

Core Residency Questions

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rule 21.731 requires each student applying to enroll at an institution to respond to a set of core residency questions for the purpose of determining the student's eligibility for classification as a resident.

PART A. Student Basic Information. All Students must complete this section.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Student ID Number: _____

PART B. Previous Enrollment. For all students.

1. During the 12 months prior to the term for which you are applying, did you attend a public college or university in Texas in a fall or spring term?

Yes ___ No ___ If you answered "no", please continue to **Part C**. If you answered "yes", complete questions 2-5:

2. What Texas public institution did you last attend? (Give full name, not just initials.)

3. In which terms were you last enrolled? (check all that apply) _____ fall, 200__ _____ spring, 200__

4. During your last semester at a Texas public institution, did you pay resident (in-state) or nonresident (out-of-state)?
 ___ resident (in-state) ___ nonresident (out-of-state) ___ unknown

5. If you paid in-state tuition at your last institution, was it because you were classified as a resident or because you were a nonresident who received a waiver?

___ resident ___ nonresident with a waiver ___ unknown

IMPORTANT: If you were enrolled at a Texas public institution during a fall or spring semester within the previous 12 months and were classified as a Texas resident, skip to Part I, sign and date this form and submit it to your institution. If you were not enrolled, or if you were enrolled but classified as a nonresident, proceed to Part C.

PART C. Residency Claim.

Are you a resident of Texas? Yes ___ No ___ If you answered yes, continue to **Part D**. If you answered no, complete the following question and continue to **Part I**. Of what state or country are you a resident? _____ If you are uncertain, continue to **Part D**.

PART D. Acquisition of High School Diploma or GED.

	Yes	No
1. a. Did you graduate from high school or complete a GED in TX?		
1. b. If you graduated from high school, what was the name and city of the school?		
2. Did you live in TX the 36 months leading up to high school graduation or completion of the GED?		
3. When you begin the semester for which you are applying, will you have lived in TX for the previous 12 months?		
4. Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident?		

Instructions to Part D.:

- ◆ If you answered "no" to question 1a or 2 or 3, continue to **Part E**.
- ◆ If you answered "yes" to all four questions, skip to **Part I**.
- ◆ If you answered "yes" to questions 1, 2 and 3, but "no" to question 4, complete a copy of the **Affidavit** in Chart III, provided as an Attachment to this form, skip to **Part I** of this form, and submit both this form and the affidavit to your institution.

PART E. Basis of Claim to Residency. **TO BE COMPLETED BY EVERYONE WHO DID NOT ANSWER "YES" TO QUESTIONS 1a, 2, AND 3 OF PART D.**

1. Do you file your own federal income tax as an independent tax payer? Yes ___ No ___

2. Are you claimed as a dependent or are you eligible to be claimed as a dependent by a parent or court-appointed legal guardian? Yes ___ No ___ (To be eligible to be claimed as a dependent, your parent or legal guardian must provide at least one half of your support. A step-parent does not qualify as a parent if he/she has not adopted the student.)

3. If you answered "No" to both questions above, who provides the majority of your support? Self _____ parent or guardian _____ other: (list) _____

Instructions to Part E.

- ◆ If you answered "yes" to question 1, continue to **Part F.**
- ◆ If you answered "yes" to question 2, skip to **Part G.**
- ◆ If you answered "no" to 1 and 2 and "self" to question 3, continue to **Part F.**
- ◆ If you answered "no" to 1 and 2 and "parent or guardian" to question 3, skip to **Part G.**
- ◆ If you answered "no" to 1 and 2 and "other" to question 3, skip to **Part H** and provide an explanation, and complete Part I.

PART F. Questions for students who answered "Yes" to Question 1 or "Self" to Question 3 of PART E.

	Yes	No	Years	Mo.	Visa/Status
1. Are you a U.S. Citizen?					
2. Are you a Permanent Resident of the U.S.?					
3. Are you a foreign national whose application for Permanent Resident Status has been preliminarily reviewed? (You should have received a fee/filing receipt or Notice of Action (I-797) from USCIS showing your I-485 has been reviewed and has not been rejected).					
4. Are you a foreign national here with a visa or are you a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee or here under Temporary Protective Status? If so, indicate which.					
5. Do you currently live in Texas? If you are out of state due to a temporary assignment by your employer or other temporary purpose, please explain in Part H.	Yes	No			
6. a. If you currently live in Texas, how long have you been living here?			Months	Years	
b. What is your main purpose for being in the state? If for reasons other than those listed, give an explanation in Section H.			Go to College []	Establish/maintain a home []	Work Assignment []
7. If you are a member of the U.S. military, is Texas your Home of Record? What state is listed as your military legal residence for tax purposes on your Leave and Earnings Statement?	Yes	No			
	State				
				Yes	No
8. Do any of the following apply to you? (Check all that apply)					
a. Hold the title to real property (home, land) in Texas? If yes, date acquired: _____					
b. Own a business in Texas? If yes, date acquired: _____					
c. Hold a state or local license to conduct a business or practice a profession in TX? If yes, date acquired: _____					
9. For the past 12 months, have you: (Check all that apply)					
a. been gainfully employed in TX?					
b. received services from a social service agency that provides services to homeless persons?					
10.					
a. Are you married to a person who could answer "yes" to any part of question 8 or 9?					
b. If yes, indicate which question could be answered yes by your spouse:	Question:				
c. How long have you been married to the Texas resident?	Months	Years			

Skip **Part G** and Continue to **Part H.**

PART G. Questions for students who answered “Parent” or “Legal Guardian” to Question 3 of PART E.

	Yes	No	Years	Mo.	Visa/Status
1. Is the parent or legal guardian upon whom you base your claim of residency a U.S. citizen?					
2. Is the parent or legal guardian upon whom you base your claim of residency a Permanent Resident?					
3. Is this parent or legal guardian a foreign national whose application for Permanent Resident Status has been preliminarily reviewed? (He or she should have received a fee/filing receipt or Notice of Action (I-797) from the USCIS showing his or her I-485 has been reviewed and has not been rejected)					
4. Is this parent or legal guardian a foreign national here with a visa or a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee or here under Temporary Protective Status? If so, indicate which.					
5. Does this parent or legal guardian currently live in Texas? If he or she is out of state due to a temporary assignment by his/her employer or other temporary purpose, please explain in Part H.					
6. a. If he or she is currently living in Texas, how long has he or she been living here?			Months	Years	
b. What is your parent’s or legal guardian’s main purpose for being in the state? If for reasons other than those listed, give an explanation in Section H.	Go to College []		Establish/maintain a home []		Work Assignment []
7. If he or she is a member of the U.S. military, is Texas his or her Home of Record? What state is listed as his or her military legal residence for tax purposes on his or her Leave and Earnings Statement?					
	State				

	Yes	No
8. Do any of the following apply to your parent or guardian? (Check all that apply)		
a. Hold the title to real property (home, land) in Texas? If yes, date acquired: _____		
b. Own a business in Texas? If yes, date acquired: _____		
c. Hold a state or local license to conduct a business or practice a profession in TX? If yes, date acquired: _____		
9. For the past 12 months, has your parent or guardian: (Check all that apply)		
a. been gainfully employed in TX?		
b. received services from a social service agency that provides services to homeless persons?		
10.		
a. Is your parent or legal guardian married to a person who could answer “yes” to any part of question 8 or 9?		
b. If yes, indicate which question could be answered yes by your parent or guardian’s spouse:	Question:	
c. How long has your parent or guardian been married to the Texas resident?	Months	Years

Part H. General Comments. Is there any additional information that you believe your college should know in evaluating your eligibility to be classified as a resident? If so, please provide it below:

PART I. Certification of Residency. All students must complete this section.

I understand that officials of my college/university will use the information submitted on this form to determine my status for residency eligibility. I authorize the college/ university to verify the information I have provided. I agree to notify the proper officials of the institution of any changes in the information provided. I certify that the information on this application is complete and correct and I understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment and/or appropriate disciplinary action.

Signature: _____

Date: _____