

Declaration of Florida Residency* Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Any student who wishes to receive state-funded student financial aid must be a Florida resident for tuition purposes. A Florida resident, for tuition purposes, is a person who has, or a dependent person whose parent or legal guardian has, established and maintained legal residence in Florida for at least twelve months. To qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes, a student must be a U.S. Citizen, permanent resident alien, or legal alien granted indefinite stay by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Florida Statutes governing the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program allow for students who earn a high school diploma from a non-Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who is on active military or public service assignment away from Florida to apply for a Bright Futures Scholarship. These students are required to meet initial eligibility requirements in addition to the residency requirement (residency is determined by the Florida postsecondary institution).

Students graduating from a non-Florida high school while living with a parent or guardian who is on active military or public service assignment away from Florida should indicate their Florida residency by submitting the following:

- Proof of dependency--provided through a copy of a recent (less than 1 year old) tax return.

Include a, b, or c below:

- a. State of Legal Residence Certificate (Form DD-2058 for military personnel, available from base personnel offices)
(or)
- b. Driver's license or voter's registration (current and at least one year old) along with this signed Declaration of Florida Residency form
(or)
- c. Proof of property ownership with a homestead exemption, along with this signed Declaration of Florida Residency form

-----*Person claiming Florida residency must complete this section in full*-----

- Documents supporting the establishment of legal residency must be at least 12 months old. All documentation is subject to verification.** (The student's postsecondary institution will determine Florida residency for funding purposes. It is possible for a student to meet initial eligibility criteria to earn a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, but if the institution determines the student is not a Florida resident, the student will not receive Bright Futures funding.)

Please print:

1. Name of Student _____
2. Student's Social Security Number _____
3. Name of person claiming Florida residency _____
4. Claimant's relationship to student _____
5. Date claimant began establishing legal Florida residency and domicile: _____

I do hereby swear or affirm that the above named student meets all requirements for classification as a Florida resident. I understand that a false statement in this affidavit will subject me to penalties for making a false statement pursuant to 837.06, Florida Statutes.

Signature of person claiming Florida residency (as listed in item #3 above)

Date

*Required for out-of-state students whose parents are in active military or public service assignment away from Florida and who are submitting a driver's license or voter's registration or property ownership and homestead exemption as proofs of residency. (Not required with the submission of a DD-2058.)