



INDEPENDENT RESIDENT CHECKLIST

For residency purposes, an “independent person” is defined as one in his or her majority (eighteen years of age or older) or an emancipated minor, whose predominant source of income is his or her own earnings or income from employment, investments, or payments from trusts, grants, scholarships, commercial loans, or payments made in accordance with court order. An independent person must provide more than half of his or her support during the 12 months immediately prior to the date that classes begin for the semester for which resident status is requested. An independent person cannot claim the domicile of another individual as their own for the purposes of establishing intent to become a South Carolina resident. An independent person must have established his or her own domicile for twelve months prior to receiving instate tuition and fees. An independent person cannot be claimed as a dependent or exemption on the federal tax return of his or her parent, spouse, or guardian for the year in which resident status is requested. This means that you must have established and maintained your primary and permanent domicile in South Carolina for at least 12 months immediately preceding the term for which resident status is requested.

This checklist is a general guide. We reserve the right to ask for more documentation if necessary.

- ☐ Completed & signed Residency Petition Application.

SC DRIVERS LICENSE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION CARD(S)

- ☐ Copy of student’s driver’s license (if issue date on license is less than a year old, please provide copy of your 3-year driving record from the SC DMV).
- ☐ Copy of vehicle registration for at least one vehicle that you are in full or partial ownership.
- ☐ If registrations were recently renewed, please provide a prior registration, tax receipt, or a copy of your plate history from the SC DMV.
- ☐ If the vehicle was purchased less than 1 year ago, provide the Purchase Agreement or Bill of Sale for the vehicle

PROOF OF SC DOMICILE

- ☐ If renting, provide a copy of rental agreement for past and current year, must be from a third party, not a family member.

- ☐ If you own your home, please provide a copy of the closing statement or deed on house.
- ☐ If you own property out-of-state, please provide a copy of the state property taxes verifying that you are not claiming homestead exemption in that state.

TAXES

- ☐ Student's most recent, signed Federal 1040 pages 1 & 2.
- ☐ Student's most recent, signed SC resident tax returns (all pages).

VERIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT STATUS

- ☐ Copy of the most recent pay stubs received for the previous 6 months.
- ☐ If you are 24 years or younger, please complete a Student Affidavit of Financial Independence.