

Core Residency Questions

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requires each student applying for state aid to complete these core residency questions for the purpose of determining the students eligibility for classification as a resident. State aid can not be disbursed before this documentation is on file at McMurry University.

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

1. Previous Enrollment:

- (a) During the 12-month period before you intend to begin classes, did you attend or are you attending a public college or university in Texas in a fall or spring term (excluding summer)?
_____ Yes [If yes, complete (b) through (e).]
_____ No (If no, skip to question 2.)
- (b) What Texas public college or university did you last attend? (Give full name, not just initials.) (Residency status is not affected by attending a private college or university.) _____
- (c) In which terms were you last enrolled (excluding summer)? (check all that apply)
_____ fall, 20____ spring, 20_____
- (d) During your last semester at a Texas public college or university, did you pay resident (in-state) or nonresident (out-of-state) tuition?
_____ resident (in-state) _____ nonresident (out-of-state) _____ unknown
- (e) If you paid in-state tuition at your last institution, was it because you were classified as a Texas resident or because you were a nonresident who received a waiver?
_____ resident _____ nonresident with a waiver _____ unknown

2. Residency Claim:

- (a) Of what state are you a resident? _____
- (b) Did you live or will you have lived in Texas for at least 36 consecutive months before graduating from a public or private Texas high school or completing a GED in Texas? (To answer "Yes," you must either graduate from a Texas public or private High school or earn or plan to earn a GED in Texas. All others, including home-schooled students who do not plan to earn a GED, must answer "No.") _____ Yes _____ No
- (c) When you begin the semester for which you are applying, will you have lived in Texas for the previous 12 consecutive months? _____ Yes _____ No

If you answered "yes" to both 2(b) and 2(c), skip to "Certification of Information."

3. Basis of Claim to Residency. (If you answered "no" to any part of question 2, answer the following to assist in determining your residency classification for tuition purposes.)

(a) Do you file federal income tax as an independent taxpayer?

_____ Yes (If yes, continue to question 4.)

_____ No

(b) Are you claimed or are you eligible to be claimed as a dependent by a parent or court-appointed legal guardian? (To be eligible to be claimed as a dependent, your parent or legal guardian must provide at least one half of your support. A stepparent does not qualify as a parent if he or she has not adopted you.)

_____ Yes (If yes, skip to question 5.)

_____ No

(c) If you answered "No" to both 3(a) and 3(b), who provides the majority of your support?

_____ Self (Continue to question 4.)

_____ Parent or legal guardian (Skip to question 5.)

_____ Other (Skip to question 6, provide an explanation in number 6, and then read and complete the "Certification of Information" section at the end of this form.)

4. If you answered "Yes" to 3(a) or "Self" to 3(c), answer the following:

(a) Are you a foreign national who has submitted an application for Permanent Resident Status to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) and has received a fee/filing receipt or Notice of Action (1-797) from USCIS showing that your 1-485 has gone through preliminary review and not been rejected?

(b) Are you a foreign national here with a visa eligible to domicile in the United States or are you a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee or here under Temporary Protective Status? If so, indicate which: _____

(Visa/Status)

(c) Do you currently live in Texas? (If you are out of state for a temporary job assignment or for another reason, please answer "No" and explain in question 6.)

_____ Yes

_____ No (If no, skip to 6.)

(d) (1) If you currently live in Texas, how long have you been living here?

_____ Years _____ Months

(2) What is your main reason for being in the state?

___ Go to College ___ Establish/Maintain a Home ___ Work Assignment

If for reasons other than those listed above, give an explanation in question 6.

- (e) (1) If you are a member of the U.S. military, is Texas your Home of Record?
 Yes No If no, skip to "f".
- (2) What state is listed as your military legal residence for tax purposes on your Leave and Earnings Statement? _____
- (f) (1) Do you own a home, land, or other similar property in Texas?
 Yes No If yes, date acquired: _____
- (2) Do you own a business in Texas?
 Yes No If yes, date acquired: _____
- (3) Do you hold a state or local license to conduct a business or practice a Profession in Texas? Yes No
 If yes, date acquired: _____
- (g) (1) While living in Texas, have you been gainfully employed for at least a consecutive 12-month period? [Gainful employment: activities intended to provide an income to a person or allow a person to avoid the expense of paying another person to perform the tasks (as in child care or the maintenance of a home). A person who is self-employed, employed as a homemaker, or who is living off his/her earnings may be considered gainfully employed for purposes of establishing residency, as may a person whose primary support is public assistance.] Yes No
- (2) While living in Texas, have you received services from a social service Agency that provides services to homeless persons for at least a consecutive 12-month period? Yes No
- (h) Are you married to a person who could answer "yes" to any part of question (f) or (g)? Yes No
 If "yes," which question could be answered "yes" by your spouse? How long have you been married to the Texas resident? _____ Years _____ Months

If you answered this question (#4), skip Question 5 and continue to Question 6.

5. If you answered "Yes" to 3(b) or "Parent" or "Legal Guardian" to question 3(c), answer the following: .

- (a) Is the parent or legal guardian upon whom you base your claim of residency a U.S. Citizen? Yes No
- (b) Is the parent or legal guardian upon whom you base your claim of residency a Permanent Resident of the United States of America? Yes No
- (c) Is this parent or legal guardian a foreign national whose application for Permanent Resident Status has been preliminarily reviewed? (Your parent or legal guardian should have received a fee/filing receipt or Notice of Action (1-797) from U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing the 1-485 has been reviewed and has not been rejected.) Yes No

- (d) Is this parent or legal guardian a foreign national here with a visa eligible to domicile in the United States or a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee or here under Temporary Protective Status? If so, indicate which: _____
(Visa/Status)
- (e) Does this parent or legal guardian currently live in Texas? (If this parent or legal guardian is out of state due to a temporary job assignment or for another reason, please answer "No" and explain in question 6.) _____ Yes _____ No
(If no, skip to 6.)
- (f) (1) If your parent or legal guardian is currently living in Texas, how long has he or she been living here? _____ Years _____ Months
(2) What is your parent's or legal guardian's main reason for being in the state?
_____ Go to College _____ Establish/Maintain a Home _____ Work Assignment
If for reasons other than those listed above, give an explanation in question 6.
- (g) (1) If your parent or legal guardian is a member of the U.S. military, is Texas his or her Home of Record? _____ Yes _____ No
(2) What state is listed as your parent's or legal guardian's residence for tax purposes on his or her leave and Earnings Statement? _____
- (h) Does your parent or legal guardian:
(1) own a home, land, or other similar property in Texas? _____
If yes, date acquired: _____
(2) own a business in Texas? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, date acquired: _____
(3) hold a state or local license to conduct a business or practice a profession in Texas? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, date acquired: _____
- (i) (1) While living in Texas, has your parent or guardian been gainfully employed for at least a consecutive 12-month period?? [Gainful employment: activities intended to provide an income to a person or allow a person to avoid the expense of paying another person to perform the tasks (as in child care or the maintenance of a home). A person who is self-employed, employed as a homemaker, or who is living off his/her earnings may be considered gainfully employed for purposes of establishing residency, as may a person whose primary support is public assistance.] _____ Yes _____ No

(2) While living in Texas, has your parent or guardian received services from a social service agency that provides services to homeless persons for at least a consecutive 12-month period? _____ Yes _____ No

- (j) Is your parent or legal guardian married to a person who could answer "yes" to any part of question (h) or (i)? _____ Yes _____ No
If "yes," which question could be answered "yes" by his or her spouse? How long has your parent or legal guardian been married to the Texas resident?
_____ Years _____ Months

6. General Comments. Provide any additional information that you believe your college or university should know about when evaluating your eligibility to be classified as a resident.

Certification of Information

Notification of Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA): Information collected about you through this application may be held by any institution of higher education to which you apply. With few exceptions, you are entitled on your request to be informed about the collected information. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to correct information held by an institution that is incorrect. You may correct information held by any institution to which you apply by contacting the institution's Public Information Officer. The information that is collected about you will be retained and maintained as required by Texas records retention laws (Section 441.180 et seq. of the Texas Government Code) and rules. Different types of information are kept for different periods of time.

If my application is accepted, I agree to abide by the policies, rules and regulations at any college to which I am admitted. I certify that the information on this application is complete and correct and I understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment and/or appropriate disciplinary action. I understand that officials of my college will use the information submitted on this form to determine my status for residency eligibility. I authorize the college to verify the information I have provided. I also authorize the college to electronically access my records regarding the Texas Success Initiative. I agree to notify the proper officials of the institution of any changes in the information provided.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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