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.

Please answer all questions. Use n/a if the question does not apply to you.

1. Student Basic Information (All students must complete this section.)

Name: _________________________________________  Student ID #:___________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________      Phone:  ______________________________________

Address:  _____________________________________________________________________________

Street    City   State Zip  County

Previous Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Street  City   State Zip  County

2. Previous Enrollment (for all students)

(a) 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, continue to question 3.  If you answered yes, complete questions (b) through (e).

(b) What Texas public institution did you last attend? (Give full name and city, including University of North Texas)

__________________________________________________________________________________

(c) In which terms were you last enrolled? (check all that apply)

_____  Fall 201___                 _____  Spring 201___

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

_____  Resident (in-state)      _____  Nonresident (out-of-state)      ______  Unknown

(e) If you paid in-state tuition at your last institution, was it because you were classified as a Texas 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 question 9, 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 question 3.

3. Residency Claim

Are you a resident of Texas?  Yes _____      No _____

If you answered yes, continue to question 4.

If you answered no, complete the following question and skip to question 9.

Of what state or country are you a resident? ________________________________

If you are uncertain, continue to question 4.
4. Acquisition of High School Diploma or GED

(a) Did you graduate from high school or complete a GED in Texas? Yes _____ No _____
If you graduated from high school, what was the name, city and state of the school?
______________________________________________________________________________
Name of High School      City    State

(b) Did you live in Texas the 36 months leading up to high school graduation or completion of the GED? Yes _____ No _____

(c) When you begin the semester for which you are applying, will you have lived in Texas for the previous 12 months? Yes _____ No _____

(d) Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States of America? Yes _____ No _____

Instructions for Question 4:
♦ If you answered no to question (a) or (b) or (c) continue to question 5.
♦ If you answered yes to all four questions, skip to question 9.
♦ If you answered yes to questions (a), (b) and (c), but no to question (d), complete a copy of the Affidavit, skip to question 9 of this form, and submit both this form and the affidavit to your institution.

5. Basis of Claim to Residency
(To be completed by everyone who did not answer YES to questions (a), (b) and (c) of question 4.)

(a) Do you file your own federal income tax as an independent tax payer? Yes _____ No _____

(b) 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 or she has not adopted the student.)

(c) If you answered no to both questions above, who provides the majority of your support? self _____ parent or guardian _____ other: (list) _____________________________

Instructions for Question 5:
♦ If you answered yes to question (a), continue to question 6.
♦ If you answered yes to question (b) skip to question 7.
♦ If you answered no to (a) and (b) and "self" to question (c), continue to question 6.
♦ If you answered no to (a) and (b) and "parent or guardian" to question (c), skip to question 7.
♦ If you answered no to (a) and (b) and "other" to question (c), skip to question 8 and provide an explanation, and complete question 9.

6. If you answered YES to question (a) or "self" to question (c) of question 5, answer the following:

(a) Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes _____ No _____

(b) Are you a Permanent Resident of the United States of America? Yes _____ No _____

(c) 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 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing your I-485 has been reviewed and has not been rejected). Yes _____ No _____
(d) 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: ________________________________

(e) Do you currently live in Texas? Yes _____ No _____
If you are out of state due to a temporary assignment by your employer or other temporary purpose, please explain in question 8.

(f) (1) If you currently live in Texas, how long have you been living here? Months _____ Years _____

(2) What is your main purpose for being in the state?
   Go to College _____ Establish/Maintain a Home _____ Work Assignment _____
   If for reasons other than those listed above, give an explanation in question 8.

(g) (1) If you are a member of the U.S. military, is Texas your Home of Record? Yes _____ No _____

(2) What state is listed as your military legal residence for tax purposes on your Leave and Earnings Statement? ______________________________

(h) (1) Do you hold the title to real property (home, land) in Texas? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, date acquired: ______________________________

(2) Do you own a business in Texas? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, date acquired: ______________________________

(3) Do you hold a state or local license to conduct a business or practice a profession in Texas? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, date acquired: ______________________________

(i) (1) For the past 12 months, have you been gainfully employed in Texas? Yes _____ No _____

(2) For the past 12 months, have you received services from a social service agency that provides services to homeless persons? Yes _____ No _____

(j) Are you married to a person who could answer yes to any part of question (h) or (i)?
   Yes _____ No _____

(1) If yes, indicate which question could be answered yes by your spouse: ______________________________

(2) How long have you been married to the Texas resident? Months _____ Years _____
   Skip Question 7 and continue to Question 8.

If you answered question 6 then skip question 7 and continue to question 8.

7. If you answered “Parent” or “Legal Guardian” to question (c) of question 5 answer the following:

   (a) Is the parent or legal guardian upon whom you base your claim of residency a U.S. Citizen?
      Yes _____ No _____

   (b) Is the parent or legal guardian a Permanent Resident of the United States of America?
      Yes _____ No _____
(c) Is this parent or legal guardian a foreign national whose application for Permanent Resident Status has been preliminarily reviewed? (Your parent or legal guardian should have received a fee/filing receipt or Notice of Action (I-797) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing the I-485 has been reviewed and has not been rejected). Yes _____ No _____

(d) Is this parent or legal guardian a foreign national here with a visa or are you a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee or here under Temporary Protective Status? If so, indicate which:

____________________________________
Visa/Status

(e) Does this parent or legal guardian currently live in Texas? Yes _____ No _____
If he or she is out of state due to a temporary assignment by his or her employer or other temporary purpose, please explain in question 8.

(f) (1) If your parent or legal guardian is currently living in Texas, how long has he or she been living here? Months _____ Years _____

(2) What is your parent’s or legal guardian’s main purpose for being in the state?
   Go to College _____ Establish/Maintain a Home _____ Work Assignment _____
   If for reasons other than those listed above, give an explanation in question 8.

(g) (1) If your parent or legal guardian is a member of the U.S. military, is Texas his or her Home of Record? Yes _____ No _____

(2) What state is listed as your parent’s or legal guardian’s residence for tax purposes on his or her Leave and Earnings Statement? ______________________________

(h) Does your parent or legal guardian:
   (1) Hold the title to real property (home, land) in Texas? Yes _____ No _____
      If yes, date acquired: ___________________________________________

   (2) Own a business in Texas? Yes _____ No _____
      If yes, date acquired: ___________________________________________

   (3) Hold a state or local license to conduct a business or practice a profession in Texas? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, date acquired: ______________________________

(i) (1) For the past 12 months, has your parent or legal guardian been gainfully employed in Texas? Yes _____ No _____

   (2) For the past 12 months, has your parent or legal guardian received services from a social service agency that provides services to homeless persons? Yes _____ No _____

(j) Is your parent or legal guardian married to a person who could answer yes to any part of question (h) or (i)? Yes _____ No _____

   (1) If yes, indicate which question could be answered yes by his or her spouse: ______________

   (2) How long has your parent or legal guardian been married to the Texas resident? Months _____ Years _____
8. **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:

9. **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:  _______________