



## Florida Residency Classification

In order to receive in-state tuition rates, all adult applicants to MTI must prove that they have established and maintained Florida residency for at least 12 complete months prior to their first day of school. Please complete this form and attach copies of two Florida documents (approved list on back). Non-resident students will be required to pay out-of-state tuition rates.

### Dependent or Independent Student? Please check the appropriate classification

\_\_\_\_\_ I am an independent person and have maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months.

A student who meets any of the of following criteria shall be classified as an independent student for the determination of residency for tuition purposes:

1. The student is 24 years of age or older by the first day of classes of the term for which residency status is sought at a Florida institution;
2. The student is married;
3. The student has children who receive more than half of their support from the student;
4. The student has other dependents who live with and receive more than half of their support from the student;
5. The student is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or is currently serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces for purposes other than training;
6. Both of the student's parents are deceased or the student is or was (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court;
7. The student is working on a master's or doctoral degree during the term for which residency status is sought; or
8. The student is classified as an independent by the financial aid office at the institution.

Applicants under age 24 can claim independence with proof of acceptable income and based on strict guidelines from Florida Statutes. See FACTS.org: [http://files.facts.usf.edu/pdfDocuments/manuals/Residency\\_Guidelines\\_041509.pdf#3.0-DeterminationDependent](http://files.facts.usf.edu/pdfDocuments/manuals/Residency_Guidelines_041509.pdf#3.0-DeterminationDependent)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a dependent person and my parent or legal guardian has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a dependent person who has resided for five years with an adult relative other than my parent or legal guardian, and my relative has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months. (Required: A copy of most recent tax return on which you were claimed as a dependent or other proof of dependency).

\_\_\_\_\_ I am married to a person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 months. I have now established legal residence and intend to make Florida my permanent home. (Required: A copy of marriage certificate, claimant's voter registration, driver license and vehicle registration).

Residence in Florida must be as a bonafide domicile rather than for the purpose of maintaining a residence incident to enrollment at an institution of higher education. To qualify as a Florida resident, you must be a U.S. Citizen or an eligible non-citizen. Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence. Students who depend on out-of-state parents for support are presumed to be legal residents of the same state as their parents.

### Person claiming Florida Residency must complete this section and sign.

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person claiming Florida residency \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby swear or affirm that the above named student meets all requirements indicated in the checked category above for classification as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I understand that a false statement in this affidavit will subject me to penalties for making a false statement pursuant to 837.06, Florida Statutes, and to Rule 6C-7.005 F.A.C.

Signature of person claiming Florida Residency \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attach photocopies of two documents from the person claiming Florida residency.  
A list of acceptable documents is on the back.

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## **In-State Tuition for MTI Students**

State statutes require that all adult students who attend MTI pay for tuition rates based on whether or not the student, or parent/guardian for a dependent student, has resided in Florida for the past 12 months.

### **What is Proof of Residency?**

Two documents are required. At least one (1) must be from First Tier; the second document may also be from First Tier or may be from Second Tier.

#### **First Tier**

- Florida Driver license or State of Florida identification card
- Florida voter registration card
- Florida vehicle registration
- Proof of purchase of a permanent home in Florida that is occupied as a primary residence of the claimant
- Transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years if Florida high school diploma or GED was earned within last 12 months

#### **Second Tier**

- A Florida professional or occupational license
- Florida incorporation
- Documents evidencing family ties in Florida
- Proof of membership in Florida-based charitable or professional organizations
- Utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments
- Lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments
- State of court documents evidencing legal ties to Florida
- Benefit histories from Florida agencies or public assistance programs
- Declaration of domicile in Florida (12 months from the date the document was sworn and subscribed as noted by the Clerk of Circuit Court)

When applying please bring copies of your documents.