

Information Requirements to Verify Lawful Presence in the United States

A student must be a United States Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen and a resident of the state of Georgia for 12 months before initial enrollment at the college to qualify as an “in-state resident” for admission and tuition purposes.

Effective January 1, 2012, all students applying for in-state tuition must provide validation of lawful presence in the United States. The following documentation will serve as proof of lawful presence in the United States and documentation will be required before you are eligible for consideration of in-state tuition:

- A current Georgia Driver’s License issued by the State of Georgia after January 1, 2008.
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- A current Driver’s License or ID issued from:
 - Alabama issued after August 1, 200
 - Florida: Issued after January 1, 2010
 - South Carolina: Issued after November 1, 2008
 - Tennessee: Issued after May 29, 2004
- A certified U.S. Birth Certificate showing the student was born in the U.S. or a U.S. territory. A photocopy is not acceptable.
- An approved completed FAFSA for the current financial aid year.
- A current, valid Permanent Resident Card (USCIS form 1-151 or 1-551)
- A current, valid military identification card for active duty soldiers or veterans.
- A U.S. Certificate of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (DS-1350) or a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240)
- A current U. S. passport
- A U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (USCIS form N-560 or N-561)
- A U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (USCIS form N-550- or N-570)

Any student who cannot be verified as lawfully present in the United States is not eligible to be considered for in-state tuition, regardless of how long he or she has lived in Georgia. In addition of being lawfully present in the United States, students must meet the in-state tuition requirements as outlined in TCSG Board Policy V.B.3 to warrant an in-state classification. Students that are initially classified as out-of-state and successfully petition to have their residency changed to in-state also have to meet the verification requirement.

If this documentation is not received and verified, the student will be charged tuition at the out-of-state rate which is 2 times the in-state tuition rate.

Information Requirement to Verify Georgia Residency

A student must be a resident of the state of Georgia for 12 months before initial enrollment at the college to qualify as an “in-state resident” for admission and tuition purposes. Students must be able to provide appropriate residency documentation to the college.

One of the following items may be provided to prove Georgia residency for the past 12 consecutive months:

- Georgia State Income Tax Form 500
- Georgia Driver’s License
- Georgia Automobile Registration
- Georgia Voter Registration

If this documentation is not received and verified, the student will be charged tuition at the out-of-state rate which is 2 times the in-state tuition rate.