Title: Residency Classification

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Persons/Departments Affected:
Current and/or prospective students

Responsible Department:
Student Affairs

Definitions:
Pennsylvania Resident: Any student who has established a domicile in Pennsylvania for at least 12 months prior to initial enrollment and whose presence in the state is not primarily for educational purposes.

Non-Resident: Any student whose presence in the Commonwealth is primarily for educational purposes.

Domicile: Is a person’s existing and intended, fixed, permanent and principal place of residence.

Policy:

I. Resident status is designated at the time of enrollment.

II. A student under the age of 21 is presumed to have the domicile of his/her parent(s) or legal guardian, unless the student has maintained continuous residence in Pennsylvania for purposes other than education for a period of at least 12 months prior to initial enrollment at Penn College, and provided the student continues to maintain such separate residence.

III. A student who has resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for other than educational purposes for at least a period of 12 months immediately preceding his/her initial enrollment at Penn College is presumed to have a Pennsylvania domicile.

IV. A United States government employee or member of the armed forces who was a resident of Pennsylvania immediately preceding his/her entry into governmental services, and who has continuously maintained Pennsylvania as his/her home of residency, will be presumed to have a
Pennsylvania domicile. Military personnel and their dependents assigned to active duty in Pennsylvania and reside in this state shall be considered Pennsylvania residents for tuition purposes.

V. A student receiving a scholarship, guaranteed loan, grant, or other form of financial assistance dependent upon residence in a state other than Pennsylvania is not a Pennsylvania resident for tuition purposes.

VI. Students may appeal for reclassification of their residency for tuition purposes as established in Procedure 4.18.

Revision History:
Date: 07/2018 Minor edits
Date: 10/2011 Update to new format and clarification of language; changed title* and moved from section V to section IV.

Cross References:
Residency Classification Policy, P 4.18

* Formally PR5.25, Determination of Eligibility for Reclassification as a Pennsylvania Resident for Tuition Purposes