

## RESIDENCY INFORMATION

In order to receive in-state tuition, all applicants must submit an electronic Florida Residency Affidavit as well as provide two pieces of appropriate documentation to verify continuous residency in Florida for the previous 12 months. Individuals who qualify for Florida residency for tuition purposes receive a discounted tuition rate. Criteria for determining residency status are detailed in Florida Statutes, Section (s.)1009.21 and the State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.044.

A Florida resident for tuition purposes is a person (or a dependent person whose parent or legal guardian) who has established and maintained legal residence in Florida for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes of the semester for which enrollment is requested. Residence in Florida must be for the purpose of establishing a permanent home and not merely for the purpose of enrollment at an institution of higher education.

Detailed information regarding qualifications for residency for tuition purposes is available through LSSC's Admissions website at [www.lssc.edu/residency](http://www.lssc.edu/residency) (<http://www.lssc.edu/residency>).

If students do not qualify as a Florida resident or do not submit the Residency Affidavit and supporting documents, they will be charged non-resident tuition and fees.

Students who fail to submit their Florida residency documentation within the semester they are enrolled are not able to have their Florida residency retroactively updated for that term.

Students who stop out from LSSC for three (3) consecutive semesters or more and apply for readmission will need to re-submit their Florida residency paperwork.

## Reclassification of Residency for Tuition Purposes

If students are initially classified as non-Florida residents for tuition purposes, they may become eligible for reclassification as a resident - for tuition purposes only - if students (or their parent or legal guardian if the students are dependent) can provide two (2) pieces of documentation of established and maintained legal residence in Florida for 12 consecutive months prior to the proof of Florida residency deadline. Additionally, students (or their parents or legal guardians, if the student is a dependent) must provide approved documentation. For a complete list of approved documents, please see [www.lssc.edu/residency](http://www.lssc.edu/residency) (<http://www.lssc.edu/residency>). Students may complete the application for reclassification prior to or during any registration period, and all documentation must be received by the last day of the semester in which the student plans to receive an in-state tuition rate. Students are responsible for paying the tuition rate assigned on the fee payment deadline.

**Note:** If false or fraudulent statements are submitted in connection with any student's documentation to establish residency, tuition and fees will be recalculated at the non-resident rate. Submitting false or fraudulent statements in connection with the Application for Admission or Residency Affidavit may result in disciplinary action, denial of admission, and invalidation of credits or degrees earned.

## Out-of-State Fee Waivers

Effective July 1, 2025, undocumented students are no longer eligible to receive out-of-state fee waivers at Florida postsecondary institutions.

*Florida Statutes 1009.26* now requires a state university, a Florida College System institution, a career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44 ([http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=1000-1099/1001/Sections/1001.44.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1001/Sections/1001.44.html)), or a charter technical career center to waive out-of-state fees for students who are citizens of the United States or lawfully present in the United States, who meet the following conditions:

1. Attended a secondary school in this state for 3 consecutive years immediately before graduating from a high school in this state;
2. Apply for enrollment in an institution of higher education within 24 months after high school graduation; and
3. Submit an official Florida high school transcript as evidence of attendance and graduation.

Starting with the Fall 2025 semester, students requesting the out-of-state fee waiver as a Florida high school graduate must provide documentation showing proof of U.S. Citizenship or legal immigration status.