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### Residency Eligibility:

Gaining residency status is not an institutional policy. It is determined based on what is required by State law. A qualified person seeking residency status is someone who **1)** meets the “Qualified Petitioner” criteria as outlined below **AND 2)** has established **a minimum of 12 months of domicile and intent** prior to the start of classes. **Domicile** is a person’s primary and permanent home. A person can have only one domicile at any time. Like domicile, **intent** is established upon arrival to the state. Petitioners should sever ties from their former state and establish these ties in Colorado like any permanent resident of the State. Intent includes: gaining employment, filing state taxes, registering to vote, registering for a state license/identification card, and registering your vehicle with the state.

No person may establish domicile and intent in Colorado solely for tuition purposes. The burden of proof is on the petitioner to show clear and convincing evidence they have made Colorado their permanent home.

### Who Qualifies to Petition:

Petitioning for residency applies only to current students or parents of current students. If you are a newly admitted student classified as non-resident and believe you qualify for resident status you must complete the Tuition Classification

form with the Admissions Office. More information on the Tuition Classification form can be found below.

The institution must follow state rules and regulations. Therefore, residency petition requirements may be subject to change without notice. Petitions can be found by clicking the appropriate petitioner category below.

## **Parent**

**To be eligible to petition for residency as a parent you must have:**

- An undergraduate student under 23 years of age prior to the term you petition for;
- The parent/legal guardian, must be living in Colorado for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to the start of classes;
- The parent/legal guardian, must show intent and legal ties to the state of Colorado for a minimum of 12 months prior to the start of classes.

**Ineligible petitions would be:**

- Parents who file federal taxes jointly in another state for the year you are claiming 12 months of domicile and intent in Colorado.
- If your license is registered in another state.
- If other evidence shows you have not fully severed ties from your former state. Although no single factor along is conclusive, there must be clear and convincing evidence a petitioner has severed all ties from their former state and established these ties in Colorado. These actions should be done as soon as a petitioner arrives to the state to meet the minimum 12 month requirement.

DACA students or non-citizen students on an eligible visa whose parent/legal guardian meet the requirements to complete a parent petition will be required to provide their approved DACA status or their approved visa status. This status would need to be issued at least 12 months prior to the start of classes.

If you believe you meet the requirements outlined above you can complete the **PARENT PETITION**.

Undergraduate students who do not qualify to submit a parent petition should *read the requirements carefully* before attempting to complete the student emancipation petition. Proving emancipation is rare for most undergraduate students.

## **Emancipated Minor**

Proving emancipation is rare for most undergraduate students. It is important you review the information below before petitioning.

**To be eligible to petition for residency as an emancipated minor you must:**