CORE RESIDENCY QUESTIONS

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rule 21.731 requires each student applying to enroll at an institution to respond to a set of core residency questions for the purpose of determining the student’s eligibility for classification as a resident.

PART A. Student Basic Information. All students must complete this section.

Name ___________________________________________ Student ID Number ___________________________ Date of Birth __/__/____

PART B. Previous Enrollment. For all students.

1. During the 12 months prior to the term for which you are applying, did you attend a public college or university in Texas in a fall or spring term? ☐ Yes ☐ No 
   If you answered “No,” please continue to Part C. 
   If you answered “Yes,” complete questions 2-5: 
2. What Texas public institution did you last attend? (Give full name, not just initials.) ____________________________
3. In which terms were you last enrolled? (check all that apply.) ☐ Fall, 20____ ☐ Spring, 20____ 
4. During your last semester at a Texas public institution, did you pay resident (in-state) or nonresident (out-of-state) tuition? 
   ☐ Resident (in-state) ☐ Nonresident (out-of-state) ☐ Unknown 
5. If you paid in-state tuition at your last institution, was it because you were a resident or because you were classified as a nonresident who received a waiver? ☐ Resident ☐ Nonresident with a waiver ☐ Unknown IMPORTANT: If you were enrolled at a Texas public institution during a fall or spring semester within the previous 12 months and were classified as a Texas resident, skip to Part I, sign and date this form and submit it to your institution. If you were not enrolled, or if you were enrolled but classified as a nonresident, please proceed to Part C.

PART C. Residency Claim.

Are you a resident of Texas? ☐ Yes ☐ No 
   If you answered “Yes,” continue to Part D. 
   If you answered “No,” complete the following question and continue to Part I. 
   Of what state or country are you a resident? ____________________________________________
   If you are uncertain, continue to Part D.

PART D. Acquisition of High School Diploma or GED.

1. a. Did you graduate or will you graduate from high school or complete a GED in TX prior to the term for which you are applying? ☐ Yes ☐ No 
1. b. If you graduated or will graduate from high school, what was the name and city of the school? ____________________________________________
2. Did you live or will you have lived in TX the 36 months leading up to high school graduation or completion of the GED? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. When you begin the semester for which you are applying, will you have lived in Texas for the previous 12 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No 
4. Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No 
Instructions to Part D.: 
• If you answered “No” to question 1a or 2 or 3, continue to Part E. 
• If you answered “Yes” to all four questions, skip to Part I. 
• If you answered “Yes” to questions 1, 2 and 3, but “No” to question 4, complete an Affidavit to be provided to you by the institution, skip to Part I of this form, and submit both this form and the affidavit to your institution.

PART E. Basis of Claim to Residency.

TO BE COMPLETED BY EVERYONE WHO DID NOT ANSWER “YES” TO QUESTIONS 1a, 2, AND 3 OF PART D.

1. Do you file your own federal income tax as an independent tax payer? ☐ Yes ☐ No 
   (An independent tax payer should not be claimed as a dependent for tax purposes by another person. If you file a joint return with your spouse, answer “yes”.)
2. Are you claimed as a dependent or are you eligible to be claimed as a dependent by a parent or court-appointed legal guardian? 
   ☐ Yes ☐ No 
   (To be eligible to be claimed as a dependent, your parent or legal guardian must provide at least one half of your support. A stepparent does not qualify as a parent if he/she has not adopted the student.)
3. If you answered “No” to both questions above, who provides the majority of your support? 
   ☐ Self ☐ Parent or guardian ☐ Other (list) 

Instructions to Part E.: 
• If you answered “yes” to question 1, and “no” to question 2, continue to Part F. 
• If you answered “yes” to question 2, skip to Part G. 
• If you answered “yes” to both questions 1 and 2, continue to Part G. 
• If you answered “no” to 1 and 2 and “self” to question 3, continue to Part F. 
• If you answered “no” to 1 and 2 and “parent or guardian” to question 3, skip to Part G. 
• If you answered “no” to 1 and 2 and “other” to question 3, skip to Part H, and provide an explanation, and complete Part I.
PART F. Questions for students who answered “Yes” to Question 1 or “Self” to Question 3 of PART E.

1. Are you a U.S. Citizen?  □ Yes  □ No
2. Are you a Permanent Resident of the U.S.?  □ Yes  □ No
3. Are you a foreign national whose application for Permanent Resident Status has been preliminarily reviewed?  □ Yes  □ No
   (You should have received a fee/processing notice of action [I-797] from USCIS showing your I-485 has been reviewed and has not been rejected.)
4. Are you a foreign national here with a visa or are you a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee or here under Temporary Protective Status? If so, indicate which.
   Visa/Status _____________________________
5. Do you currently live in Texas? If you are out of state due to a temporary assignment by your employer or another temporary purpose, please check “no” and explain in Part H.  □ Yes  □ No
6. a. If you currently live in Texas, how long have you been living here? ______ Years ______ Months
6. b. What is your main purpose for being in the state? If for reasons other than those listed, give an explanation in Part H.
   □ Go to College  □ Establish/maintain a home  □ Work Assignment
7. a. If you are a member of the U.S. military, is Texas your Home of Record?  □ Yes  □ No
7. b. If not, what state will have been listed as your military legal residence for tax purposes on your Leave and Earnings Statement for the 12 months prior to enrollment? State ______________________
8. Do any of the following apply to you?  □ Yes  □ No (Check all that apply)
   □ a. Hold the title (Warranty Deed, Deed of Trust, or other similar instrument that is effective to hold title) to residential real property in Texas? If “Yes,” date acquired:
   □ b. Have ownership interest and customarily manage a business in Texas without the intention of liquidation in the foreseeable future?
      If “Yes,” date acquired:
9. While living in Texas, have you: (Check all that apply)
   □ a. Been gainfully employed for a period of at least 12 consecutive months? (Gainful employment requires an average employment of at least 20 hours per week for one year or earnings equal to at least half of tuition and living expenses for one 9-month academic year. Employment conditioned on student status such as work-study, the receipt of stipends, fellowships or research or teaching assistantships does not constitute gainful employment.)
   □ b. Received primary support through services from a social service agency for a period of at least 12 consecutive months?
10. a. Are you married to a person who has been classified as a Texas resident by a Texas public institution or who could answer “yes” to any part of question 8 or 9?  □ Yes  □ No
   b. If “yes,” indicate which question (and which part of the question) could be answered “yes” by your spouse: Question: ______________________________________
   c. How long have you been married to the Texas resident prior to enrollment? ______ Months ______ Years

Part H. General Comments.

Is there any additional information that you believe your college/university should know in evaluating your eligibility to be classified as a resident? If so, please provide explanation on an attached page.

PART I. Certification of Residency. All students must complete this section.

I understand that officials of my college/university will use the information submitted on this form to determine my status for residency eligibility. I authorize the college/university to verify the information I have provided. I agree to notify the proper officials of the institution of any changes in the information provided. I certify that the information on this application is complete and correct and I understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment, and/or appropriate disciplinary action.

Signature __________________________________________ Date ________________

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