

Independent Student



You qualify as an independent student if:

- You can document continuous presence in Arizona for at least 12 months, and
- You can document 12 months of intent to be an Arizona resident (includes financial independence), and
- You can overcome the presumption that you are in Arizona primarily to be a student.

Step One: complete your electronic residency petition – start here: asu.edu/go/residency petition

Step Two: submit your supporting documentation *after* completing your petition.

Name: _____

ASU ID: _____

When did you complete your residency petition? _____

Semester: _____

Required Documents

	Provided	Not Provided
Receipt for \$50 petition fee – payable in person at Student Account & Cashiering Services <i>The Residency Classification Office cannot accept or process fee payments.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Arizona driver's license, learner's permit, or state ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Arizona voter registration (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Arizona vehicle registrations for all vehicles operated by student in Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Permanent Resident Card or eligible visa (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Marriage certificate (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Mortgage deed or current lease agreement for Arizona residence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Most recent pay stub with year-to-date information (and spouse, if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Most recent federal tax return (Form 1040)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Most recent Arizona tax return (Form 140)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: 12-months of complete bank statements documenting day-to-day transactions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Student account summary documenting tuition, fees and any financial aid disbursements for all institutions attended in the last year, including ASU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT: Statements from trust or savings accounts for the last two years (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Required for all students under the age of 26 (but not required if you are married and have filed joint taxes with your spouse for the last two tax years)		
PARENT: Parent Affidavit (provided below - see form for additional information)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PARENT: Parents' federal tax returns for last two tax years (Form 1040)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Missing Documents – please provide an explanation for anything not provided

(attach a separate page if additional space is needed)

Submit your documentation and this form via residencydocs@asu.edu or in person at any University Registrar Services location.

Downtown Phoenix
University Center
411 N. Central, Suite 130
Phoenix, AZ 85004-2142

Tempe
Student Services Building
Suite 140
Tempe, AZ 85287

Polytechnic
Administration Building
5990 S. Sterling Mall
Mesa, AZ 85212

West
University Center Building
Suite 120
Phoenix, AZ 85069

What else do I need to know?

Your documentation needs to demonstrate that you are *an independent* student supporting yourself financially (including housing and tuition) and that you have been living in Arizona for at least one year with the intention of making Arizona your permanent home for reasons beyond the circumstance of being a student.

- You will be asked to submit documentation demonstrating at least 12 months of continuous presence and intent to be an Arizona resident, e.g. the customary legal and physical ties to Arizona. The burden of proof belongs to the student and failure to support your petition will result in a denial.
- The documentation you submit, including your bank statements, tax returns, financial aid, enrollment history, parental support, and employment are all used to help us piece together an understanding of your particular situation. Submitting all documents helps paint a complete picture but doesn't ensure approval.
- If you are in Arizona primarily for educational purposes, i.e. you came to Arizona to go to school, you won't qualify for residency as an independent student. To overcome this presumption you will need to provide compelling evidence that shows your educational pursuits are secondary to your other reasons for being in Arizona.
- You can't earn residency by simply being a student for a year. ABOR policy is pretty clear that no one establishes residency while enrolled full-time without evidence to the contrary.
- Financial assistance of any type – housing, tuition, insurance, etc. - from others is an indicator of dependency and will be considered in the review of your petition.
- Absences from the state of more than 30 days will require you to show objective evidence that you retained your Arizona domicile.
- Personal circumstances not pertaining to residency policy, such as academic merit or financial hardship, are not a considered by the Residency Classification Office when they review your petition.
- Delaying (or not obtaining) the legal and customary indicators of intent are considered evidence of a lack of intent to be an Arizona resident (state law requires residents to do these things immediately).
- All documentation is subject to review by the residency office and the evaluator will determine the weight given to each document. The Residency Office will be sole judge of the authenticity or truthfulness of any material or statements submitted and may do additional research regarding any supporting documents.
- Additional documentation may be requested by the residency office after an initial review of your petition by the Residency Office.
- The term "resident for tuition purposes" differs from other definitions of Arizona residency. For example, a person who is an Arizona resident for voting or tax purposes may not be a resident for tuition purposes.
- Students that are classified as residents are required to verify citizenship, lawful status or eligible visa types. Non-U.S. citizens must possess a visa type that does not prohibit them from establishing a permanent home in Arizona. Students on F-1/J-1 visas are not eligible for residency.

How do I contact you?

University Registrar Services

Residency Classification

PO Box 870312

Tempe, AZ 85287-0312

Phone: **480-965-7712**

Student Services Bldg, Rm 140 (Tempe campus)

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Email questions to: residency@asu.edu

Email documents to: residencydocs@asu.edu

Independent Student: Parent Affidavit



Instructions: This form is **required** if you are under 26¹

- Affidavit must be completed by both parents (use separate forms, if needed).
- Failure to submit this affidavit may result in the denial of your petition.
- Please include a letter of explanation with your supporting documentation if this form cannot be completed.

¹ this form is **not required** if you are married and have filed joint taxes with your spouse for the last two tax years

Student's Full Name: _____ ASU ID: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Relationship to student: Mother Father Other _____

1. When did your student last live in your home? _____

2. When did you last claim your student as a tax dependent? _____

3. Approximately how much financial support did you provide to your student in the following years?

2018: \$0 less than \$1000 \$1000-\$5000 more than \$5000

2017: \$0 less than \$1000 \$1000-\$5000 more than \$5000

2016: \$0 less than \$1000 \$1000-\$5000 more than \$5000

4. Did you sign or co-sign for any educational loans for your student in 2016, 2017 or 2018? Yes No *If yes, when?* _____

5. Did you provide any if the following for your student in the last two years? (check all that apply)

Auto insurance

Tuition and/or other educational expenses

Housing and/or rent

6. Do you have a 529 plan or savings/trust account for your student?
 Yes No

All statements, information, and evidence provided are true and complete. I understand that if I provide false information, make a material misrepresentation or omission in connection with this petition for change of residency, or make any effort to fraudulently obtain Arizona residency for tuition purposes for the above named student, it will jeopardize the student's case for residency and subject him/her to disciplinary action such as: dismissal from the University, repayment of tuition fraudulently waived, repayment of financial aid fraudulently obtained, and may result in civil and criminal liability. I hereby grant permission for ASU representatives to verify any supporting evidence submitted with this petition.

Signature (Sign in the presence of a Notary)

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

State of _____ County of _____

Notary Signature _____

Commission Expires _____

(Notary Seal)

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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5. Has your student depended on you for any of the following in the last two years? Yes No *If yes, check all that apply:*

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Tuition and/or other educational expenses

Housing and/or rent

6. Do you have a 529 plan or savings/trust account for your student?
 Yes No

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