

MURRAY STATE COLLEGE

OKLAHOMA RESIDENCY INFORMATION

Under policy by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, a dependent person is one who is under the care, custody, and support of a parent or legal guardian. **The residence of a dependent student is that of his/her parent or guardian.** A resident of Oklahoma is defined as one who has **lived continuously in Oklahoma for at least 12 months** as a **permanent** resident and not merely as a student. (Note: An individual previously classified as a resident of Oklahoma shall not be reclassified as a nonresident until 12 months after having left Oklahoma to live in another state.)

Unless residency has been established in another state, a student who resided in Oklahoma and is a U.S. citizen at the time of graduation from an Oklahoma high school and has resided in the state with a parent or guardian for the two years prior to graduation from high school will be eligible for resident tuition and scholarships or financial aid provided by the state, regardless of immigration status.

If the student is undocumented (a person who was born outside the jurisdiction of the U.S., is a citizen of a foreign country, and has not become a naturalized U.S. Citizen under U.S. Law; the student is classified as a nonresident student and is eligible for a nonresident tuition waiver.

Individuals (or dependents & spouses of individuals) who have moved to Oklahoma and can document continued full-time employment may be immediately classified as Oklahoma resident.

When a nonresident marries an already established resident of Oklahoma, the nonresident may be considered a resident after documentation of marriage and proof of domicile.

Any student presenting a transcript of credit from a high school, college, university, or other educational institution outside the State of Oklahoma will be assumed to be a nonresident student.

It is the **responsibility** of each student to raise with the Registrar's Office any possible question of his/her right to resident status for purposes of attending a state institution of higher education. Approval for change in status will be effective for the following semester.

(Note: Students may apply in the Financial Aid Office for a scholarship to waive nonresident fees. For individuals who can document full-time military duty and are stationed in Oklahoma, the scholarship is automatic. Also, for individuals who can document a resident in a Texas County that borders Oklahoma, the scholarship is automatic only the first semester attendance at MSC with subsequent renewal based on established GPA criteria.)

Students who wish to challenge nonresident fees must complete the reverse side of this statement.

CHALLENGE TO NONRESIDENT FEES:

Provide copies of at least **Two** of the following documents:

1. Most recent Federal Income Tax Return form 1040.
2. Parent/guardian's Oklahoma State Income Tax Return form 511.
3. Evidence of year-round residence (Letter from mortgage holder or landlord stating how long you have resided at resident.)
4. Evidence of property ownership.
5. Letter from recent employer stating dates of employment.
6. High School transcript showing at least two years (11th & 12th grade) of attendance at an Oklahoma High School showing the student has graduated within the last 12 months.

After reading the statement on the reverse side of this page, any student who wishes to challenge nonresident charges must list the reason below (**and attach supporting documentation**):

Students Signature

Social Security Number

Date

___ Approved for Semester Effective: _____

___ Not Approved

Registrar

Date