

CLINTON COUNTY

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE **INFORMATION SHEET**

Pursuant to Sections 6301 and 6305 of the Education Law in Connection
With Attendance at Community Colleges

Many parents and students are interested in understanding the requirements to qualify for the resident tuition rates at community colleges in New York State. The difference between the resident and non-resident tuition rates is significant. The requirements can be complex, so please read this entire document carefully and contact the Clinton County Treasurer at (518) 565-4730 if you have further questions.

ELIGIBILITY BASICS:

- Student must be a **New York State resident** for at least **one full year** prior to application.
- Student must be a **Clinton County resident** for at least **six (6) months** prior to application.
- Student must be a U.S. citizen or carry a resident alien card (“green card”).
- Individuals who are financially dependent and whose custodial parent(s) live in a state other than New York are not eligible for the resident tuition rate.
- Individuals do not meet the twelve-month residency requirement if domiciled in New York State primarily to attend college.
- Dependent students of divorced or legally separated parents may acquire a New York State domicile if the custodial parent is a New York State resident or if the student resides with a non-custodial parent who is a New York State resident and the student intends to continue to reside with that parent throughout their attendance at the community college.
- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces while on full-time active duty and stationed within New York State, as well as their dependents, are eligible for the resident tuition rate.

DETERMINATION OF DOMICILE:

To determine a student’s domicile, the following principles are used:

- A person may have multiple residences but only one domicile.
- A person retains a domicile until abandoned.
- Physical presence alone does not establish domicile or residency.

PROOF OF DOMICILE/ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS:

- Student’s valid NYS Driver’s license, Driver’s Permit, or NYS Non-Driver Identification with **issuance or renewal date at least one year old.**
- Automobile registration or automobile insurance identification card in student’s name for preceding year.
- Award Certificate from New York State Higher Education Services in student’s name for preceding year.
- Student’s High School transcript for preceding year.
- Copy of student’s New York State Income Tax return for preceding year. If a student resides with parent(s), a copy of the parent’s tax return for the preceding year listing the student as a dependent.
- Copy of written lease in student’s name for preceding year.
- Voter registration card

Proof must show a Residential Street Address. Post Office Box Mailing Addresses Are Not Acceptable.

The Affidavit (or Affirmation) and Application for Certificate of Residence must be completed in its entirety and signed by the student. The form can be filed by mail or in person at the address listed below. If filing by mail, the form, required proof of domicile, and a self-addressed stamped envelope should be sent to:

Clinton County Treasurer
137 Margaret Street Suite 205
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Please note that certificates may only be issued up to sixty (60) days before the start of classes and up to thirty (30) days after the start of classes. If you fail to obtain your certificate within this time frame, you will be responsible for paying non-resident tuition. Certificates are valid for a period of one year.

IMMIGRANT, NON-IMMIGRANT AND UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS:

Students claiming to be immigrant aliens must present proof of their status by providing a valid Alien Registration Card (green card). Once a student's immigrant status has been verified, the student must then establish Clinton County and New York State residency by meeting the domicile criteria listed above. Non-immigrants are grouped in categories depending on the type of visa presented at the port of entry. Non-immigrants admitted to the United States in categories that prohibit them from establishing a United States residence are not eligible for resident tuition. In general, the Federal Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act prohibits students who are unable to present valid documentation of their alien status from eligibility for the resident tuition rate. An undocumented alien cannot be charged a lower rate of tuition than an out of state student who is a citizen of the United States.

NON-CITIZEN NATIONAL:

U.S. Passport - must be stamped "Non-citizen National".

PERMANENT RESIDENT:

"Alien Registration Receipt Card" Form I-151, I-551, or I-551C – The I-551 and the I-551C must have currently valid expiration dates.

Passport – must be stamped "Processed for I-551" with expiration date.

I-94 Arrival-Departure Record - must be stamped "Processed for I-551" with expiration date, or "Temporary Form I-551," with appropriate information filled in.

OTHER ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN:

"Temporary Resident Card – Form I-688" – must be stamped as a Refugee, Asylum Status, Conditional Entrant (Before April 1, 1980), Parolee, Cuban-Haitian Entrant

Court Order or INS Letter Confirming a Suspension of Deportation – Either a copy of the order from the Immigration Judge, or a letter from the district INS office, with appropriate information.

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE APPLICATION

Affidavit (or Affirmation) for Certificate of Residence pursuant to Section 6305 of Education Law in connection with attendance at a community college

Please Print in Ink

Social Security No. _____ **OR** **Student ID#** _____

U.S. Citizen: Yes _____ No _____ **Telephone No.** _____

Student Name: I, _____, hereby affirm that I am now and have been for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the date of this affidavit, a resident of the State of New York, and a resident of Clinton County, NY for a period of at least 6 months, and that I have resided at the following address for _____ year(s), _____ month(s):

_____ Street or Road _____ Town or City _____ Zip _____ County

Previous Address: (If you have not lived at the above address for at least one year.)

_____ Street or Road _____ Town or City _____ Zip _____ County _____ Yrs./Mos.

_____ Street or Road _____ Town or City _____ Zip _____ County _____ Yrs./Mos.

I, further affirm that I plan to enroll at _____ Community College, classes starting on _____ and that this affidavit is made for the purposes of securing a certificate that I have met the residence requirements of Article 126 of the Education Law.

Student Signature: _____

Chief Fiscal Officer of County:

- Certificate Issued
- Certificate Not Issued

Dated _____ By: _____