

## Oklahoma Residency Information

---

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College policy on establishment of Oklahoma Residency follows the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education policy on *Residence Status of Enrolled Students*. This policy can be obtained at:

<http://admissions.okstate.edu/pdf/OSRHEResidencyPolicy.pdf>.

- Resident status is granted to financially independent adults who are permanently residing in Oklahoma and who have been physically and continuously present in the State of Oklahoma for at least one year for reasons other than to attend college.
- A student does not gain or lose resident status based on attendance at an educational institution.
- Residence status is based on the location of the student's permanent residence. For purposes of residency this is the location where the student intends to remain and expects to return upon completion of their education.
- A student is not considered to have acquired Oklahoma residency until they have been a permanent resident of Oklahoma for one year.
- Legal residence of a dependent person is that of the student's parents, the legal residence of the parent who has legal custody, or the parent with whom the student habitually resides.
- The burden of proof for establishing Oklahoma residency is upon the student. A student must submit a Petition for Oklahoma Residency with supporting documentation for resident status after the initial classification as a non-resident. A student may submit this application based on the following circumstances:
  - Establishment of permanent residency in Oklahoma and lived in Oklahoma as a permanent resident for one year. (Students will be required to submit documentation to verify they have established permanent residency and lived under this status for one year including but not limited to tax returns, voter registration, obtaining an Oklahoma driver's license.)
  - Nonresident student marrying an established resident of Oklahoma. (Students must submit documentation of the marriage and proof of domicile.)
  - Change from dependent to independent status and established Oklahoma residence for one year. (Students must provide proof of complete emancipation and have come to Oklahoma with the intention of establishing permanent residence.)
  - A non U.S. national who holds lawful permanent resident status as defined by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services who has resided in Oklahoma for at least one year and meets criteria for establishment of domicile or has come to Oklahoma as a full-time professional practitioner or worker.
  - Undocumented Students who have graduated from a public or private high school in Oklahoma and have filled out an [Affidavit of Intent](#).

Each petition will be reviewed upon receipt and will be judged on its own merit.

### Military Personnel

Members of the armed services stationed in Oklahoma are considered as having a temporary residence. A student neither gains nor loses residence status solely by military service. Members of the armed services stationed in Oklahoma, their spouses and dependents will not be required to pay out-of-state residency fees. Military personnel and their dependents that provide proof of a legal change in their state of residence to Oklahoma may have the full benefits of residence status.

### Undocumented Students

Individuals who cannot present to the institution valid documentation of United States Nationality, but have graduated from a public or private high school in Oklahoma, may be eligible to enroll, receive resident tuition and student financial aid if certain criteria are met. An Affidavit of Intent must be on file with the Admissions Office. Please see the Oklahoma State Regents for High Education policy *Residence Status of Enrolled Students* at <http://admissions.okstate.edu/pdf/OSRHEResidencyPolicy.pdf> for further details.

If you do not meet the criteria for in-state residency an out-of-state tuition waiver is available for qualified out-of-state residents.

Please contact the financial aid office for additional information.