

Rules for Resident & Non-Resident Classification

Nicholls State University Thibodaux, Louisiana

The residence status of an applicant or student is determined in accordance with University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors regulations and is based upon evidence provided in the application for admission and related documents. Residence status is determined by the Office of Admissions after the completed application for admission has been submitted. The regulations are based primarily on the location of the home and the place of employment. **Residence status may not be acquired by applicant or student while residing in Louisiana for the primary purpose of attending school.** Residence status is not determined for students registered for three semester hours or less. It is the responsibility of the student to provide the University with the evidence deemed necessary to establish his/her residence status.

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 226 of 1986 the following definition of residency shall apply for fee assessment purposes effective the fall semester, 1987:

A resident student for tuition purposes is defined as one who has abandoned all prior domiciles and has been domiciled in the State of Louisiana continuously for at least one full year (365 days) immediately preceding the first day of classes of the term for which resident classification is sought. "Domicile", as the term is used in the context of residence regulations, is defined as an individual's true, fixed, and permanent home and place of habitation at which the individual remains when not called elsewhere for labor, studies, or other special or temporary purposes, and the place to which the individual returns after an absence. A nonresident student for tuition purposes is a student not eligible for classification as a resident.

The individual's physical presence within this state for one year must be associated with the substantial evidence that such presence was with the intent to maintain a Louisiana domicile. Physical presence within the state solely for education purposes without substantial evidence of the intent to remain in Louisiana will not be sufficient for resident classification regardless of the length of time within the state.

However, discrete categories of individuals may be defined as special resident if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of Louisiana or as mandated from time to time by federal or state government.

1. 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 he/she actually resides and is employed full time in the State. A parent who is unable to be employed may be considered to have established a residence in Louisiana if there is convincing evidence that he/she continuously resides in Louisiana. If only one parent qualifies as a resident of Louisiana, the student shall be classified as a resident, provided that the student resides with the parent who is a Louisiana resident. An individual who resides in Louisiana and is employed full time in another state or an individual who resides in another state and is employed full time in Louisiana may be classified as a resident. In such case, appropriate documentary evidence must be presented.
2. A student residing with his/her parents who enrolls as a non-resident is classified as a resident if the parents move to Louisiana and acquire residence as defined in these regulations.
3. A person may be classified as a resident of Louisiana at the end of twelve consecutive months of residence if he/she has been 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 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 that he/she continuously resided in Louisiana for twelve consecutive months immediately preceding registration.
4. A student who is married to a Louisiana

resident may acquire the residence status of his or her spouse.

5. A person who resides in Louisiana for at least two years, exclusive of military service, and then moves to another state or foreign country retains the right to enroll himself/herself or any dependents as a resident for a period equal to the number of years he/she 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.
 6. A member of the Armed Forces currently stationed in Louisiana and his/her dependents shall be classified as Louisiana residents. An individual who was stationed in Louisiana immediately prior to his/her release from active duty may enroll himself/herself or dependents as residents during a period not to exceed 6 months after the date of release provided that the term of active duty shall have been no less than 12 consecutive months.
 7. A member of the Armed Forces who was a resident of Louisiana immediately prior to entering the Armed Forces retains the right for him/her or any 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.
 8. A resident of Louisiana does not lose the right to be classified as a resident during period of employment in a foreign country.
 9. An alien who has been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as an immigrant (proof of such status in his/her possession of his/her Form I-151-Alien Registration Receipt Card) and who has established residence under any of the foregoing provisions shall be declared a resident of the State.
 10. An applicant shall be declared a resident if either parent is a graduate of Nicholls State University.
 11. A student who graduates with an associate or higher degree from Nicholls State University may be classified as a resident for subsequent enrollment at Nicholls. This applies only to U.S. citizens.
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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: _____ Social Security #: _____

Address: _____

To be classified as a Louisiana resident for tuition purposes, you must qualify for one of the following:
(Please mark the box that qualifies you as a Louisiana resident)

- 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.)
- Parent is a graduate of Nicholls. (Student must provide a copy of his/her birth certificate.)
Name of parent who graduated: _____ Semester & Year: _____
Maiden Name: _____ Social Security #: _____
- Graduated with an associate or higher degree from Nicholls State University.
- 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.)
- Married to a Louisiana resident. (Required documentation: Copy of marriage certificate and letter from spouse's employer.)
- 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 order papers and, for spouse, a copy of marriage certificate; for child, a copy of birth certificate.)
- 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.)
- 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.)

Please write a statement containing your reason(s) for moving to Louisiana and your plans after you receive your degree.

Please mail this form, your statement and the proper documentation to:

Office of Admissions
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Thibodaux, LA 70310