classes for the term for which the student seeks to pay fees as an in-state student. Petitions submitted after the A Session Late Registration and Drop-Add period will be reviewed for the next subsequent term.