

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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RESIDENCY GUIDELINES

1. PROCEDURE SUMMARY STATEMENT

To establish protocol and regulations for determining student residency.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

- 2.1 Nebraska Resident Tuition – the Nebraska resident tuition rate set by the Board of Governors applicable to the academic program in which an individual intends to enroll.
- 2.2 Iowa or South Dakota Resident Tuition – the Iowa or South Dakota resident tuition rate set by the Board of Governors applicable to the academic program in which an individual intends to enroll.
- 2.3 Nonresident Tuition – the nonresident tuition rate set by the Board of Governors applicable to the academic program in which an individual intends to enroll.
- 2.4 Legal Age – the age of majority (age 19) set by Nebraska state statute.
- 2.5 Minor – individuals who have not reached the age of majority.
- 2.6 Emancipated Minor – an individual who by virtue of marriage, financial status, or for other reasons has become independent of his or her parents or guardians.
- 2.7 Established a Home (phrase) – an individual who continuously maintains a place of abode in Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota, which the individual maintains as his or her domicile. On-campus housing cannot be considered as a domicile or permanent residence for establishing residency.
- 2.8 Lawful Permanent Resident – an individual who is not a U.S. citizen who has been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant in accordance with immigration laws.

3. PROCEDURE

- 3.1 Requirements for Residency

- 3.1.1 An individual will qualify as a resident of the State of Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota for tuition purposes at Northeast Community College if he or she meets the standards set in any one of the following categories. Documented proof is required (See section 3.2).
- 3.1.1.1 A person of legal age or an emancipated minor who has resided in Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota for a period of at least six (6) months immediately prior to applying for resident status.
 - 3.1.1.2 A minor whose parent(s) or guardian has established a home in Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota.
 - 3.1.1.3 A person of legal age and a dependent, for federal income tax purposes, of parent(s) or guardian living in Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota.
 - 3.1.1.4 An individual who is married to a Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota resident and who has proof of residence in Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota. (A copy of the marriage certificate must be provided in addition to documentation requirements in section 3.2)
 - 3.1.1.5 Lawful permanent residents or individuals who have been granted asylum or refugee status and who have established a home in Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota for a period of at least six (6) months.
 - 3.1.1.6 An individual who is a dependent of a staff member at the College.
 - 3.1.1.7 An individual who has served a period of not fewer than ninety (90) days in the active United States military and has been discharged within three (3) years of the initial enrollment date at the College, or the spouse or dependent of such individual, or an individual using military educational benefits under the Post 9/11 or Montgomery GI Bill[®].
 - 3.1.1.8 For Nebraska resident tuition rate only: An individual who is a graduate of an accredited Nebraska senior high school and who was a legal resident of Nebraska at the time of graduation or an individual who has previously been enrolled at the College as a Nebraska resident student.

3.2 Documentation

- 3.2.1 Individuals identified in sections 3.1.1.1 through 3.1.1.5 must provide at least three (3) of the following items. All documents must be dated at least six (6) months prior to the first day of classes and must reflect the individual's name.
- 3.2.1.1 Record of Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota voter registration;
 - 3.2.1.2 Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota income tax return for the most recent year;

- 3.2.1.3 Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota driver's license;
- 3.2.1.4 Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota vehicle registration;
- 3.2.1.5 Evidence of ownership of Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota property;
- 3.2.1.6 Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota housing rental agreement;
- 3.2.1.7 Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota insurance policy;
- 3.2.1.8 Evidence that parent(s) as Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota resident(s) claim(s) the student as a dependent; or
- 3.2.1.9 Other documentation as approved by the Registrar.

3.3 Application

- 3.3.1 Any student who has been classified as a nonresident for tuition purposes and believes that he or she may qualify as a Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota resident must file a Request for Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota Residency Status form with the Registrar by the first day of the term for which the tuition fee was charged.
- 3.3.2 The Request for Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota Residency Status form, as well as further information regarding residency classification, is available from the Admissions & Registration Office.
- 3.3.3 It is the student's responsibility to initiate a change in residency status.

3.4 Appeals

- 3.4.1 An individual who believes that he or she has been incorrectly denied a Nebraska, Iowa, or South Dakota residency determination made by the Registrar may appeal the decision through the Vice President of Student Services, then the President, and subsequently the Board of Governors.

4. APPLICABILITY

N/A

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