

## Oklahoma Residency Information

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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

#### Active Duty Military

- A member of the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) who provides evidence that he or she is full-time active duty stationed in Oklahoma may be immediately eligible for in-state status without meeting other domiciliary requirements listed above. The in-state status eligibility also applies to the members' spouse and dependent children.

- Dependent children of members of the military reserve on full-time active duty shall be immediately classified upon admission as in-state status provided that Oklahoma is the home of record and the student maintains continuous enrollment. These dependent children shall retain in-state status without the 12 month requirement provided that the member of the military reserve was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable and as long as the student remains continuously enrolled. For the purpose of this section, "home of record" is the location where the reservist enlisted, reenlisted, or was commissioned into the military.
- Further, when a member of the U.S. Armed Forces is transferred out-of-state, the member (along with his or her spouse and dependent children) is eligible to retain his or her in-state classification as long as he or she remains continuously enrolled at OSU.
- A person who, by virtue of their relationship with an individual on active military duty, is entitled to receive transferred Chapter 30 or 33 VA educational benefits and resides in the state of Oklahoma with an intent to establish residence in the state, is immediately eligible for in-state status without meeting other domiciliary requirements listed above. Documentation requirements include providing proof of active duty service, VA benefit eligibility, and current residence in Oklahoma, as well as a letter of intent to establish residence in Oklahoma. (Effective July 1, 2017)

### Discharged Veterans

- A veteran who has been discharged or released from active duty military service of 90 days or more (regardless of home of record) who is pursuing a course of education under Chapters 30 or 33, and resides in the state of Oklahoma with an intent to establish residence in the state, is immediately eligible for in-state status without meeting other domiciliary requirements listed above. The in-state status eligibility also applies to the veterans' spouse and dependent children. Documentation requirements include providing a copy of the veteran's DD-214, a copy of the individual's VA Certificate of Eligibility showing Chapter 30 or 33 benefit eligibility, and proof of current residence in Oklahoma. (Effective April 15, 2021)
- A person who, by virtue of their relationship with an individual who has been discharged or released from active duty military service of 90 days or more, is entitled to receive transferred Chapter 30 or 33 VA educational benefits and resides in the state of Oklahoma with an intent to establish residence in the state, is immediately eligible for in-state status without meeting other domiciliary requirements listed above. Documentation requirements include providing a copy of the veteran's DD-214, a copy of the person's VA Certificate of Eligibility showing Chapter 30 or 33 benefit eligibility, and proof of current residence in Oklahoma. (Effective April 15, 2021)

### 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.