



# PETITION *for* RESIDENT CLASSIFICATION

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## Deadlines

### Filing a Petition

The Petition for Resident Classification must be received at the University Registrar by 5:00 PM on the deadline date. **LATE PETITIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### Petition for Resident Classification filing periods by term:

#### Undergraduate / Graduate Students

Fall Quarter 2023  
Jun 5 - Aug 4, 2023

Winter Quarter 2024  
Oct 23 - Dec 1, 2023

Spring Quarter 2024  
Jan 9 - Mar 1, 2024

Fall Quarter 2024  
Jun 7 - Aug 16, 2024

#### Law Students

Fall Semester 2023  
Apr 7 - Jun 16, 2023

Spring Semester 2024  
Oct 23 - Dec 1, 2023

Fall Semester 2024  
Apr 15 - Jun 21, 2024

## Procedures

### Who should file this Petition?

If you are a nonresident student for tuition purposes, and you wish to be classified as a California resident, you must file a Petition for Resident Classification by the deadline date for the applicable term. You should consult the Residence Officer for information regarding your residence status at the University Registrar, 215 Aldrich Hall, Irvine, CA 92697-4975, (949) 824-6124, or E-mail: [regres@uci.edu](mailto:regres@uci.edu).

### How do I file a Petition?

1. Download or open a Petition for Resident Classification from the University Registrar web site.
2. Complete the petition on line, print, sign and date. **Respond to ALL questions.**
3. Submit completed petition: (1) in-person drop off; (2) via mail to the University Registrar; (3) or via email to [regres@uci.edu](mailto:regres@uci.edu). Your petition must include all supporting documents. Business hours are 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

### Documentation IS REQUIRED

You must provide photocopies of all documentation relevant to your demonstration of intent as indicated on your Petition for Resident Classification. All documentation should identify you by name and be dated (*see reverse side*).

**IMPORTANT:** Documentation will not be accepted after the last day of the term for which you are petitioning for classification as a resident. If you fail to provide photocopies of any or all of the required documentation by the end of the applicable term, your petition will be denied and you will remain classified as a nonresident for that term. If you are unable to provide the required documentation by the end of the term for which you are petitioning, and you wish to file a petition for any future quarter, you must file a new Petition for Resident Classification by the applicable deadline.

## Requirements

1. **Physical Presence:** Provide documentation that you have been physically present in California for more than 12 months (366 days) immediately prior to the residence determination date of the quarter you wish to be classified as a resident.
2. **Intent:** Documentation that you established governmental ties to the state of California and relinquished all out-of-state ties shortly after your arrival in California (*see other side*).
3. **Financial Independence ( for students under 24 years of age who are not dependent on a California resident parent):** Documentation which demonstrates that you have been self-supporting and not claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes for the preceding calendar year (*contact the Residence Officer for more information*).

## Required Documentation

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

It is the responsibility of the student to provide photocopies of all documentation relevant to their demonstration of intent. The intent to reside permanently in California must be demonstrated for the required period of physical presence (366 days) in California. Residence classification is determined on the basis of the concurrence of physical presence and the intent to reside permanently in California. Documentation of intent is always required of the student and is required of the California resident parent(s) upon whom the student is financially dependent. **Your petition cannot be accepted without photocopies of required documentation below.** \*\*

Failure to establish legal ties with the state of California shortly after your arrival in California or the maintenance of legal ties with your previous state of residence will be viewed as inconsistent with the intent to reside permanently and could jeopardize the success of your petition to reclassify as resident of the state of California.

### Provide a photocopy of the following documents \*\*:

\*\* *If you are unable to provide a photocopy of a document listed below, you must submit a written statement explaining the lack of the required document(s).*

1. California driver's license or California ID card (<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/>)
2. California vehicle registration (<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/>)
3. California voter registration (Contact your county's Registrar of Voters for verification. For Orange County: (714) 567-7600)
4. Your most recent California State Income Tax Return and Federal Income Tax Return.
5. Your current and previous lease or rental agreement (*pages showing duration of lease and signature only*).
6. A copy of pay receipts and/or W-2 forms documenting employment held within the preceding 12 months.
7. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you must provide documentation from the Immigration and Naturalization Service which demonstrates your legal status for a minimum of 366 days prior to the residence determination date of the term for which you are seeking classification as a resident. If you are under 19 years of age, you must also provide documentation of your parents' status (*contact the Residence Officer if you have any questions about your legal status*).
8. Proof of your physical presence during the 12 months preceding the quarter you wish to be reclassified, including the months of June, July, August, and September, such as employment verification, summer school enrollment, and bank statements.
9. Undergraduate students under the age of 24 by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year of the term for which classification as a resident is requested must provide the above items for your parents as well if they claim to be CA residents.

Relevant documentation is not limited to the above items. The more indicia obtained, the stronger one's demonstration of intent. Additional documentation may be required on or after the time you file your Petition for Resident Classification. Evidence must consistently show that your primary residence has been established in California and relinquished outside of California. All information supporting a claim of California residence will be considered in the reclassification determination. Students deemed to be in the state solely for educational purposes are not eligible for resident status, regardless of their length of stay in California.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The student is cautioned that this summation is not a complete explanation of the laws regarding residence. The University of California's system-wide policy and regulations can be viewed here: <https://www.ucop.edu/residency/>.

Please note that changes may be made in the residence requirements between the publication date of this statement and the relevant determination date. Non-citizen students should consult the Residence Officer for information regarding specific criteria for determining residence eligibility.



# PETITION for RESIDENT CLASSIFICATION

## UC IRVINE • UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

**FOR REGISTRAR USE ONLY** Resident  Nonresident

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Specify Term: 

Complete this Petition for Resident Classification online, then print, sign and date. Bring your completed petition at the University Registrar on or prior to 5 PM of the stated deadline for the quarter you wish to change your residence classification.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You are not eligible to change your classification for a quarter in which late registration fees are in effect.  
**LATE PETITIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Print full name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Present Mailing Address (Line 1) \_\_\_\_\_

UCI Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Present Mailing Address (Line 2) \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Legal Status** **Proof of legal status is required**

- 1) Are you a citizen of the United States? .....  YES  NO
- 2) If not, have you been awarded:
- a) Permanent Residence? .....  YES  NO  
Date Awarded: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ A#: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Employment Authorization? .....  YES  NO  
Date Awarded: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- c) Temporary Residence? .....  YES  NO  
Date Awarded: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- d) United States Visa? .....  YES  NO  
Visa Type: \_\_\_ Valid From: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ to \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Physical Presence**

Specify dates of physical presence in California:

From: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ to \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

or  Continuously since birth

Have you been absent from California for more than six weeks during the past 12 months?

 YES  NO**If yes, you must attach a written statement explaining your absence(s) (include specific dates).****Intent****1) Financial Information**

2023

2022

- a) Did you/will you file an income tax return as a **California Resident or Part-Year Resident?** .....  YES  NO  YES  NO
- b) Did you/will you file an income tax return as a **Resident of another state?** .....  YES  NO  YES  NO  
If yes, specify states: \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Employment Status  
Were you employed in California? .....  YES  NO  YES  NO  
Were you employed outside of California? .....  YES  NO  YES  NO  
**If yes, provide a written explanation.**
- d) Did you receive loans, scholarships, or benefits That required residence outside of California? .....  YES  NO  YES  NO  
**If yes, provide a written explanation.**

e) Did you/will you live with your parents for more six weeks in:

2023  YES  NO2022  YES  NO

f) Source of your financial support in:

2023 : \_\_\_\_\_

2022 : \_\_\_\_\_

g) Did you/will you receive more than \$750 in financial Support from your parents in:

2023  YES  NO2022  YES  NO

h) Did your/will your parents claim you as an exemption on their state and federal tax returns in:

2023  YES  NO2022  YES  NO

i) Marital Status

 Single Married or Registered Domestic Partner Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ State married in: \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced or Partnership Terminated Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ State divorced in: \_\_\_\_\_**2) Driver License & Motor Vehicle Information**a) Do you have a driver's license?....  YES  NO

Which State \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Last Renewed: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

If you do not drive, do you have a California identification card?....  YES  NO

Date Issued: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

b) Do you have a motor vehicle? ....  YES  NO

Which state is it registered with? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Registration: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**3) Voter Registration Information**a) Are you registered to vote? .....  YES  NO

Which state are you registered with? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Registration: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

b) Have you voted within the last fifteen months? .....  YES  NO

Which state did you vote? \_\_\_\_\_

**4) Bank Information**

a) Checking Account: Date established: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Bank Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Acct Mailing Address (state only) : \_\_\_\_\_

b) Savings Account: Date established: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Bank Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Acct Mailing Address (state only) : \_\_\_\_\_

**5) What state do you regard as your permanent home? \_\_\_\_\_**

How long has it been your home? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to remain in California after you complete your education?  YES  NO

## Military Information

Are you or is your spouse currently on active duty in the U.S. military?

If yes, where are you stationed at? .....

If you were stationed **OUTSIDE** of California, what is your

State of Legal Residence (not "home of record") on military Records?....

Student (yourself)

YES  NO

Spouse

YES  NO

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are under 24 years of age, please complete the remainder of this page. If not, continue to the next page.**

## Parent Information

1) Are your parents divorced or permanently separated?  YES  NO If yes, with whom did you live with last?  Father  Other

Dates of Residence with parent: ..... From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

2) If your parent(s) are deceased, please provide the date and place of death, **Otherwise provide all information required below.**

Father: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) Information on Student's Father:

Print full name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Present Mailing Address (Number, Street, Apt#) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

#### a) Physical Presence

Does your father claim to be a Resident of California?  YES  NO **If no, skip to section #4**

Date California became your father's permanent home .....: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Have your father been absent from California for more than six weeks during the past 12 months?.....  YES  NO

**Important:** If yes, attach a written statement explaining his absence(s) (include specific dates).

#### b) Legal Status

Is your father a citizen of the United States?  YES  NO

Has your father been awarded:

-- Permanent Residence?.....  YES  NO

-- Employment Authorization?.....  YES  NO

-- Temporary Residence?.....  YES  NO

-- United States Visa?.....  YES  NO

If NO, complete the following questions regarding your legal status in the U.S.

First Awarded: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Last Renewed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ A#: \_\_\_\_\_

First Awarded: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Last Renewed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

First Awarded: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

First Awarded: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ I94 Entry Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Visa Type: \_\_\_\_\_

#### c) Driver License & Motor Vehicle Information

Does your father have a driver's license?

YES  NO

Which State \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Last Renewed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

If your father does not drive, does he have a California identification card?

YES  NO

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Does your father have a motor vehicle?....  YES  NO

Which state is it registered with? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

#### d) Banking Information

a) Checking Account: Date established: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Acct Mailing Address (state only): \_\_\_\_\_

b) Savings Account: Date established: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Acct Mailing Address (state only): \_\_\_\_\_

#### e) Tax Information

Did your father file a California income tax return for:

Last Year  YES  NO

This Year  YES  NO

#### f) Military Information

Is your father currently on active duty in the U.S. military?  YES  NO

If yes, where is your father station at? ..... From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

If your father was stationed **OUTSIDE** of California, what is your father's State of Legal Residence (not "home of record") on military Records?.... \_\_\_\_\_

## 4) Information on Student's Mother:

Print full name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Present Mailing Address (Number, Street, Apt#) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

#### a) Physical Presence

Does your mother claim to be a Resident of California?  YES  NO **If no, skip to the next page.**

Date California became your mother's permanent home .....: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Have your mother been absent from California for more than six weeks during the past 12 months?.....  YES  NO

**Important:** If yes, attach a written statement explaining her absence(s) (include specific dates).

#### b) Legal Status

Is your mother a citizen of the United States?  YES  NO

Has your mother been awarded:

-- Permanent Residence?.....  YES  NO

-- Employment Authorization?.....  YES  NO

-- Temporary Residence?.....  YES  NO

-- United States Visa?.....  YES  NO

If NO, complete the following questions regarding your legal status in the U.S.

First Awarded: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Last Renewed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ A#: \_\_\_\_\_

First Awarded: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Last Renewed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

First Awarded: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

First Awarded: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ I94 Entry Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Visa Type: \_\_\_\_\_

#### c) Driver License & Motor Vehicle Information

Does your mother have a driver's license?

YES  NO

Which State \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Last Renewed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

If your mother does not drive, does he have a California identification card?

YES  NO

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Does your mother have a motor vehicle?....  YES  NO

Which state is it registered with? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

#### d) Banking Information

a) Checking Account: Date established: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Acct Mailing Address (state only): \_\_\_\_\_

b) Savings Account: Date established: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Acct Mailing Address (state only): \_\_\_\_\_

#### e) Tax Information

Did your mother file a California income tax return for:

Last Year  YES  NO

This Year  YES  NO

#### f) Military Information

Is your mother currently on active duty in the U.S. military?  YES  NO

If yes, where is your mother station at? ..... From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

If your mother was stationed **OUTSIDE** of California, what is your mother's State of Legal Residence (not "home of record") on military Records?.... \_\_\_\_\_

## Summer Physical Presence

Briefly explain your physical presence during the summer months of June, July, August and September *immediately preceding* the quarter you wish to be classified as a resident for tuition purposes. If you will remain physically present in California during the summer months, please indicate this fact. **You must include all dates of departure and return for any absence from California during the 366 day period immediately preceding the beginning of the term for which classification as a resident is requested.**

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**If you intend to leave the state of California during the summer months immediately preceding the term for which you wish to be classified as a resident, complete the remainder of this form. If you will remain physically present in the state of California, please sign and date below.**

Are you leaving California for employment purposes?  YES  NO

If yes, did you attempt to find employment in the state of California prior to accepting employment outside of California?  YES  NO

If you did attempt to find employment in California, please submit verification of your search for employment in California.

With whom will you live while outside of California (e.g. with your parents, in an apartment, etc.)?

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Where will you keep your personal belongings while outside of California?

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the statements on this page and any attachments submitted by me in connection with the determination of my residence are, and each of them is, true and correct.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed in (city/county): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **RECLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE INFORMATION**

*(for continuing students who wish to be reclassified as California Residents)*

University residence regulations require that a student who will not reach the age of 24 by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year of the term for which classification as a resident is requested, and who is *not* the dependent of a California resident parent, demonstrate financial independence in addition to meeting the 366 day physical presence and intent requirements when seeking classification as a resident for tuition purposes (*see Financial Independence Overview on the next page*).

If you will not reach the age of 24 by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year you are requesting residency for, and are not dependent upon a California resident parent, you must complete the attached Verification of Self-Sufficiency form and submit the attached Parent Statement form, completed and signed by your parent(s). You must demonstrate that you were not claimed as a dependent for tax purposes by your parent(s) or any other adult for the year immediately prior to the term for which you are seeking classification as a California resident. You must also provide objective documentation demonstrating that you have sufficient financial resources, earned through your own employment and/or credit, to cover all of your living and educational expenses for the current calendar year, and for the last 12 months immediately prior to the term for which classification as a resident is requested.

If all or a portion of the current and/or previous 12 months occurred during your minority (under the age of 18), you must clearly demonstrate that you lived separate and apart from your parents or other family members, and were managing your own financial affairs as a minor. In most cases, an individual is not eligible to begin their first calendar year of self-sufficiency until reaching the age of majority (18 years or older).

If you feel that you qualify for one of the recognized exemptions from the University's financial independence requirement, you must provide documentation verifying this fact (*see Financial Independence Summary for possible exemptions*). If you reached the age of majority while one or both parents were residents of California and your parent(s) thereafter left California to establish a residence elsewhere, and you remained a resident of California following your parent(s) departure, you must include a written statement from your parent(s) indicating the dates that they resided in California and the date of their departure. In addition, you must provide documentation demonstrating that one or both parents remained residents of California until you reached 18 years of age.

**NOTE TO GRADUATE STUDENTS:** Graduate students, regardless of age, are considered independent.

Please read the financial independence information provided in this packet carefully. You are strongly encouraged to contact the campus Residence Officer at the earliest possible date if you have questions. You may reach the campus Residence Officer at (949) 824-6124 or e-mail [regres@uci.edu](mailto:regres@uci.edu).

## FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW

University residence regulations require that a student who will not reach the age of 24 by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year of the term for which classification as a resident is requested, and who is not dependent upon a parent<sup>1</sup> who meet the requirements for establishing residence for tuition purposes, demonstrate financial independence in addition to meeting the 366 day physical presence and intent requirements when seeking classification as a resident for tuition purposes. *It should be noted that this requirement makes it extremely difficult for most undergraduates who do not have a parent living in California, including transfer students from community colleges and other post-secondary institutions within California, to qualify for classification as a resident at a University of California campus.*

If you will not reach the age of 24 by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year of the term which classification as a resident is requested, and are not dependent upon a California resident parent, you must demonstrate that you were/will not be claimed as a dependent for tax purposes by your parent(s) or any other adult for the 12 months immediately prior to the term for which you are seeking classification as a resident. You must also provide objective documentation demonstrating that you have sufficient financial resources, earned through your own employment and/or credit<sup>2</sup>, to cover all of your living *and* educational expenses for each of the two calendar years immediately prior to the term for which classification as a resident is requested.

You must submit an estimated budget for the last 12 months preceding the start of the term residency is requested for demonstrating your ability to support yourself with the funds you claim. Along with your estimated budget, you must provide objective documentation that demonstrates your total income for each calendar year (e.g., tax forms, W-2 forms, financial aid award statements, trust instruments, inheritance documents, etc.). In addition, you must submit a written statement summarizing your living arrangement(s). You must indicate the specific date you left your parents' home, and whether you have lived with other family members, with friends, with roommates, or alone during each of the calendar years for which you claim financial independence.

If your claim of self-sufficiency is derived in whole or in part from any form of savings or trust, you must provide objective documentation that demonstrates (1) when the funds were established, (2) that the funds are sufficient to meet your living and school expenses, (3) that the funds are under your administrative control, and (4) that the funds you claim are being withdrawn by you from your financial account(s) and used by you as a means of support during the calendar year for which self-sufficiency is asserted. *Please be advised that the University makes a clear distinction between merely having access to financial resources, and the actual use of those resources for self-support.* Loans or gifts from parents, regardless of the terms, during any period for which a claim of self-sufficiency is made are considered financial assistance and cannot be considered as student income. Non-institutional loans or gifts from a friend or family member other than a parent, made at or near the time of enrollment in a post-secondary institution, will also be considered financial assistance.

If all or a portion of the current and/or 12 previous months occurred during your minority (under age 18), you must clearly demonstrate that you lived separate and apart from your parents or other family members, and were managing your own financial affairs as a minor. In most cases, an individual is not eligible to begin their first calendar year of self-sufficiency until reaching the age of majority (18 years or older).

Notice: This information is intended to assist students and their family members in understanding University requirements for financial independence, and is not a complete explanation of the laws regarding residency. Additional information is available from the University Registrar . You are strongly encouraged to contact the campus Residence Officer at the earliest possible date if you have questions at [regres@uci.edu](mailto:regres@uci.edu).

<sup>1</sup> "Parent"- the natural or adoptive parent(s) upon whom the student is financially dependent.  
*The term "parent" does not include step-parent(s) or guardian(s).*

<sup>2</sup> With the exception of co-signed loans (e.g., parent PLUS loans).

## FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE SUMMARY

In order to be classified as a resident for tuition purposes, a student must satisfy the University's financial independence requirement in addition to requirements for physical presence and intent.

A student who is deemed to be an Independent Student based on satisfaction of one of the below listed requirements may satisfy the Residency Requirements without regard to a parents:

**A.** A student is considered to be financially independent if they meet *all* of the following criteria:

1. Is single;  
**AND**
2. Was not claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes by their parents<sup>1</sup> or any other individual for the previous tax year immediately preceding the term for which classification as a resident is requested;  
**AND**
3. Can demonstrate self-sufficiency for the past 12 months prior to the start of term. Self-sufficiency is defined as the ability to support oneself financially without the help of others. When determining self-sufficiency, money earned by the student through their own employment, financial aid and other loans<sup>2</sup> obtained on their own credit, without a co-signer, will be considered acceptable student income. Loans or gifts from relatives, associates, or friends, regardless of the terms, are considered financial assistance and cannot be included as student income when determining self-sufficiency; non-institutional loans or gifts made at or near<sup>3</sup> the time the student is enrolled in an institution will also be considered financial assistance. Funds that are "gifted" to the student by a relative, associate, or friend, through a "college fund," savings, trust, or other financial vehicle, will not be considered if the funds were established after the student's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. "Bartering" for free room and board, or other services or necessities is considered financial assistance. A student who receives free room and board from a relative, associate, or friend is not deemed totally self-sufficient.

**B.** The financial independence requirement *will not* be a factor in residence determination

if the student meets *one* of the following criteria:

1. The student's parents<sup>1</sup> meet the University of California requirements for residence for tuition purposes; **OR**
2. The student is at least 24 years of age by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year in which classification as a resident is requested; **OR**
3. Married or Registered Domestic Partner as of the RDD, regardless of age; **OR**
4. Serving in the U.S. Armed Forces; **OR**
5. Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces; **OR**
6. Has a *legal* dependent other than a spouse or registered domestic partner; **OR**
7. Is or was a ward of the court, foster youth, or both Parents are deceased; **OR**
8. Declared by a court to be an Emancipated Minor; **OR**
9. Has been determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless pursuant to federal financial aid rules; **OR**
10. Has demonstrated fulfillments of the UC-Self-Supporting Financial Independence criteria during the one-year period ending on the relevant to RDD; **OR**
11. Student was a Minor who reached the age of majority while in CA, while Parents were Residents for UC tuition purposes, and the Parents left the state to establish residence elsewhere, and the Student continued to reside in CA after the Parents departure. Student is require to have fulfilled the applicable Residency Requirement independently of the Parents upon reaching the age of majority.

**NOTICE: The student is cautioned that this summation is not a complete explanation of the laws regarding residence. Additional information is available from the University Registrar. Changes may be made in the residence requirements between the publication date of this statement and the relevant residence determination date. Please refer any questions to the Residence Officer at (949) 824-6124 or e-mail [regres@uci.edu](mailto:regres@uci.edu).**

<sup>1</sup> "Parent"- The natural or adoptive father or mother upon whom the student is financially dependent; or, if both parents are deceased, their legal guardian. *The term "parent" does not include step-parents or guardians.*

<sup>2</sup> With the exception of co-signed loans (e.g., parent PLUS loans).

<sup>3</sup> The University considers "at or near" the time of enrollment in an institution to be after the student's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE VERIFICATION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY

In order to qualify for classification as a resident for tuition purposes, a student under the age of 24, who is not dependent upon a California resident parent, must demonstrate self-sufficiency as part of the financial independence requirement. The following types of funding will support a claim of self-sufficiency under University of California residence regulations:

- Money earned through your own employment;
- Loans obtained from a lending institution without a co-signer;
- Financial aid loans, scholarships and grants obtained without a co-signer.

If your claim of self-sufficiency is derived from any form of savings or trust, you must provide objective documentation that demonstrates when the funds were established, that the funds are sufficient to meet your living and school expenses, that the funds are under your administrative control, and that the funds you claim are being withdrawn by you from your account(s) and are being used by you as a means of support during the calendar year for which self-sufficiency is asserted.

You must submit an estimated budget for the calendar year directly prior to the term for which you are seeking classification as a California resident, demonstrating your ability to support yourself with the funds you claim. Below is a chart to assist you in providing the required information. Along with your estimated budget, you must also provide objective documentation that demonstrates your total income for each calendar year (ALL - tax forms, W-2 forms, financial aid award statements, bank statements from accounts you used to support yourself).<sup>\*</sup> In addition, please provide a written statement describing your housing arrangement during each of the calendar years for which self-sufficiency is asserted. Please indicate the specific date you left your parents' home, and whether you have lived with other family members, with friends, with roommates, or alone during each of the calendar years for which you claim financial independence.

***NOTE: Because determining a student's ability to meet their own living and educational expenses involves subjective decisions which must be made by the campus Residence Officer, it is to the student's advantage to submit a clearly legible and complete profile of their financial resources and expenses for each of the calendar years for which self-sufficiency is asserted. Following a final decision by the campus Residence Officer, any student who is classified as a nonresident will be given the opportunity to appeal.***

EXPENSES	2023	2022
School Fees		
Books and Supplies		
Housing		
Food and Personal Expenses		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		

SOURCE(S) OF INCOME	2023	2022
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		

<sup>\*</sup>DOCUMENTATION OF INCOME AND EXPENSES MUST BE PROVIDED AND SHOULD BE ORGANIZED BY CALENDAR YEAR.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE  
PARENT STATEMENT**

I am the parent of *(student name)*, \_\_\_\_\_,  
a student at the University of California, Irvine.

I am not financially supporting<sup>1</sup> my child at the present time. The last date I supported my child was  
*(date: month/year)* \_\_\_\_\_.

I will not claim my child as my dependent for income tax purposes for this tax year, and I did not claim my child as a dependent for the past two tax years. Attached are copies of my state and federal income tax returns for the current tax year *(if filed)* and two previous tax years as verification of the statements made above. **This statement is incomplete and unacceptable without copies of tax forms.**

*NOTICE: If you did not file a state and/or federal income tax return for the current and/or any one of the two previous tax years, please provide a written explanation indicating your reason(s) for not doing so. In addition, if you filed an amended tax return for the current and/or any one of the two previous tax years, you must provide both the amended tax return(s) and the original tax return(s) for the applicable year(s) along with a written explanation regarding your reason(s) for filing an amended return.*

**I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided in this Parental Statement and on any attachments hereto is true and correct.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
father signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
mother signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
print father's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
print mother's name

<sup>1</sup> Financial support is interpreted at the Irvine campus to mean a consistent and/or significant contribution given near or during the calendar year(s) for which self-sufficiency is asserted. Parents paying school fees or contributing to student living expenses are considered to be providing student support.