



Florida Residency Statement – Independent Student

To be considered a Florida resident the student must have lived in the state of Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months prior to the first day of classes (document must be issued prior to 8/27/2017). All documentation proving Florida residency must be valid and current for the past 12 consecutive months.

A. Student Information

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Permanent Legal Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

B. Date Student Began Establishing Florida Residency

****IMPORTANT**** Student must provide at least TWO PHYSICAL COPIES of the documents below. If you only have one of the below documents, please see Page 2 for acceptable documentation.

Driver License or State ID: State _____ Number _____ Date of Issue: _____

Voter's Registration: State _____ Number _____ Date of Issue: _____

Vehicle Registration: State _____ Plate Number _____ Date of Issue: _____

Other Documentation: _____

C. Certification and Signature

I certify that all information reported to qualify for federal and state student aid is complete and correct. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, I may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.

Signature of Student Claiming Florida Residency: _____

Please submit this completed, signed form and required documents to: Ringling College of Art and Design, 2700 North Tamiami Trail, Office of Financial Aid, Sarasota, FL 34234. Phone: (941) 359-7534 Fax: (941) 359-6107 Email: finaid@ringling.edu

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Preferred List – Claimant must have at least one document from the following list:

- Florida Driver License
- Florida Vehicle Registration
- Florida Voter Registration
- Transcripts from a Florida HS or a Florida GED and score report (only if high school diploma or GED was earned within the last 12 months). If a high school transcript is used, the claimant must be listed as the parent or legal guardian. GED may be used if the claimant is the student.
- Proof of purchase of a permanent home that is occupied as a primary residence of the claimant (mortgage, deed, proof from Florida property appraiser website, or homestead exemption; contracts/agreements must be dated 12 consecutive months prior to the published residency deadline).
- Proof of permanent full time employment (30 or more hours per week). Letters from past and current employers on letterhead must state the date of hire and that claimant has been employed as a permanent full time employee for the last 12 consecutive months.
- Student is a qualified beneficiary under the terms of the Florida Pre-paid Post-secondary Expense program. In this case, the student would only need to provide documentation from Florida Pre-paid to claim Florida residency.

Secondary List – If the claimant has only one of the preferred documents, one document from the following list must be used:

- Florida incorporation; Must be current and issued at least 12 consecutive months prior to the deadline for submission of residency documentation.
- Current utility bill and proof of 12 consecutive months of payment history (cable/satellite TV, electric, gas, water, or telephone); Cell/mobile phones cannot be used. Only one utility may be used.
- Current lease agreement and proof of prior 12 consecutive months of payment history; copies of prior leases may be used to establish 12 consecutive months.
- Current Florida professional or occupational license issued at least 12 consecutive months prior to the deadline for submission of residency documentation.
- Documents evidencing family ties (Example: adoption or legal guardian papers or other official court documents).
- Proof of current membership in Florida based charitable or professional organizations; membership must be at least 12 consecutive months old; copy of membership card or letter from organization required. NOTE: Membership in a church does not constitute membership in a Florida based charitable organization.
- Declaration of domicile certified by a Clerk of the Court, at least 12 consecutive months prior to deadline for submission of residency documentation.
- Official state, federal, or court documents showing evidence of legal ties to Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months (Example: benefit histories from Florida agencies or public assistance programs, Department of Juvenile Justice address verification form, Road to Independence, etc.).

Documents that are unacceptable for proof of Florida residency include but are not limited to:

- Passport
- Birth certificate
- Library card
- Concealed weapon/gun permit
- Shopping/rental club card
- Hunting/fishing licenses
- Bank statement
- Cell phone/mobile phone bills