

Colorado Residency Information

Below is a general summary of Colorado residency regulations outlined in Colorado statutes and CCHE guidelines. Students must meet the Colorado residency guidelines in order to qualify for Colorado-funded financial aid, such as the College Opportunity Fund (COF), Colorado Student Employment, and Colorado Graduate Grant. The availability of Colorado-funded financial aid is subject to change at any time.

These regulations apply to parents of unemancipated minors and students who are at least 23 years of age, married, graduate students, or emancipated minors (see definition below*).

Colorado residency guidelines require that a person must decide that Colorado will be his or her legal, primary residence and take appropriate actions to document this fact for at least a one-year waiting period preceding the first day of classes. The term that is used for legal, primary residence is *domicile*.

- **Domicile** is defined as your true, fixed, and permanent home and place of habitation. Domicile is a legal characteristic that everyone has, and you can have only one domicile at any one time. Your domicile is your legal, primary residence.

During the one-year domicile period, students should comply with all legal obligations of a Colorado resident. A person who maintains domicile or legal residence in another state cannot also establish Colorado domicile at the same time.

One year domicile period- A *qualified person* must be residing in Colorado with **the present intention to reside permanently in Colorado** for 12 months before the first day of class. To demonstrate this intention, students should take all actions that would be expected of any permanent resident of Colorado in your circumstances. These actions include severing from your former state your voter registration, driver's license, vehicle registration, employment, and income tax filing, and establishing these connections in Colorado.

You may leave the state for vacations or for other temporary reasons and need not maintain a residence in Colorado during a temporary absence. To maintain Colorado domicile during a temporary absence, you should keep Colorado connections, particularly voter registration and declaration of any out-of-state income on your Colorado state income tax return. On any other state tax return, you must file as a nonresident. However, residing in your previous home state for a substantial period of time (including summer) is some evidence of continued domicile in that place, although *such residence does not by itself disqualify you for in-state status*.

To determine if you meet the requirements for Colorado Residency, continue on to the next page and then fill out the attached Colorado Residency Form.

* **Emancipation** requires that your parents cannot provide financial support of any nature for any purpose. Parental support includes funds your parents may have previously set aside for your current support even if those funds are in your name. Parents may provide reasonable incidental gifts but may not provide significant funds.

Colorado Residency Form Questionnaire

Dependency Status

If the answer is Yes to any of the questions below, the student is classified as an independent student and can fill out the Colorado Residency Form with their own information and with only their signature. Your selections will automatically direct you to the correct form.

Check any that apply in order to be directed to the correct form:

Yes	No	The student:
		is 23 years or older
		is married
		is enlisted in the military
		is legally emancipated
		is a graduate student

I answered No to all the above questions.

Colorado Residency Form – with Parent

To qualify as a resident, parent/s must have been domiciled in Colorado for one year or more, relinquishing all intent to maintain or establish a home in another state. Both the student and the parent should fill out AND SIGN this form and return to the Financial Aid office at the address above.

Part I – to be filled out by STUDENT

Last Name: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

First Name, Middle Initial: _____ Student ID #: _____

Name of high school attended _____ Date of graduation: _____ State: _____

Received a GED – Date received (mo/yr): _____ State: _____

Successfully home schooled - Date completed (mo/yr): _____ State: _____

Did you participate in any pre-collegiate program? Yes No If Yes, attach list of programs/classes and/or college/university.

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No If you are not a U.S. Citizen, provide:

Alien Registration Number: _____ U.S. Visa Type: _____

Visa #: _____ Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Part II – to be filled out by a PARENT living in Colorado

List the address where you have physically resided during the past 18 months:

Street City State Zip mo/yr from to

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Are you currently in the military service? Yes No If yes, attach permanent change of station papers.

List your past two years of employment history: _____ Dates of Employment

Employer City State mo/yr from to

Employer City State mo/yr from to

Have you filed a Colorado Income Tax Return? Yes No If yes, list the three most recent years and full or part year:

1. _____ full year part year 2. _____ full year part year 3. _____ full year part year

Do you have a driver's license? If Yes, number: _____ Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ State: _____

If No, do you have a Colorado ID? If Yes, provide: Colorado ID # _____ Date Issued: _____

Motor Vehicle Registration for the past 18 months: State: _____ Date of registration (mo/yr): _____ License Plate #: _____

After completing, print and sign below.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information furnished is true and complete without evasion or misrepresentation. I understand that the information provided on this form will be used to determine eligibility for Colorado aid programs.

Student Signature (applicant) Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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Colorado Residency Form – Independent Students

To qualify as a resident, you must have been domiciled in Colorado for one year or more and relinquished all intent to maintain or establish a home in another state. Return this form to the Financial Aid office at the address shown above. Use this form if you are 23 or older, if you have been married, enlisted in the military, are legally emancipated, or are a graduate student.

Student ID: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Name: _____

Name of high school attended: _____ Date of graduation: _____ State: _____

Received a GED – Date received (mo/yr): _____ State: _____

Successfully home schooled - Date completed (mo/yr): _____ State: _____

Did you participate in any pre-collegiate program? Yes No If Yes, list program/classes and/or college/university.

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No If you are not a U.S. Citizen, provide:

Registration Number _____ Visa Type: _____

Visa # _____ Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

List the address where you have physically resided during the past 18 months:

_____ from: _____ to: _____
Street City State Zip (mm/yyyy)

_____ from: _____ to: _____
Street City State Zip (mm/yyyy)

Are you or your spouse currently in the military service? Yes No

List your past **two years** of employment history; if unemployed, give unemployment history:

_____ from: _____ to: _____
Employer City State (mm/yyyy)

_____ from: _____ to: _____
Employer City State (mm/yyyy)

Have you filed a Colorado Income Tax Return? Yes No If yes, list the three most recent years and full or part year:

1. _____ full year part year 2. _____ full year part year 3. _____ full year part year

Do you have a driver's license? If Yes, number: _____ Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ State: _____

If No, do you have a Colorado ID? If Yes, provide: Colorado ID # _____ Date Issued: _____

Motor Vehicle Registration for the past 18 months: State: _____ Date of registration: _____ License Plate #: _____
(mm/yyyy)

Electronic Signature - Type your full name to accept the following: I, _____, certify that I am the above named student and that all information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that the information provided on this form will be used to determine eligibility for Colorado financial aid programs.

Student Signature (applicant)

Date

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Colorado Residency Information for Graduate Students

Below is a general summary of Colorado residency regulations outlined in Colorado statutes and CCHE guidelines that apply to graduate students. Students must meet the Colorado residency guidelines in order to qualify for Colorado-funded financial aid funds, such as the Colorado Graduate Grant. The availability of Colorado-funded financial aid funds is subject to change at any time.

Colorado residency guidelines require that a person must decide that Colorado will be his or her legal, primary residence and take appropriate actions to document this fact for at least a one-year waiting period preceding the first day of classes. The term that is used for legal, primary residence is *domicile*.

Domicile is defined as the true, fixed, and permanent home and place of habitation. Domicile is a legal characteristic that everyone has, and a person can have only one domicile at any one time. A domicile is one's legal, primary residence.

During the one-year domicile period, students should comply with all legal obligations of a Colorado resident. A person who maintains domicile or legal residence in another state cannot also establish Colorado domicile at the same time.

One year domicile period - A *qualified person* must be residing in Colorado with **the present intention to reside permanently in Colorado** for 12 months before the first day of class. To demonstrate this intention, students should take all actions that would be expected of any permanent resident of Colorado in similar circumstances. These actions include severing former state voter registration, driver's license, vehicle registration, employment, and income tax filing, and establishing these connections in Colorado.

A person may leave the state for vacations or for other temporary reasons and need not maintain a residence in Colorado during a temporary absence. To maintain Colorado domicile during a temporary absence, one should keep Colorado connections, particularly voter registration and declaration of any out-of-state income on their Colorado state income tax return. Any other state tax return must be filed as a nonresident. However, residing in your previous home state for a substantial period of time (including summer) is some evidence of continued domicile in that place, although *such residence does not by itself disqualify one for Colorado status*.

To determine if you meet the requirements for Colorado Residency, fill out the Colorado Residency Form (page 2) and submit to the Financial Aid office.

Colorado Residency Form for Graduate Students

To qualify as a resident, you must have been domiciled in Colorado for one year or more and relinquished all intent to maintain or establish a home in another state. Return this form to the Financial Aid office at the address shown on the reverse side of this form. Use this form if you are graduate student.

Student ID: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No If you are not a U.S. Citizen, provide:

Alien Registration Number: _____ U.S. Visa Type: _____
Visa #: _____ Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

List the address where you have physically resided during the past 18 months (mo/yr):

_____ from: _____ to: _____
Street City State Zip

_____ from: _____ to: _____
Street City State Zip

Are you or your spouse currently in the military service? Yes No

List your past **two years** of employment history; if unemployed, give unemployment history:

_____ from: _____ to: _____
Employer City State

_____ from: _____ to: _____
Employer City State

Have you filed a Colorado Income Tax Return? Yes No If yes, list the three most recent years and check full or part year:

1. _____ full year part year 2. _____ full year part year 3. _____ full year part year

Do you have a driver's license? If Yes, number: _____ Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ State: _____

If No, do you have a Colorado ID? If Yes, provide: Colorado ID # _____ Date Issued: _____

Motor Vehicle Registration for the past 18 months: State: _____ Date of registration: _____ License Plate #: _____
(mm/yyyy)

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information furnished is true and complete without evasion or misrepresentation. I understand that the information provided on this form will be used to determine eligibility for Colorado financial aid programs.

Student Signature (applicant)

Date

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