



# FLORIDA RESIDENCY DECLARATION

## STATEMENT OF RESIDENCY

Students shall be classified as residents or non-residents for the purpose of assessing tuition at St. Johns River State College based on the provisions of Florida Statute 1009.21 and State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.044. A Florida resident is a person who has maintained legal residency in Florida for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the first day of classes. The person responsible for providing proof of residency, the "Claimant," depends upon the student's independent or dependent status. Living in Florida in itself will not establish legal residence for tuition purposes. All U.S. citizen dependent students who meet the statutory requirements for Florida residency, regardless of parental immigration status in the U.S., will be classified as residents for tuition purposes. All non-U.S. citizen students must provide proof of an eligible immigration status in the U.S. in addition to meeting statutory requirements for residency for tuition purposes.

### INDEPENDENT VS. DEPENDENT

Please read and determine your claimant status

#### Independent Student

If you are 24 years of age on the first day of classes for your first term, you are independent. Based on age alone, you are considered the claimant for residency and do not need to provide any documents to support your being the claimant.

If you are under the age of 24, in order to be the claimant, you must prove independence by providing one of the documents below:

- Marriage certificate or divorce papers
- Tax transcript of the most recent tax year showing the student claimed one or more dependents
- Tax transcript of the most recent tax year showing that the student earned at least 51% of the cost of attendance as defined by the SJR State Financial Aid Office and that student claimed independence
- DD214 or official records showing that the student served on active duty in the US Armed Forces
- Death certificates of deceased parents or documentation the student is or was a ward of the court

#### Dependent Student

If you are under the age of 24 on the first day of classes for your first term, you are considered dependent for residency purposes. A parent or guardian (parental role) will be the claimant. Additional documentation may be needed to support the relationship for claimant and student. Such documentation may include:

- Legal guardianship documentation from a U.S. court showing the claimant as legal guardian
- Tax transcript of previous 3 years showing the student is a dependent of claimant
- Marriage license showing that the student is married to the claimant

Please provide clear copies of two of the following documents from the CLAIMANT. At least one of the documents must come from Tier 1. Documents must show physical presence in Florida during the 12-month period prior to the first day of class. Additionally, there must be no information contradicting the applicant's claim of residency (i.e. a driver's license from another state).

#### Tier 1

- A Florida voter's registration card
- A Florida driver's license
- A State of Florida identification card
- A Florida vehicle registration
- Proof of a homestead exemption of owned property in Florida
- Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for the previous 12-month period
- Transcripts from a Florida high school for 2 or more years if the Florida high school diploma or GED was earned within the last 12 months

#### Tier 2

- A declaration of domicile in Florida
- A Florida professional or occupational license
- Florida incorporation
- Proof of membership in a Florida based charitable or professional organization
- Any other documentation that supports the student's request for resident status, including, but not limited to, utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; or an official state, federal, or court document evidencing legal ties to Florida
- Proof of immediate family ties to Florida may be considered

All students must complete this section:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID/SSN\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

If student is claimant: **Are you a U.S. Citizen?**  Yes  No

Non U.S. Citizens - In order to qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes, you must be a lawful permanent resident alien, legal alien granted indefinite stay by the Immigration and Naturalization Services, or must possess an approved Visa Category. The following are the approved categories: A, E, G, H1B, I, K, L, N, O-1, R, S, T, U, V, NATO 1-7, TPS, Asylee, Refugee, and Parolee.

**Non U.S. citizens:** legible copy of current immigration document required - resident alien card, Visa and I-94 card, etc.

- I am **NOT** claiming in-state residency for tuition purposes. (Please complete section 1 below)
- I am claiming in-state residency for tuition purposes. (Please complete sections 2 and 3 below)

**1. NON-FLORIDA RESIDENT:**

I understand that I do not qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes for the term for which this application is submitted and that if I should qualify for some future term, it will be necessary for me to file the required documentation prior to the beginning of the term in order to be considered for Florida residency classification. I understand that continuous full-time enrollment at St. Johns River State College may make me ineligible for reclassification for in-state tuition. Please refer to an Admissions Advisor for possible exceptions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FLORIDA RESIDENT:** This is a brief summary of the State of Florida Residency Requirements/Exceptions.

Please select one of the following residency classifications:

- I am a qualified beneficiary under the Florida Pre-Paid post-secondary expense program, s.1009.988 (2), F.S. (required: copy of card).
- I am an independent and have maintained Legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months.
- I am a dependent student under the age of 24, and my parent or guardian has maintained legal residence in the state of Florida for at least 12 months.
- I am a dependent person under the age of 24 who has resided for five years with an adult other than my parent or legal guardian, and they can demonstrate legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months.
- I am a member of the armed forces of the U.S., and I am stationed in the state of Florida on active military duty pursuant to military orders, or whose home of record is Florida, or I am a member's spouse or dependent child (Required: copy of military orders, DD214, DD2058 showing home of record).
- I am a full time employee of a state agency or political subdivision of the state whose student fees are paid by the state agency or political subdivision for the job related law enforcement or corrections training.

**3. Claimant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to Student:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Claimant Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date Claimant Established Legal Florida Residence:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Month:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete, at a minimum, two of the following:

**Driver's License or ID No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Issue Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Vehicle Plate/Tag No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Issue Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Voter Registration No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Issue Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Additional information may be required.)

By signing this document, you are acknowledging:

- Your residence in Florida has been for the purpose of establishing a permanent home and is not only for the purpose of attending a Florida state post-secondary institution.
- That providing false information in this affidavit will subject you to penalties pursuant to 837.06, Florida Statutes.
- That you have provided all documents necessary to show your claim to Florida residency, as well as all documents to show your ability to act as CLAIMANT to the student, whether as a parent, guardian, or the student.

Signature of Claimant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SJR STATE COLLEGE NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT** St. Johns River State College does not discriminate against any person in its programs, activities, policies or procedures on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, marital status, religion, age, gender, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability, or veteran status. All questions or inquiries regarding compliance with laws relating to non-discrimination and all complaints regarding sexual misconduct or discrimination, may be directed to the Title IX Coordinator/Equity Officer, St. Johns River State College, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida, 32177; 386-312-4070.

\* Notification of Social Security Number Collection and Usage-Statute 119.071(5)-please refer to the college catalog for more information (<http://www.sjrstate.edu/catalog/info.pdf>)