



In-State Resident - Lawful Presence Documentation Requirements*

Any student who self-certifies on the Admissions Application that they are a Georgia resident, and has maintained this residency for at least 12 months, will be considered an IN-STATE resident.

Effective January 1, 2012, all students applying for in-state tuition must provide validation of lawful presence in the United States. Students that are initially classified as out-of-state, and successfully petition to have their residency changed to in-state, also have to meet the verification requirement. See the Petition for Change of Residency Classification form for more information.

The following documents will serve as proof of lawful presence in the United States:

- A current Driver's License issued by the State of Georgia after January 1, 2008
- A current ID issued by the State of Georgia after January 1, 2008
- A current Driver's License or ID issued by a state that verifies immigration status and only issues to persons lawfully present in the United States.
- A certified U.S. Birth Certificate showing the student was born in the U.S. or a U.S. territory. A photocopy is not acceptable
- An approved completed FAFSA for the current financial aid year
- A current, valid Permanent Resident Card (USCIS form 1-151 or 1-551)
- A U.S. Certificate of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (DS-1350) or a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240)
- A current U.S. Passport
- A U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (USCIS form N-560 or N-561)
- A U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (USCIS form N-550 or N-570)

Any student who cannot be verified as lawfully present in the United States is not eligible to be considered for in-state tuition, regardless of how long he or she has lived in Georgia.

*The admissions office verifies GA residency and legal residency in the United States for in-state tuition purposes only. Students seeking HOPE Grant/Scholarship funds will be required to provide additional documentation