

OHIO RESIDENCY FOR SUBSIDY AND TUITION SURCHARGE POLICY

Division: Student Affairs

Policy Statement

Terra State Community College (TSCC) has developed a system of identifying student residency for purpose of state subsidy and tuition surcharge consistent with rules of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Policy Details

Terra State Community College determines the residency status of each student during the admissions process. The established residency status will determine tuition surcharges (in-state or out-of-state).

The following persons shall be classified as residents of the state of Ohio for the tuition surcharge purposes, in compliance with [Ohio Administrative Code, 3333-1-10](#), generically known as Rule 10. A student who is a non-resident of Ohio must pay a tuition surcharge in addition to other fees. The following rules determine who is considered a resident of the state of Ohio.

- A person must maintain residence in Ohio for twelve (12) months, be qualified to vote in Ohio and to receive state welfare benefits, and be subject to tax liability under Section 5747.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. A person is not permitted to remain a resident of any other state or nation for any purpose within the time prescribed.
- A person who has established a place of residency in Ohio for the purpose of attending a college or university will be considered a non-resident for fee purposes.
- A person admitted to this country as a resident alien may establish Ohio residency in the same manner as any other non-resident.
- An alien admitted to this country on a student visa or other visas, which do not qualify the person to remain in this country on a permanent basis, will be considered a non-resident for fee purposes.

Within the above stated general rules, a student will be considered a resident for fee purposes if the student:

- Has resided in Ohio for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding enrollment and is not receiving, and has not received in that time period, financial support from persons or entities who are not residents of Ohio.
- Is a dependent student and at least one of his or her parents or legal guardians has been a resident for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding enrollment.
- Is living in Ohio and employed on a self-sustaining basis in Ohio, and is attending college on a part-time basis. The student's spouse who is a full-time homemaker will also be considered gainfully employed.
- Has a parent or spouse who has accepted full-time employment and has established a place of residence in the state of Ohio as of the first day of the term the student enrolls.

The student, his or her dependent, and spouse are considered residents of Ohio if the person:

- Is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and is stationed and resides in Ohio.
- Forever Buckeye extends the in-state tuition rate to any public or private Ohio high school graduate who leaves the state but returns to enroll in an undergraduate program at an Ohio college and establishes residency in Ohio. The Forever Buckeye provision of the law removes the 12-month period of establishing domicile in Ohio before becoming eligible for in-state tuition rates.
- Is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and Ohio is the state of residence for legal purposes.
- Is transferred by their employer beyond the territorial limits of the fifty (50) states of the United States and the District of Columbia, and Ohio is the state of residence for legal purposes.

- Has been employed as a migrant worker in Ohio and has worked in the state at least four months during each of the three years preceding the date of enrollment.

Procedures

If a student has been classified as a non-resident of the State of Ohio and wishes to reclassify their designation to resident, they must apply for reclassification when the student meets the qualifications of residency. A change of address does not automatically change residency.

The student must file a written request to the College Registrar via email to recordsdept@terra.edu and present evidence (originals or copies) to support the request for reclassification, including proof of place of residence, place of employment, and sources of financial support. If a student is reclassified from nonresident to resident of Ohio, they will be eligible to pay the resident fees from the date of reclassification; the reclassification will not be retroactive to any previous term.

Resources

[Tuition and Fees](#)

Documentation

Definitions

Term Definition

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