

## 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 below. Use this form if you are a graduate student.

**All questions must be answered. Enter NA if it does not apply.**

Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

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/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

**List the address(es) where you have physically resided during the past 18 months:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/yy) (mm/yy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/yy) (mm/yy)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer City State from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/yy) (mm/yy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer City State from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/yy) (mm/yy)

**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

**Driver's license or state ID card:** (please check one) Renewal  Original  NA

DL or ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Motor vehicle registration:** (please check one) Renewal  Original  NA

License Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date registered: (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you or your spouse currently in the military service?**  Yes  No **If yes, submit a copy of your current military orders**

*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. Furthermore, I understand that I may be required to provide supporting documentation as requested by the Financial Aid office.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature (must be handwritten)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date