



Texas Core Residency Questions

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rule 21.25 requires each student applying to enroll at an institution to respond to a set of core residency questions for the purpose of determining the student's eligibility for classification as a resident. Each student enrolled at a private university and receiving state funds must provide substantiating documentation to affirm Texas residency.

Upon completion, this form should be returned to The Office of Financial Aid at Rice University, 6100 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77005 MS 12, fax 713-348-2139, or e-mail at [fina@rice.edu](mailto: fina@rice.edu).

PART A. Student Basic Information. All Students must complete this section.

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____
Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

PART B. Previous Enrollment. For all students.

1. During the 12 months prior to the term for which you are applying, did you attend a public college or university in Texas in a fall or spring term? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered "No", continue to **Part C**.

If you answered "Yes", complete questions 2 - 5.

2. What Texas public institution did you last attend? (Please give full name of institution.)

3. In which terms were you last enrolled?(Please indicate the year) Fall 20 _____ Spring 20 _____

4. During your last semester at a Texas public institution, did you pay resident (in-state) or non-resident (out-of-state)?

_____ Resident (in-state) _____ Non-resident (out-of-state) _____ Unknown

5. If you paid in-state tuition at your last institution, was it because you were classified as a resident, or because you were a non-resident who received a waiver?

_____ Resident _____ Non-resident with a waiver _____ Unknown

IMPORTANT: If you were enrolled at a Texas public institution during a fall or spring semester within the previous 12 months and were classified as a Texas resident, skip to **Part I**, sign and date this form and submit it to your institution. If you were not enrolled, or if you were enrolled but classified as a non-resident, proceed to **Part C**.

PART C. Residency Claim.

Are you a resident of Texas? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered "Yes", continue to **Part D**.

If you answered "No", complete the following question and continue to **Part I**.

Of what state or country are you a resident? _____

If you are uncertain, continue to **Part D**.

PART D. Acquisition of High School Diploma or GED.

1a. Did you graduate or will you graduate from high school or complete a GED in Texas prior to the term for which you are applying?	Yes	No
1b. If you graduated or will graduate from high school, what was the name and city of the school? _____		
2. Did you live or will you have lived in Texas the 36 months leading up to high school graduation or completion of the GED?		
3. When you begin the semester for which you are applying, will you have lived in Texas for the previous 12 months?		
4. Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident?		

Instructions to Part D:

- If you answered "No" to question 1a or 2 or 3, continue to **Part E**.
- If you answered "Yes" to all four questions, skip to **Part I**.
- If you answered "Yes" to questions 1, 2, and 3, but "No" to question 4, complete a copy of the Affidavit, provided as an attachment to this form, skip to **Part I** of this form, and submit both this form and the affidavit to our office.

PART E. Basis of Claim to Residency. TO BE COMPLETED BY EVERYONE WHO DID NOT ANSWER "YES" TO QUESTIONS 1a, 2, AND 3 OF PART D.

1. Do you file your own federal income tax as an independent tax payer? Yes _____ No _____
2. Are you claimed as a dependent or are you eligible to be claimed as a dependent by a parent or court-appointed legal guardian? Yes _____ No _____ (To be eligible to be claimed as a dependent, your parent or legal guardian must provide at least one half of your support. A step-parent does not qualify as a parent if he/she has not adopted the student.)
3. If you answered "No" to both questions above, who provides the majority of your support?
Self _____ Parent or Guardian _____ Other: (list) _____

Instructions to Part E:

- If you answered "Yes" to question 1, continue to **Part F**.
 If you answered "Yes" to question 2, skip to **Part G**.
 If you answered "No" to 1 and 2 and "Self" to question 3, continue to **Part F**.
 If you answered "No" to 1 and 2 and "Parent or Guardian" to question 3, skip to **Part G**.
 If you answered "No" to 1 and 2 and "Other" to question 3, skip to **Part H** and provide an explanation, and complete **Part I**.

PART F. Questions for students who answered "Yes" to Question 1 or "Self" to Question 3 of Part E.

	Yes	No	Years	Months	Visa/Status
1. Are you a U.S. citizen?					
2. Are you a Permanent Resident of the U.S.?					

3. Are you a foreign national whose application for Permanent Resident status has been preliminarily reviewed? (You should have received a fee/filing receipt or Notice of Action [I-797] from USCIS showing your I-485 has been reviewed and has not been rejected.)					
4. Are you a foreign national here with a visa or are you a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee, or here under Temporary Protective Status? If so, indicate which.					
5. Do you currently live in Texas? If you are out of state due to a temporary assignment by your employer or other temporary purpose, please explain in Part H .	Yes	No			
6a. If you currently live in Texas, how long have you lived here?			Months	Years	
6b. What is your main purpose for being in the state? If for reasons other than those listed, please give an explanation in Part H .	Go to College []		Establish/Maintain a home []	Work Assignment []	
7. If you are a member of the U.S. military, is Texas your Home of Record? What state is listed as your military legal residence for tax purposes on your Leave and Earnings Statement?	Yes	No	State		

8. Do any of the following apply to you? (Check all that apply)	Yes	No
a. Hold the title (Warranty Deed, Deed of Trust, or other similar instrument that is effective to hold title) to residential real property in Texas? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, date acquired: _____ 		
b. Have ownership interest and customarily manage a business in Texas without the intention of liquidation in the foreseeable future? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, date acquired: _____ • 		
c. Hold a state or local license to conduct a business or practice a profession in TX? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, date acquired: _____ 		
9. While living in Texas have you: (Check all that apply)		
a. Been gainfully employed in for at least a consecutive 12-month period?		
b. Received services from a social service agency that provides services to homeless persons for at least a consecutive 12-month period?		
10.		
a. Are you married to a person who could answer "yes" to any part of question 8 or 9?		

b. If yes, indicate which question could be answered yes by your spouse: c. How long have you been married to the Texas resident?	Question:		
		Months	Years

Skip Part G and continue to Part H

Part G. Questions for students who answered “Parent” or “Legal Guardian” to Question 3 of Part E.

	Yes	No	Years	Months	Visa/Status
1. Is the parent or legal guardian upon whom you base your claim of residency a U.S citizen?					
2. Is the parent or legal guardian upon whom you base your claim of residency a Permanent Resident?					
3. Is this parent or legal guardian a foreign national whose application for Permanent Resident status has been preliminarily reviewed? (He or she should have received a fee/filing receipt or Notice of Action [I-797] from USCIS showing his or her I-485 has been reviewed and has not been rejected.)					
4. Is this parent or legal guardian a foreign national here with a visa or a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee, or here under Temporary Protective Status? If so, indicate which.					
5. Does this parent or legal guardian currently live in Texas? If he or she is out of state due to a temporary assignment by his/her employer or other temporary purpose, please explain in Part H .	Yes	No			
6a. If he or she is currently living in Texas, how long has her or she lived here?			Months	Years	
6b. What is your parent's or legal guardian's main purpose for being in the state? If for reasons other than those listed, give an explanation in Part H .	Go to College []		Establish/Maintain a home []	Work Assignment []	
7. If he or she is a member of the U.S. military, is Texas his or her Home of Record? What state is listed as his or her military legal residence for tax purposes on his or her Leave and Earnings Statement?	Yes	No	State		

<p>8. Do any of the following apply to your parent or guardian? (Check all that apply)</p> <p>a. Hold the title (Warranty Deed, Deed of Trust or other similar instrument that is effective to hold title) to residential real property in Texas?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, date acquired: _____ <p>b. Have ownership interest and customarily manage a business in Texas without the intention of liquidation in the foreseeable future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, date acquired: _____ <p>c. Hold a state or local license to conduct a business or practice a profession in TX?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, date acquired: _____ 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>9. While living in Texas has your parent or guardian: (Check all that apply)</p> <p>a. Been gainfully employed for at least a consecutive 12-month period?</p> <p>b. received services from a social service agency that provides services to homeless persons for at least a consecutive 12-month period?</p>		
<p>10.</p> <p>a. Is your parent or legal guardian a person who could answer "yes" to any part of question 8 or 9?</p> <p>b. If yes, indicate which question could be answered yes by your parent or guardian's spouse:</p> <p>c. How long has your parent or guardian been married to the Texas resident?</p>	<p>Question:</p>	<p>Months Years</p>

Part H. General Comments. Is there any additional information that you believe your college should know in evaluating your eligibility to be classified as a resident? If so, please provide it below:

PART I. Certification of Residency. All students must complete this section.

I understand that officials of my university will use the information submitted on this form to determine my status for residency eligibility. I authorize the college/ university to verify the information I have provided. I agree to notify the proper officials of the institution of any changes in the information provided. I certify that the information on this application is complete and correct and I understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment and/or appropriate disciplinary action.

Signature: _____ Date: _____