Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes Instructional Guide

Residency for tuition purposes, for newly admitted or readmitted students, known as initial classification, is determined by the Office of Admissions when you apply to the university.

A Florida resident for tuition purposes refers to whether you qualify as an in-state Florida resident or an out-of-state resident. This classification determines your cost of tuition.

U.S. Permanent Residents & Certain Non-U.S. Students

If you wish to request in-state tuition as a lawful permanent resident or a student of certain non-U.S. citizen categories, you must provide the requested proofs of legal status as issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to qualify.

To view a complete list of all eligible aliens and the required documentation needed for proof, please view Appendix C, starting on page 28, of “Guidelines on Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes”.

Non-Florida (Out of State)

Out of State students Residency for tuition purposes requires the establishment of legal ties to the state of Florida. Students must verify that they have broken ties to other states if the student or, in the case for dependent students, his or her parent has moved from another state.

Non-Florida (qualifying for in-state tuition)

If you wish to petition for in-state tuition based on status as an undocumented or DACA student, you need only to complete the “Non-Florida Resident” portion of the “Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes” form, which can be found at the bottom of page 1 of the residency form. In addition, to this form be sure to complete FIU’s Non-Resident tuition waiver application found here: https://onestop.fiu.edu/finances/pay-for-tuition/tuition-waivers/.
Are you a dependent student, or an independent student?

For additional information on “Dependent” or “Independent” students please visit: https://onestop.fiu.edu/student-records/myfiu/personal/
All students living in Florida:

This section must be completed by the claimant, i.e. the independent student OR the parent/guardian of the dependent student.

Documents proving ties to the state of Florida:

From Section A, select and provide at least one of the following forms of documentation to support your claim for Florida residency.

From Section B, select and provide at least one of the following forms of documentation to support your claim of Florida residency.

Please note: You must have a total of AT LEAST two forms of documentation dating back one year to your term of entry at FIU.

One from section A and one from section B, to demonstrate residency in Florida.
Residency Exceptions:

If you meet residency through one of the qualifications by exception, select the appropriate exception and provide the requested documentation. If you did not select this option, leave it blank and continue to the next section.
Final Step:

All students seeking to enrolling in courses at the university must declare residency.

Upon reading the residency declaration statement, print student name and claimants name (if not the student). Claimant must sign, and submit.

Upon completing your residency form you may submit documents via:

1. **Web Upload (preferred method):** You may upload through your FIU student portal via https://my.fiu.edu. Log in using your Panther ID and Password (for information, click here)
   1. Follow instructions to [Submit Forms Online](https://my.fiu.edu)
   2. Choose department: Admissions
   3. Choose form name: Residency Docs Florida (Initial)
   4. Upload your documents and save
2. **Drop Off:** [Visit the OneStop Lobby](https://www.fiu.edu/services/onestop) at Modesto A. Maidique or Biscayne Bay campuses.
3. **Fax:** Attention 'Residency documents' to 305-348-2100
4. **Mail:** Enrollment Processing Center, P.O. Box 659003, Miami, FL 33265-9003