

STUDENT RESIDENCE APPLICATION

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This application, along with supporting documentation, must be filed with the Office of Admissions no later than two weeks prior to the fee payment deadline for the semester for which the student is requesting in-state tuition. The resident status of an applicant will not be determined until sufficient documentation is provided. If there is any question unresolved, the applicant will be a non-resident and fees will be assessed accordingly.

Student's Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

To be classified as a Louisiana resident for tuition purposes, you must qualify for one of the following (check appropriate box):

- A) Live with your parents, who are employed full time and live in Louisiana. (Required documentation: Copy of your birth certificate and proof of parents' employment.)
- C) Parent is a graduate of Nicholls. (Student must provide a copy of his/her birth certificate.) (applies to U.S. citizens only)
Name of parent who graduated: _____ Semester & Year: _____
Maiden Name: _____ Social Security #: _____
- C) Graduated with an associate or higher degree from Nicholls State University. (applies to U.S. citizens only)
- D) Lived and were employed in Louisiana for the twelve consecutive months prior to application and have not been enrolled in any educational institution for more than six hours per semester. (Required documentation: Letter from employer and copy of lease, homestead exemption or mortgage information. Other information that may be provided is a copy of a Louisiana Driver's License and Voter registration card. All documentation must date back at least one year.)
- E) Married to a Louisiana resident. (Required documentation: Copy of marriage certificate and letter from spouse's employer.)
- F) A person who resides in Louisiana for at least two years, exclusive of military service, and then moves to another state or foreign country shall retain the right to enroll, along with any of his/her dependents as a resident for a period equal to the number of years the person resided in Louisiana, but the right shall expire upon the person's residing for a period of two years in another state or foreign country. For students affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, requests for waivers may be considered on a case by case basis until Fall 2012.
- G) Currently stationed in Louisiana as a member of the armed forces. Spouse and children will also qualify as Louisiana residents. (Required documentation: Letter from unit commander or copy of orders and, for spouse, a copy of marriage certificate; for child, a copy of birth certificate.)
- H) Louisiana resident prior to entering the armed forces and returned to Louisiana within two years after being discharged. Spouse and children will also qualify as Louisiana residents. (Required documentation: Copy of DD 214 or letter from unit commander and, for spouse, a copy of marriage certificate; for child, a copy of birth certificate.)
- I) Louisiana resident for at least two years prior to leaving state; absence from Louisiana not more than two years. (Documentation: To be determined by Office of Admissions on a case-by-case basis.)
- J) An alien who has been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as an immigrant and who has established residence under any of the foregoing provisions shall be declared a resident of the State. (proof of such status shall be possession of his Form I-151-Alien Registration Receipt Card or passport officially stamped "approved as resident alien")
- K) A student who is a non-U.S. citizen may be entitled to resident classification if the student has been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence (refugee, person who is married to a U.S. citizen, "temporary" or amnesty alien, etc.).
- L) Students and their dependents (INS approval) present in the United States under terms of any one the following visa classifications: E, G, H-1B, I, K, L
- M) Visa Category A - Government officials will be immediately eligible for an exemption of the non-resident fees while holding such a visa.

Rules for Resident & Non Resident Classification

The residence status shall be determined in accordance with Board rules and shall be based upon evidence provided in the application for admission and related documents. The office of the registrar and/or admissions officer shall determine residence status after the completed application for admission has been submitted. The rules shall be based primarily on the location of the home and the place of employment. Residence status may not be acquired by an applicant or student while residing in Louisiana for the primary purpose of attending school. Residence status, for fee purposes only, will be granted to non-resident graduate students registered for three semester hours or less and undergraduate students registered for six semester hours or less in any session, or all non-resident students enrolled in up to six semester hours of graduate or undergraduate courses offered through web-based or other electronic instruction, when domiciled outside of the state of Louisiana and not enrolled in any other courses at the university. The following conditions may be used in determining residence status:

A. An applicant living with his/her parents is classified as a resident if the parents have established a bona fide residence in Louisiana. Ordinarily a parent is considered to have established a residence in Louisiana if actually residing and employed full time in the State. A parent who is unable to be employed or who is a housewife may be considered to have established a residence in Louisiana if there is convincing evidence that the person continuously resides in Louisiana. If only one parent qualifies as a resident of Louisiana, the student shall be classified as a resident provided that student resides with the parent who is a resident of Louisiana. An individual who resides in Louisiana and is employed full-time in another state, may be classified as a resident. In such case, appropriate documentary evidence shall be presented.

B. A student residing with his/her parents who enrolls as a nonresident shall be classified as a resident if the parents move to Louisiana and acquire residence as defined in these regulations.

C. A student may be declared a resident if either parent is a graduate of the institution that he/she attends. A student that graduates with an associate or higher degree may be classified as a resident for subsequent enrollment at that same institution (applicable only to U.S. citizens). (Revision approved 3/26/99)

D. A person may be classified as a resident of Louisiana at the end of twelve consecutive months of residence if employed in Louisiana and if during that period he/she has not been registered in an educational institution for more than six semester hours or its equivalent in any semester. A person who is unable to be employed and who has not been registered in any educational institution for more than six semester hours or its equivalent in any semester may acquire residence in Louisiana if there is convincing evidence of continuous residence in Louisiana for twelve consecutive months immediately preceding registration.

E. A student who is married to a Louisiana resident may acquire the residence status of his/her spouse.

F. A person who resides in Louisiana for at least two years, exclusive of military service, and then moves to another state or foreign country shall retain the right to enroll, along with any of his/her dependents as a resident for a period equal to the number of years the person resided in Louisiana, but the right shall expire upon the person's residing for a period of two years in another state or foreign country. For students affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, requests for waivers may be considered on a case by case basis until Fall 2012.

G. Members of the full-time armed forces (not reserve or guard) currently stationed in Louisiana and their dependents shall be classified as Louisiana residents. Those who were stationed in Louisiana immediately prior to release from active duty may enroll themselves or their dependents as residents during a period not to exceed six months after the date of release provided that the term of active duty shall have been no less than 12 consecutive months.

H. A member of the full-time armed forces who was a resident of Louisiana immediately prior to entering the armed forces shall retain the right, along with any of his/her dependents to be classified as a resident as long as he/she is in the armed forces and for a

two-year period after leaving the armed forces.

I. A resident of Louisiana shall not lose the right to be classified as a resident during periods of employment in a foreign country.

J. An alien who has been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as an immigrant (proof of such status shall be possession of his Form I-151-Alien Registration Receipt Card or passport officially stamped "approved as resident alien") and who has established residence under any of the foregoing provisions shall be declared a resident of the State.

K. A student who is a non-U.S. citizen may be entitled to resident classification if the student has been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence (refugee, person who is married to a U.S. citizen, "temporary" or amnesty alien, etc.). This granting of resident status for fee purposes shall be in accordance with all applicable laws of the U.S. and relative requirements of the System's Student Residence Regulations.

L. Students and their dependents (INS approval) present in the United States under terms of any one the following visa classifications:

Visa Category E - Treaty trader or investor

Visa Category G - Representative of international organization

Visa Category H-1B - Temporary worker in a specialty occupation (H-1A and H-4 may also apply to qualify for exemption.)

Visa Category I - Foreign information media representative

Visa Category K - Fiancée (Residency approved with proof of marriage to U.S. citizen.)

Visa Category L - Intra-company transferee/foreign employer who demonstrate a Louisiana domicile for at least one full year (and meet System regulations) prior to the first day of class of the beginning of the semester will be eligible for an exemption of the non-resident fees while holding such a visa.

M. Visa Category A - Government officials will be immediately eligible for an exemption of the non-resident fees while holding such a visa.