

## **Residency – Frequently Asked Questions**

- **Why was I not coded as a resident upon admission to SUU?**

You must live in Utah for at least 2 years. The admissions office will review the answers on the application to see if they are compliant with SUU Residency Policy. If there are any discrepancies, the student may be coded as a non-resident and asked to apply for residency in order to update their status.

- **How do I obtain residency status for tuition purposes?**

You may complete a Residency Application and provide required documentation to the Admissions Office. The application will then be reviewed for compliance with Utah Code and the Utah State Board of Regents Policy and Procedures.

- **How long must I live in Utah to gain residency?**

You must live in Utah for 12 or more continuous months directly preceding the term you are applying for residency, without leaving the state for a total of 29 days or more during those 12 months.

- **If I go on a mission after attending SUU for two semesters? Can I use the time before my mission toward residency?**

No. Utah State Law requires that a student must live in Utah for the 12 months that directly precede the term that the student is requesting reclassification.

- **If I leave the state of Utah, can I still be a resident when school starts the next semester?**

If you are a Utah resident and leave the state for a short period of time, without establishing ties in another state, you may still be classified as a Utah resident.

- **What are the different options that allow a student to apply for residency?**

- Living in Utah for 12 months directly preceding the term that the student would like to be reclassified
- Move to Utah as a result of full-time Permanent Employment
- Dependent of a Utah Resident
- Married to a Utah Resident (spouse must be a resident prior to the marriage)
- Military Veteran
- Dependent of a Military Veteran
- Active Duty Military
- Dependent of an Active Duty Military member
- An American Indian enrolled on tribal rolls of a tribe whose reservation or trust lands are partly or wholly within Utah; or whose border is at any point contiguous with the border of Utah

- Vocational Rehab that is in the state of Utah

- **How can I prove my physical presence in Utah for 12 months?**

You must provide verification of your physical presence in the state of Utah. If you have attended a Utah school, that can provide proof. If you have been working, you can submit pay stubs, or an official letter from your employer detail the specifics of your employ (such as start date, how many hours you work a week, if you took time off, how many days a week you work, etc.). If you have done anything on a regular basis that can be verified by a community/business leader, you may provide an official letter or other documentation to verify this. Some other options you can look into is phone records, gym records, volunteer records, etc. You can submit any supporting documentation that you believe provides proof that you were physically in Utah on a regular basis, and it will be reviewed by a residency officer to see if it is proof that is compliant with Utah Code and Policy.

- **If I, or my parents, work in Utah but live in another state, would I be a resident?**

You must reside within the State of Utah, regardless of where you or your parents work; however, there may be some exceptions for border towns.

- **What if I was born in Utah but my family moved away?**

Generally, a minor's residency remains with the parents. If residency has been established in another state after the student was born, they will have to apply to be classified as a Utah resident.

- **My family owns property and pays taxes in Utah, would I be considered a resident?**

Whether or not you own property or pay taxes in Utah, the student and/or student's family must live within the State of Utah.

- **When can I apply for residency?**

An application for residency reclassification can be submitted 30 days prior to the first day of the semester and no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the semester of the term for which reclassification is desired.

- **How long does it take for a decision to be made once a residency application is submitted?**

A decision will be made within a few weeks of the residency application and all supporting documentation being submitted.

- **Where do I turn in my residency application?**

Your residency application may be submitted to the Admissions Office at SUU. It can be submitted in person or electronically. You may also email [residency@suu.edu](mailto:residency@suu.edu).

- **May I register prior to obtaining residency?**

Yes. You may register for classes at any time. If you are granted residency after having applied for classes, your tuition and records will be adjusted.

- **If I have received the WUE scholarship, is there any way in which I can obtain residency?**

Any time that you have used the WUE scholarship may not be counted towards our 12 month residency requirement. You may apply for any other form of residency if you have used the WUE. If you were awarded the WUE, **but never used it**, you can still apply for residency under any of the residency reclassification options, including the 12 month requirement.

- **If I am applying for residency after living in Utah for one year, can my parent's claim me on their tax return if I lived with them for part of the prior year?**

No. If you are applying for residency under the 12 month requirement, you may not be claimed on your parent's taxes from the prior year. If you were claimed, this will have to be amended in order for your residency reclassification application to be considered.

- **Can I appeal the decision if my application is denied?**

Yes. You may submit a written request for your application to be reviewed by the Residency Appeals Committee prior to the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the semester the application was denied.