Spouse of an Arizona Resident

You qualify as the spouse of an Arizona resident if:

- you are legally married and domiciled in Arizona, and
- your spouse has maintained domicile in Arizona for 12 consecutive months, and
- your spouse is financially independent

Submitting a Spouse Petition

1. **Start** at the Residency Petition Dashboard: [https://go.oasis.asu.edu/residencypetition/](https://go.oasis.asu.edu/residencypetition/)
2. **Initiate** your petition by completing the [online questionnaire](https://go.oasis.asu.edu/residencypetition/) prior to the [deadline](https://go.oasis.asu.edu/residencypetition/).
3. **Complete** your petition by submitting all [requested documentation](https://go.oasis.asu.edu/residencypetition/) prior to the [deadline](https://go.oasis.asu.edu/residencypetition/).

Required Documents

Your required documents will be dependent on your situation and how you answer the questions on the petition. There is not a single list that applies to everyone, but the list below includes the most common documents requested. You may be asked to provide something that is not listed below and you will have an opportunity to provide anything you think is relevant or helpful to your situation.

- Arizona driver’s license, learner’s permit, or state ID (student and spouse)
- Arizona voter registration (student and spouse)
- Arizona vehicle registrations for all vehicles operated by student in Arizona (student and spouse)
- 12-months of complete bank statements documenting day-to-day transactions (spouse)
- Most recent Arizona tax return (spouse)
- Federal tax returns for last two years (spouse)
- Spouse’s most recent pay stub showing year-to-date earnings and withholdings (spouse)
- Tuition costs for all institutions attended in the last year (spouse)
- Financial aid received for all institutions attended in the last year (spouse)
- Marriage Certificate
- Statements from trust/savings account(s) for last 12 months (student and spouse)
- Permanent resident cards or documentation of eligible visa (student and spouse)
- Parent Affidavit (spouse’s parents)
- Form 1040 of their federal tax return for the last tax year (spouse’s parents)

What else do I need to know?

This is a 12-month exception for the student, but not for your spouse. Your spouse would have to show that he or she has resided continuously in Arizona for 12 months.

- You and your spouse must provide objective evidence of intent to be an Arizona resident, e.g. the customary legal and physical ties to Arizona. The documentation you submit, including your bank statements, tax returns, financial aid, enrollment history, and employment are all used to help us piece together an understanding of you and your spouse’s particular situation.
- 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).
- Your spouse must document at least 12 months of continuous presence in Arizona. Bank or credit card statements showing day-to-day transactions in Arizona should be submitted to meet this requirement.
- Your spouse has to document financial independence, e.g. the ability to support oneself solely from self-generated funds/income. Financial assistance from others (of any kind) is an indicator of dependency and will be considered in the review of your petition. If your spouse is supported financially by his/her parents, you won’t qualify for this exception.
• Personal circumstances not pertaining to residency policy, such as academic merit or financial hardship, are not considered in evaluating whether or not you qualify for residency.

• 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.