

- 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 establishes 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/legal guardian'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 the 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/legal guardian'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 their 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 12 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 established domicile outside of Georgia.
- G. I (or my parents) am 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)*
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(A copy of my permanent resident card, 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	\$10,890
2	14,710
3	18,530
4	22,350
5	26,170
6	29,990
7	33,810
8	37,630
For each additional person	3,820

Out-of-State Tuition Waivers (Waiver descriptions may be found in the current DSC Catalog)

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

- International Student
- Superior Out-of-State Scholarship
- 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 Resident must submit a current copy of Tennessee driver's license)*
- National Guard Member & 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 THE RESIDENCY CARD ALONG WITH THE SUPPORTING DOUMENTS

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.

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

Notary Public

Commission Expires

Signature of person making affidavit

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