

# Residency

It is important that students who are making plans to attend the University and who are not Nebraska residents are familiar with the effect residency policies may have on their financial preparation for attending the University.

**All students who are not graduates of an accredited Nebraska high school will automatically be classified as nonresidents.** Students who qualify for any of the residency categories listed below should complete and return the University's "Application for Residency Classification for Tuition Purposes" within the time frame indicated on the application.

Individuals seeking to establish resident status for tuition purposes, who are subject to the one (1) year minimum requirement, must be able to demonstrate they have established homes in Nebraska at least one (1) year prior to the time they apply for resident status. Acceptable documentation for verifying the one (1) year residence period is listed in Section III of the Application for Residence Classification for Tuition Purposes

## [Application for residency](#)

If you meet one of the qualifications listed below and want to apply for residency, click here to view and print the form with [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#). This form also is available at the Office of Admissions.

## Qualifications for residency

- Persons of legal age (19 or older) or emancipated minors who have established a home in Nebraska for at least 12 months, and can verify by documentation that she or he intends to make Nebraska her or his permanent residence. **An individual who moves to Nebraska primarily to enroll in a post-secondary institution in Nebraska will be considered a nonresident for tuition purposes for the duration of his or her attendance.**

**Note:** Enrolling more than half time (7 semester hours or more) any term at a university, college or community college in Nebraska during the 12 months immediately preceding the term for which residency classification is sought will be considered strong evidence that an individual moved to Nebraska primarily to enroll in a post-secondary institution in Nebraska. The student would therefore be considered a non-resident for tuition purposes for the duration of his or her attendance at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

- Dependent minor (less than 19 years of age) whose parent/guardian **has** established a home in Nebraska.
- Legal age dependent (19 years of age or older) who is a dependent for federal income tax purposes of a parent/guardian who **has** established a home in Nebraska.
- Persons who are married to Nebraska residents who had established a home in Nebraska **prior** to the marriage.
- Permanent resident aliens or individual who have been granted asylee or refugee status and who have established a home in Nebraska **for at least 12 months.**
- Dependents or spouses of **permanent** University, state college, or community college employees in the State of Nebraska who have at least part-time (.5 FTE) employment status.
- Active duty military personnel and their dependents whose permanent duty station **or** Home of Record is in Nebraska.
- Persons who graduated from an accredited high school in Nebraska and were legal residents of Nebraska at the time of graduation.
- Individuals who previously attended the University of Nebraska or one of the Nebraska state colleges as a resident **and reenrolls within two (2) years** of the last date of enrollment.
- The following have been identified as Native American tribes indigenous to Nebraska or tribes that historically migrated to or from the State of Nebraska. Members of these tribes who live outside the State of Nebraska qualify for in-state tuition rates upon providing documentation of membership.

**It is the responsibility of the student to submit a copy of his or her tribal card to the Office of Admissions if she or he wants to be considered a resident for tuition purposes. Students who do not provide this documentation will be determined to be non-residents without further notification.**

Arapaho	Hidatsa	Missouri	Sac and Fox
Arikara	Jicarilla Apache	Omaha	Dakota Sioux
Northern Cheyenne	Iowa	Otoe	Lakota Sioux
Southern Cheyenne	Kickapoo	Pawnee	Nakota Sioux
Comanche	Kiowa	Ponca	Santee Sioux
Crow	Mandan	Potawatomie	Winnebago

- Individuals who, because of their special talents or skills, were recruited for full-time employment to the State of Nebraska by a business entity, and the spouse or dependents of such individuals are exempt from the 12 month domicile rule. (This applies only to U.S. citizens or person who has become a permanent resident alien.)

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