

SFCC IN-STATE RESIDENCY GUIDELINES

You have been declared a non-resident of New Mexico for tuition purposes based on your application for admission. Continuing non-resident students must complete the following petition and provide two forms of documentation (see list below) to establish in-state residency status by the deadline date of each semester*. You must meet the following requirements in order to be approved for residency.

You must provide documentation of TWO of the following overt acts** to SFCC Enrollment Services, one of which must be dated one year prior to your application date.

- NM high school transcript confirming attendance within the past 12 months
- NM drivers license or ID card issued prior to the first day of the semester
- evidence of employment in NM
- NM vehicle registration
- NM voter registration
- proof of residential property ownership in NM
- a rental agreement in NM
- a NM utility bill in the applicants name.
- a bank account in NM established prior to the date of petition to residency
- other evidence which would reasonably support the individual's intent to establish residence as determined by SFCC Enrollment Services.

12 months consecutive residency. You must physically reside in New Mexico for 12 consecutive months prior to the semester you are applying for residency.

You may qualify for a waiver to the 12 month consecutive residency rule if you meet any of the following:

- ∞ Marriage to a legal resident of NM
- ∞ Person (their spouse and dependents) who live in NM and work in a full-time position
- ∞ NM Resident who entered active duty military, and returns to NM after separation(with restrictions)
- ∞ Retirees 65+ years old who live in NM

Residency overrides: students meeting any of the following conditions can be granted resident status without satisfying the 12 month residency requirement. Documentation is required unless noted otherwise and must be provided by the deadline date noted.

1. Any enrolled member of an American Indian nation, tribe or pueblo located wholly or partially in New Mexico.
2. Any active member (spouse or dependent) of the armed forces including the National Guard stationed in NM.
3. SB582 – any person who attended high school in NM for at least one year and received a HS diploma or GED from a NM institution, regardless of immigration status.
4. Part-time students enrolled in no more than six credit hours during Fall or Spring terms are billed out-of-district rates rather than non-resident rates. No petition is required.

* **The deadline date for establishing residency:**

Fall/Spring semesters: Third Friday of the semester

Summer semester: Second Friday of the semester

** **Any "overt connectors" to another state will disqualify applicants from being eligible for in-state status.**