



RESIDENCY INFORMATION

The California Education Code states that all public institutions of higher education shall apply uniform rules in determining a student's residency classification. Therefore, each student applying for admissions to Southwestern College will be classified as a resident or non-resident of California (Ed. Code, Section 68000-68090 & 76170).

HOW IS RESIDENCY DETERMINED?

Residency is determined by act of union of physical presence and intent. You must have been physically present and also have demonstrated clear intent to become a permanent resident of California for one (1) year prior to the residency determination date. The residency determination date is the day immediately preceding the opening date of the semester.

WHAT DOCUMENTATION NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED?

You must provide such information and evidence of residence as deemed necessary. It is your responsibility to furnish information and evidence of both physical presence and intent, as requested by the Admissions Center. Such items must be for the past 12 months with your name and California address.

PHYSICAL PRESENCE

Items that can prove presence in California are:

- Rental /lease agreement
- Utility bills
- Employment pay stubs
- Bank statements (checking or savings), etc.

INTENT

While intent may be subjective, there are many possible indications of one's intent to maintain residence in California.

- Filing California State tax as a resident for the preceding year (540 form and W-2 form)
- Registering to vote in California
- Possession of a California driver's license
- Possession of a California identification card (for non-drivers)
- Possession of resident California vehicle registration
- Leave and Earning Statement (L.E.S.) must be to California
- Registering for Selective Service in California
- Other forms of documentation as may be required on a case-by-case basis

Students with immigrant or non-immigrant status are required to submit one-year documentation of their current status. Contact a residency clerk for additional information at (619) 482-6550.

EXEMPTION: *On October 12, 2001, Governor Davis signed into law Assembly Bill 540, which adds a new section to the California Education Code. It creates a new exemption from payment of nonresident tuition for certain nonresident students who have attended high school in California and received a high school diploma or its equivalent. This law provides an exemption from paying non-resident fees only.*

Tuition fees will not be refunded or waived to a student classified as a nonresident due to lack of documentation if at a later date documentation is presented for that previous semester (reference from Southwestern College Catalog Residency Requirements).