



California Residency Documentation – Checklist:

The burden of proof is on the student to clearly demonstrate both physical presence in California and the intent to establish California residence.

You are required to present evidence in accordance with Education Code Sections 68040 et.seq. The documents presented must be **DATED AT LEAST ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY BEFORE THE RESIDENCY DETERMINATION DATE FOR THE SEMESTER IN WHICH YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, AND BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED WITH RESPECT TO THE STUDENT’S NAME AND ADDRESS.** The Residency Determination date is one year, and one day prior to the start of the semester. Must have your name and address on them.

PRIMARY DOCUMENTS: MINIMUM OF TWO FROM ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY. THE MORE EVIDENCE YOU CAN PRESENT TO SHOW INTENT, THE EASIER IT IS TO BECOME A CALIFORNIA RESIDENT.

- California Income Tax Return from the past 2 years
- Current California Driver’s License or ID card
- Registered to vote and voting in California
- Vehicle registration in California
- W-2 form showing California address
- Federal Tax forms with a California State Residence Income Tax Return Form 540
- Maintaining a permanent military address or home of record in California while serving elsewhere in the armed forces

SECONDARY DOCUMENTS: MINIMUM OF TWO STARTING FROM ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY AND COUNTING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

- Ownership of residential property in California as primary residence
- Children’s school records
- Utility bills (electricity, phone, gas, cable, or water)
- Official high school transcripts/High school diploma (AB540) (not college)
- California health coverage or hospital bills
- Petitioner for divorce in California
- Mortgage statement, cannot accept rental or lease agreements
- Vehicle insurance in California
- Memberships with California merchants, religious affiliations, clubs, and/or gym