
SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENCY CERTIFICATION - INDEPENDENT

The SC Tuition Grant, SC Life, SC Palmetto Fellows, and SC HOPE Scholarship Programs require that all recipients certify that they are South Carolina residents in order to receive the grants above. The student must be a resident for a full 12 months before the student is eligible for state aid. The initial determination of one's resident status is made at the time of admission, and any determination made thereafter prevails for each subsequent semester until information becomes available that would affect the existing residency status, and the determination is successfully challenged. The student provides the burden of proof.

By signing this form, you agree to the following:

1. _____ I understand financial aid could be adjusted pending the results.
2. _____ I understand that I need to follow all deadlines for enrollment while this form is being processed. This includes, but is not limited to, paying the balance on my invoice.
3. _____ I understand this form will not be processed until my signature is added and all supporting documentation are sent.

Student Information

Student First Name Student Last SWU ID

Permanent Home Address of Student City State Zip

1. Are you (the student) a U.S. Citizen? _____ Yes _____ No
2. If No, attach copies of official documentation verifying the permanent resident/immigration status
3. How long have you (student)resided in South Carolina? _____years _____months
4. Are you (student) stationed in S.C. on active military duty? _____Yes _____No

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The student must submit two of the following documents to verify SC residency:

- A statement of full-time employment (on letterhead, signed by the employer) and include dates of employment;
- For military personnel only, a Leave and Earning Statement that lists SC as the state of legal residence;
- A copy of the SC driver's license or State ID (the issue date should be at least 1 year old);
- A copy of a valid SC vehicle registration for every vehicle owned

****If you choose to submit vehicle registration(s), please list the number of vehicles you own:***

- A copy of the most recent SC State Tax Return (federal taxes cannot be accepted);
- Proof of maintenance of an established and current domicile in South Carolina (ex: lease agreement);
- Proof of ownership of a principal residence in South Carolina (ex: paid property tax bill);
- A copy of the SC state professional license required for your profession.

Certifications and Signatures

I certify that all the information given is true and accurate. I understand that if I provide erroneous information in an attempt to qualify for financial assistance programs based on state residency, I must repay the State of South Carolina for funds fraudulently received and will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties. I also understand that I may be asked to provide additional information, documentation or clarification.

Student's Name (please print)

Date

Student's Signature

Social Security Number (last 4 digits only)