

To All FIU Students and Applicants:

You may qualify to be considered a Florida resident for tuition purposes beginning Spring Term 2013 based on a recent court decision*.

A federal court in Florida has determined that U.S. citizen students who have been classified as non-residents for tuition purposes based upon their parents' immigration status may be eligible for in-state tuition provided they, and their parents if the students are dependent on their parents, can meet the requirements of Florida's residency law. As a result of the court decision, information on the immigration status of the parents of U.S. citizen students cannot be requested by a university under Board of Governors' residency rule, Section 72-1.001(5)(a)3, Florida Administrative Code, when making residency determinations.

The court has not changed the other requirements that dependent students must meet to demonstrate Florida residency for tuition purposes. For such students, Florida law generally requires evidence of a parent's actual residency in Florida.

If you are a U.S. citizen and have been classified as a non-Florida resident for tuition purposes, and you believe you have been classified as such due to your parents' immigration status in the U.S. (not your or your parents' actual residency in Florida), please contact us at residency@fiu.edu or Valerie Boza at (305)348-1382/German Cruz at (305) 348-0347 at Florida International University no later than the first day of the semester for which you have been admitted or plan to attend to request a review of your tuition classification beginning that semester. The first day of classes for every semester can be found at the following link: <http://onestop.fiu.edu/new-students/residency>.

Any requests for reconsideration that are not timely received by that date will be reviewed to determine whether a change in tuition classification is warranted for a subsequent term.

Sincerely,

Andrea Jay

Interim University Registrar

*The decision is *Ruiz, et al. v. Gerard Robinson, et al.*, Case No. 11-cv-23776-KMM, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.