

Declaration: Legal Presence in the United States AND State of Legal Residence

Legal Presence in the United States

As of June 4, 2008, the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act (S. C. Code Ann. §59-101-430 (Westlaw 2008)) prohibits those unlawfully present in the United States from attending a public institution of higher education in South Carolina and from receiving a public higher education benefit:

- An alien unlawfully present in the United States is not eligible to attend a public institution of higher learning in this State, as defined in Section 59-103-5. The trustees of a public institution of higher learning in this State shall develop and institute a process by which lawful presence in the United States is verified. In doing so, institution personnel shall not attempt to independently verify the immigration status of any alien but shall verify any alien's immigration status with the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Section 1373©.
- An alien unlawfully present in the United States is not eligible on the basis of residence for a public higher education benefit including, but not limited to, scholarships, financial aid, grants, or resident tuition.

State of Legal Residence

Greenville Technical College (GTC) determines student residency status in accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, Sections 59-112-10 through 59-112-100. Residency classification directly impacts tuition and fee assessment and is initially determined based on information provided at the time of application for admission. Documentation will be requested to confirm the residency, and initial determination will remain in effect for subsequent terms unless a change in status is verified and approved. If conflicting documentation or information is provided, the Office of Admissions will notify the applicant and assign a residency classification based on the most accurate available data. The burden of proof for establishing residency lies with the applicant. Residency requires one or more of the following:

- Statement of full-time employment
- Designating South Carolina as state of legal residence on military record
- Possession of a valid South Carolina driver's license, or if a non-driver, a South Carolina identification card. Failure to obtain this within 45 days of the establishment of the intent to become a South Carolina resident will delay the beginning date of residency eligibility
- Maintenance of domicile in South Carolina
- Paying South Carolina income taxes as a resident during the past tax year, including income earned outside of South Carolina from the date South Carolina domicile was claimed
- Ownership of principal residence in South Carolina
- Licensing for professional practice (if applicable) in South Carolina

Dependent and Independent Student Status

When determining dependent or independent status for a student, if a parent, guardian, or spouse provided more than half of the student's support for the past twelve months, the student is considered **dependent**, and it is the parent, guardian, or spouse that must meet the residency requirements. A dependent student was claimed as such on a parent's taxes and/or other coverages such as insurances. To be **independent**, a student must provide over 50 percent of their total support with earnings coming from his/her own earnings or income from employment, investments, or payments from trusts, grants, scholarships, commercial loans, or payments made in accordance with court order. If the student provided most of the support, then the student may be eligible to apply as independent. An independent student must have his/her own South Carolina domicile. Dormitory housing cannot be used as one's domicile, as it is temporary in nature.

(Check One): ☐ I am a United States Citizen ☐ I am not a United States Citizen

I or the person who claims me as a tax dependent has lived in South Carolina continuously for the last 12 months. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what county? ☐ Greenville ☐ Other: _____

If no, what state? _____ Date I/they began residency in South Carolina: _____

By signing this statement, you attest and can prove that you are either a United States Citizen or a Non- United States Citizen lawfully present in the United States. You also attest and can prove your state of legal residency. In addition, Greenville Technical College will require you to submit documentation that supports your claims for lawful presence and legal residency. Any student who is found to be unlawfully present in the United States will be dismissed from the college. **Note: This form will not be accepted nor processed without documentation and your signature. Additionally, your documents may be verified through government databases.**

Print Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR DOCUMENTATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Required: Submit Documents for Declaration of US Legal Presence and State of Legal Residency

All students must provide the required documentation outlined below as evidence of US Legal Presence and State Residency.

How to Submit This Form and Required Documentation

Submit the completed form **along with the documentation(s)** in ONE of the following methods:

- via e-mail @ greenvilletech@gvltec.edu
- by mail to Greenville Technical College – MS 1025, POB 5616, Greenville, SC 29606
- in person at the Barton Campus Building 102, Dreisbach/Anderson Student Success Center **or** Student Services at any campus.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please check the document type(s) submitted:

☐ Unexpired DMV-Issued Driver's License/Beginners Permit, State ID, CDL or Photo Identification Card

State: _____ **#** _____ **Date Issued:** _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

NOTE: Since REAL IDs verify one's legal presence, GTC does not require any additional documentation if the DMV-issued driver's license identification is a REAL ID certified. **If the government-issued ID is NOT REAL ID certified, a valid, original birth certificate (or a notarized, officially issued copy) must be presented with the government-issued ID in person at any GTC campus.**

☐ US Birth Certificate Submitted - State of Issuance: _____

☐ United States Passport: Expiration Date: _____

☐ Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (USCIS issued Form N-560 or N-561) **and** a Current Valid Government-Issued Photo ID

☐ Certification of Naturalization (USCIS issued Form N-550 or N-570) **and** a Current Valid Government-Issued Photo ID

Permanent residents must provide one of the following **and** a Current Valid Government-Issued Photo ID:

- ☐ Permanent Residence Card issued since 1997; Resident Alien Card (I-551) issued before 1997; Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-551) issued before June 1978;
- ☐ Letter from USCIS documenting that permanent resident status has been approved

Legal immigrant and non-immigrant foreign nationals must provide one of the following and a current valid government-issued photo ID:

- ☐ Current/valid Visa or Passport
- ☐ Current/valid Refugee, Asylee, or Parolee documentation
- ☐ Current/valid Documents for Other Legal Statuses
- ☐ Deferred Action Recipients: Employment Authorization Card or Approval Letter from USCIS (I797)

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Residency: 1a 1b 2 **Student Type:** REG TRS SRC INT

Officer: _____ **Date** _____