



Residency Classification

For tuition purposes, students must be classified as either in-state or out-of-state when they are admitted. Classification for tuition purposes at state-supported colleges and universities is governed by Colorado statute. Before being entitled to in-state tuition, students must be domiciled in Colorado and fulfill specific citizen responsibilities for one full calendar year prior to registration. Those requirements state that a student 23 years of age and younger be required to provide proof of emancipation from their parents. Parents need to have entirely surrendered the right to their care, custody and earnings and make no provisions for their support. Emancipated minors who have been granted in-state tuition status are subject to reclassification as out-of-state if their parents resume support.

Students classified “nonresident” pay a higher tuition charge than those classified “resident.” However, students classified as nonresidents who believe that they can qualify as residents may obtain a petition for In-State Tuition Classification and a copy of the Colorado statute from the Student Services Center. Students must submit the petition plus required supporting documents to the Student Services Center by the first day of classes for the term they wish to be considered for in-state status. Be aware that turning in a petition does not guarantee that residency status will be changed. If the petition is denied and students do not drop classes by the deadline, they must still pay the tuition and fees charged for nonresidents.

To challenge the ruling on the petition, students may appeal to the Tuition Classification Review Committee. Contact the Student Services Center staff for more information. To access Colorado’s complete statute on residency qualifications go to:
<http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Finance/Residency/qualified.html>

Residents of Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona and Washington qualify for a special tuition rate. States available for this rate may change each year. Check with the Vice President of Student Services for a current listing of states participating in the program. Contact the Student Services Center at 719-384-6831 for additional information.