

MURRAY STATE COLLEGE

OKLAHOMA RESIDENCY INFORMATION

Under policy by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, unless a student is (a) 24 years of age as of January 1 of the year enrolled (b) married or (c) providing more than 50% of the financial support of at least 1 child, the student is considered a dependent. **The residence of a dependent student is that of his/her parent or guardian.** A resident of Oklahoma is defined as one who has **lived continuously in Oklahoma for at least 12 months** as a **permanent** resident and not merely as a student. (Note: An individual previously classified as a resident of Oklahoma shall not be reclassified as a nonresident until 12 months after having left Oklahoma to live in another state.)

Unless residency has been established in another state, a student who resided in Oklahoma at the time of graduation from an Oklahoma high school and has resided in the state with a parent or guardian for the two years prior to graduation from high school will be eligible for resident tuition and scholarships or financial aid provided by the state, regardless of immigration status.

Individuals (or dependents & spouses of individuals) who have moved to Oklahoma and can document continued full-time employment may be immediately classified as Oklahoma resident.

When a nonresident marries an already established resident of Oklahoma, the nonresident may be considered a resident after documentation of marriage and proof of domicile.

Any student presenting a transcript of credit from a high school, college, university, or other educational institution outside the State of Oklahoma will be assumed to be a nonresident student.

It is the **responsibility** of each student to raise with the Registrar's Office any possible question of his/her right to resident status for purposes of attending a state institution of higher education. Approval for change in status will be effective for the following semester.

(Note: Students may apply in the Financial Aid Office for a scholarship to waive nonresident fees. For individuals who can document full-time military duty and are stationed in Oklahoma, the scholarship is automatic. Also, for individuals who can document a resident in a Texas County that borders Oklahoma, the scholarship is automatic only the first attendance at MSC with subsequent renewal based on established GPA criteria.)

Students who wish to challenge nonresident fees must complete the reverse side of this statement.

