

Military Residency Guidelines

- **Permanently assigned in South Carolina on active duty.** - Active-duty military personnel and their dependents are eligible to pay in-state tuition if they are stationed in South Carolina. Submit the military petition and attach military orders showing active duty in South Carolina. Dependent students must also submit a copy of their parents most recently filed federal taxes showing the student being claimed as a dependent or **if spouse**, a copy of your marriage license. Please note that orders must be effective on or before the first day of class to qualify for a particular term.
- **Has maintained their primary and permanent domicile in South Carolina throughout their service.** Active-duty military personnel and their dependents are eligible to pay in-state tuition if they are South Carolina residents but stationed elsewhere. They must have maintained South Carolina as their home of record on all military records. Submit the military petition and attach your Leave and Earning Statement (LES) and most recently filed Federal and State Tax Returns. Dependent students must also submit a copy of their parents most recently filed federal taxes showing the student being claimed as a dependent or **if spouse**, a copy of your marriage license.
- **Choice Act** - Veterans, active-duty military and their dependents may be eligible to pay in-state tuition if they are using Chapter 30, 31, 33 or 35, Title 38 benefits. Applicants seeking approval under this category will work with MUSC's VA Coordinator. If approved, students will be classified as out-of-state veterans and charged rates equivalent to in-state. Please visit her for more information: <https://education.musc.edu/admissions/financial-aid/va-educational-benefits>
- **Chapter 35** - There is a state benefit for Chapter 35 that is separate from the federal application. It is for South Carolina residents who are dependents of disabled veterans. This decision is not made by the Medical University of South Carolina. If you are approved, a letter will be sent to you and the University at the same time.

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