

Core Residency Questions

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, [Rule §21.25](#) requires each student applying to enroll at an institution to respond to a set of core residency questions for the purpose of determining the student's eligibility for classification as a resident.

Part A. Student Basic Information

Student ID: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current Address: _____
Street City TX Zip County

Previous Address: _____
Street City TX Zip County

Part B. Previous Enrollment

1. During the 12 months prior to the term for which you are applying, did you attend a public college or university in Texas in a fall or spring term?

No, continue to **Part C**.

Yes, complete questions 2-5:

2. What Texas public institution did you last attend?
(Give full name, not just initials.)

School: _____

3. In which terms were you last enrolled? (add all that apply)

Terms: _____

4. During your last semester at a Texas public institution, did you pay resident (in-state) or nonresident (out-of-state) tuition?

resident _____
nonresident _____
unknown _____

5. If you paid in-state tuition at your last institution, was it because you were classified as a resident or because you were a nonresident who received a waiver?

resident _____
nonresident
with a waiver _____
unknown _____

Important: If you were enrolled at a Texas public institution during a Fall or Spring semester within the previous 12 months and were classified as a Texas resident, skip to question 9, sign and date this form and submit it to your institution. If you were NOT enrolled, or if you were enrolled but classified as a nonresident, proceed to **Part C**.

Part C. Residency Claim

Are you a resident of Texas? Yes No

If you answered yes, continue to **Part D**.

If you answered no, complete the following questions and continue to **Part I**.

Of what state or country are you a resident? _____

If you are uncertain, continue to **Part D**.

Part D. Acquisition of High School Diploma or GED	
1. a. Did you graduate or will you graduate from high school or complete a GED in TX prior to the term for which you are applying?	Yes No
1. b. If you graduated or will graduate from high school, what was the name and city of the school?	School: _____
2. Did you live or will you have lived in TX the 36 months leading up to high school graduation or completion of the GED?	Yes No
3. When you begin the semester for which you are applying, will you have lived in TX for the previous 12 months?	Yes No
4. Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident?	Yes No
Instructions to Part D : 1. If you answered "no" to question 1a or 2 or 3, continue to Part E . 2. If you answered "yes" to all four questions, skip to Part I . 3. If you answered "yes" to questions 1, 2, and 3, but "no" to question 4, complete the Senate Bill 1528 Affidavit form .	
Part E. Basis of Claim to Residency	
1. Do you file your own federal income tax as an independent taxpayer? (An independent tax payer should not be claimed as a dependent for tax purposes by another person. If you file a joint return with your spouse, answer "yes.")	Yes No
2. Are you claimed as a dependent or are you eligible to be claimed as a dependent by a Parent or court-appointed legal guardian? (To be eligible to be claimed as a dependent, your parent or legal guardian must provide at least one-half of your support. A stepparent does not qualify as a parent if he/she has not adopted the student.)	Yes No
3. If you answered "No" to both questions above, who provides the majority of your support?	Self Parent or Guardian Other (list): _____
Instructions to Part E . 1. If you answered "yes" to question 1, and "no" to question 2, continue to Part F . 2. If you answered "yes" to question 2, skip to Part G . 3. If you answered "yes" to both questions 1 and 2, skip to Part G . 4. If you answered "no" to 1 and 2 and "self" to question 3, continue to Part F . 5. If you answered "no" to 1 and 2 and "parent or guardian" to question 3, skip to Part G . 6. If you answered "no" to 1 and 2 and "other" to question 3, skip to Part H and provide an explanation, and complete Part I .	
Part F. Questions for students who answered "Yes" to Question 1 or "Self" to Question 3 of PART E.	
1. Are you a U.S. Citizen?	Yes No
2. Are you a Permanent Resident of the U.S.? (U.S. Citizens check "no".)	Yes No
3. Are you a foreign national whose application for Permanent Resident Status has been preliminarily reviewed? (You should have received a fee/filing receipt or Notice of Action (I-797) from USCIS showing your I-485 has been reviewed and has not been rejected).	Yes No
4. Are you a foreign national here with a visa or are you a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee or here under Temporary Protective Status? If so, indicate which.	Visa/Status: _____
5. Do you currently live in Texas? If you are out of state due to a temporary assignment by your employer or another temporary purpose, please check "no" and explain in Part H .	Yes No
6. a. If you currently live in Texas, how long have you been living here?	Months: ____ Years: ____
b. What is your main purpose for being in the state? If for reasons other than those listed, give an explanation in Part H .	Go to College Establish/maintain a home Work Assignment

7. a. If you are a member of the U.S. military, is Texas your Home of Record?	Yes	No
b. If not, what state will have been listed as your military legal residence for tax purposes on your Leave and Earnings Statement for the 12 months prior to enrollment?	State:	
8. Do any of the following apply to you? (Check all that apply)		
a. Hold the title (Warranty Deed, Deed of Trust, or other similar instrument that is effective to hold title) to residential real property in Texas? If yes, date acquired: _____	Yes	No
b. Have ownership interest and customarily manage a business in Texas without the intention of liquidation in the foreseeable future? If yes, date acquired: _____	Yes	No
9. While living in Texas, have you: (Check all that apply)		
a. Been gainfully employed for a period of at least 12 consecutive months? (Gainful employment requires an average employment of at least 20 hours per week for one year or earnings equal to at least half of tuition and living expenses for one 9-month academic year. Employment conditioned on student status such as work-study, the receipt of stipends, fellowships or research or teaching assistanceships does not constitute gainful employment.)	Yes	No
b. Received primary support through services from a social service agency for a period of at least 12 consecutive months?	Yes	No
10. a. Are you married to a person who has been classified as a Texas resident by a Texas public institution or who could answer "yes" to any part of question 8 or 9?	Yes	No
b. If yes, indicate which question (and which part of the question) could be answered yes by your spouse:	Question:	
c. How long will you have been married to the Texas resident prior to enrollment?	Months: _____ Years: _____	

Part G. Questions for students who answered "Yes" to Question 2 of PART E or who answered "Parent or Guardian" to Question 3 of PART E.

1. Is the parent or legal guardian upon whom you base your claim of residency a U.S. citizen?	Yes	No
2. Is the parent or legal guardian upon whom you base your claim of residency a Permanent Resident?	Yes	No
3. Is this parent or legal guardian a foreign national whose application for Permanent Resident Status has been preliminarily reviewed? (He or she should have received a fee/filing receipt or Notice of Action (I-797) from the USCIS showing his or her I-485 has been reviewed and has not been rejected)	Yes	No
4. Is this parent or legal guardian a foreign national here with a visa or a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee or here under Temporary Protective Status? If so, indicate which.	Visa/Status:	
5. Does this parent or guardian currently live in Texas? If he or she is out of state due to a temporary assignment by his or her employer or another temporary purpose, please check "no" and explain in Part H .	Yes	No
6. a. If he or she is currently living in Texas, how long has he or she been living here?	Months: _____ Years: _____	
b. What is your parent's or legal guardian's main purpose for being in the state? If for reasons other than those listed, give an explanation in Part H .	Go to College Establish/maintain a home Work Assignment	
7. a. If he or she is a member of the U.S. military, is Texas his or her Home of Record?	Yes	No
b. If not, what state will have been listed as his or her military legal residence for tax purposes on his or her Leave and Earnings Statement for the 12 months prior to enrollment?	State:	
8. Do any of the following apply to your parent or guardian? (Check all that apply)		
a. Hold the title (Warranty Deed, Deed of Trust or other similar instrument that is effective to hold title) to residential real property in Texas? If yes, date acquired: _____	Yes	No

- b. Have ownership interest and customarily manage a business in Texas without the intention of liquidation in the foreseeable future?
If yes, date acquired: _____
9. While living in Texas, has your parent or guardian: (Check all that apply)
 - a. Been gainfully employed for a period of at least 12 consecutive months?
(Gainful employment requires an average employment of at least 20 hours per week for one year or earnings equal to at least half of tuition and living expenses for one 9-month academic year. Employment conditioned on student status such as work-study, the receipt of stipends, fellowships, or research or teaching assistantships does not constitute gainful employment.)
 - b. Received services from a social service agency for a period of at least 12 consecutive months? Note: the dollar value of social services received may be combined with earnings to total at least one-half of tuition and living expenses for one 9-month academic year.
10. a. Is your parent or legal guardian married to a person who has been classified as a Texas resident by a Texas public institution or who could answer "yes" to any part of question 8 or 9?
 - b. If yes, indicate which question (and which part of the question) could be answered yes by your parent or guardian's spouse:
 - c. How long will your parent or guardian have been married to the Texas resident prior to enrollment?

Part H. General Comments

Is there any additional information that you believe your college/university should know in evaluating your eligibility to be classified as a resident? If so, please provide it below:

Part I. Certification of Residency. *All students must complete this section.*

I understand that officials of my college/university will use the information submitted on this form to determine my status for residency eligibility. I authorize the college/university to verify the information I have provided. I agree to notify the proper officials of the institution of any changes in the information provided. I certify that the information on this application is complete and correct and I understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment and/or appropriate disciplinary action.

Signature: _____

Date: