

Florida Residency Conditions

The Florida Legislature has established student aid programs for Florida residents who attend institutions in the state of Florida. These may include the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships, the Effective Access to Student Education, the Florida Student Assistance Grant and others. There is a 9-semester limit for the Effective Access to Student Education & Florida Student Assistance Grant. If you exceed 9 semesters with these awards you will no longer be eligible. Bright Future Scholarships have a 5-year limit or 120 credit limit, whichever comes first.

U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and certain non-U.S. citizens may be classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes provided legal residence has been established by the student or the person claiming residency (claimant) in the State for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the term for which Florida residency is sought. Residency in Florida must be for the purpose of establishing a permanent home. Students who are less than 24 years of age or who depend on out-of-state parents for support are presumed to be legal residents of the same state as their parents.

Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence. No single document shall be conclusive in establishing residency. Additional documentation, other than what is prescribed, may be requested in some cases. All documentation provided is subject to verification. Evidence of ties to another state may result in denial of Florida residency for tuition purposes.

Section 1009.21, F.S., permits certain applicants who do not meet residency requirements to be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes. Documentation is required in support of these exceptions; however, the student does not have to show 12 months of residence in Florida prior to qualifying. These exceptions and qualifications categories can be found on Barry University's State Financial Aid website along with additional information regarding eligibility requirements and available programs here: <https://www.barry.edu/en/financial-aid/undergraduate/state-financial-aid>.

Dependency/Claimant Determination

- **Dependent:** If you are under 24, you are dependent. This status is applicable to any person, whether or not living with their parent, who is eligible to be claimed by them as a dependent under the federal income tax code. Your Parent/Legal Guardian/Adult Relative Claimant must submit two supporting documents from the list below (**at least one must be from the first tier**). Additionally, all supporting documentation provided **MUST** be from the parent/guardian claimant listed in Step 4 of the Residency Declaration below.
 - *Note regarding adult relative claimants: Dependent children need to have resided continuously with a legal resident adult relative other than the parent for at least 3 years immediately prior to the first day of classes of the term which Florida residency is sought. However, in these instances, both the dependent child **and** the adult relative must meet the consecutive 12 month legal residence requirement.*
- **Independent:** If you are over 24, you are independent. You may also be considered independent if you are married, have a child, are an orphan, are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty, pursuing a graduate degree, or are considered independent based on the FAFSA. You must submit two documents from the lists below (**at least one must be from the first tier**).
 - *Note regarding married non-residents: A person who physically resides in the state may be classified as a resident for tuition purposes if he or she marries a person who meets the 12-month requirement and who is a legal resident. Evidence of the student's legal residence, proof of marriage, and evidence of the spouse's legal residence must be submitted.*

Supporting Documentation - Tier One and Tier Two Acceptable Documentation

Documents must have an issue date at least 12 months prior to the first day of classes of the term for which state financial aid is requested.

Tier One (at least one document must be from this list):

- Florida Driver License or State of Florida Identification Card
- Florida Vehicle Registration Card
- Florida Voter Registration Card
- Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for 12 consecutive months
- Proof of Purchase of a permanent home in Florida that is occupied as the primary residence of the claimant
- Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida
- History of benefits from Florida agencies or public assistance programs

Tier Two:

- Florida Professional or Occupational license indicating issue date
- Florida Incorporation document
- State or court documents evidencing legal ties to Florida
- Declaration of Domicile in Florida
- Utility bills and Proof of 12 consecutive months of payments
- Lease Agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) already submitted to Barry University

If your Residency Declaration has already been approved, you do not need to fill out this form again unless your dependency status has changed/will change from a dependent student to an independent student, prior approval was more than 5 years ago, or you have not been enrolled at Barry University for more than 12 months immediately prior to the upcoming term.

STEP 1 - Student General Information

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Student ID#
Permanent Street Address			Apt. #
City	State	Zip Code	
Contact Telephone #	E-mail Address		
High School Name	City	State	High School Graduation MM/YYYY

STEP 2 - Initial Eligibility Requirements to Receive Funding

I certify as true all of the following statements I have marked with an **X** in each section below:

Citizenship or Non-Citizen Status	Default/Repayment/Degree Status (Review and mark Box 1-3, if applicable)
☐ I am a U.S. citizen. <i>Important Note: Non-FAFSA filers must submit proof of U.S. citizenship along with their Residency Declaration and documentation.</i>	☐ I am not in default on any education loan.
☐ I am an eligible non-citizen. <i>Important Note: eligible non-citizens must attach a copy of both sides of their valid permanent resident card.</i>	☐ I do not owe a repayment on any state or federal grant.
	☐ I have not earned a bachelor's degree.

STEP 3 - Residency Claimant Information

- If you are **INDEPENDENT** for financial aid purposes, **you** are **both** the student and the residency claimant. Please complete Step 1 and 2 only, and sign/date below.
- If you are **DEPENDENT** for financial aid purposes, **your parent or legal guardian** is the residency claimant. Please have them complete Step 4 of the form. You **must** sign/date as the student, and your parent/legal guardian also **must** sign/date.

STEP 4 - Parent/Legal Guardian General Information

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Relationship of Residency Claimant to Student (e.g., parent, guardian)		
Permanent Street Address			Apt. #
City	State	Zip Code	
Contact Telephone #	E-mail Address		

I do hereby swear or affirm the above-named student meets all requirements for classification as a Florida resident for tuition or Florida financial aid programs. I understand a false statement in this affidavit will subject me to penalties for making a false statement pursuant to 837.06, Florida Statutes and to FBOE Rule 6C-7.005 F.A.C. Intentional falsification of information shall result in the denial of any pending application and in revocation of any award currently held to the extent that no further payments shall be made.

Student Signature (Claimant)

Date

Parent /Legal Guardian Signature (Residency Claimant)

Date

Submission Instructions

Once complete, please submit this form and your residency documentation via the Financial Aid Portal at <https://barry.studentforms.com>. New users, please follow the steps below to create your financial aid portal account:

- Go to <https://barry.studentforms.com> and enter your Barry email address and password
- Click 'Create Account' link
- Enter/confirm the following student information:
 - First name and last name (exactly as it was entered on the FAFSA and as it appears on your Social Security Card), Date of Birth, and Social Security Number
- Click 'Create Account' button