



Pennsylvania Residency

Slippery Rock University classifies each person who applies for admission as one of the following:

- A resident of Pennsylvania
- A non-resident; or
- A foreign (international) student

How you are classified is important because it determines whether you pay non-resident tuition rates or in-state rates, which are lower. Being a resident may also qualify you to apply for financial aid.

Determining Residency

When you apply for admission, the university uses information provided on the admissions application to make an initial determination about residency.

If the submitted information indicates you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident however, you suspect that you may qualify for residency based on Pennsylvania high school graduation and domicile regulations; you may be prompted by the International Admissions Office to download and submit the [Residency Classification Data Collection Form](#). The completed form should be submitted along with clear and convincing evidence to support the appeal for residency to either Financial Aid or Student Accounts. The appeal committee meets regularly to review the documentation.

NOTE: All documentation provided is confidential and subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

High School Graduation and Establishing Domicile

This option for establishing Pennsylvania residency is available to citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. and to qualifying international students. Applicants must provide clear and convincing evidence per the requirements listed:

High School Graduation Requirements

- Graduate from a Pennsylvania High School or receive a GED in Pennsylvania; and
- Live in Pennsylvania for the 24 months immediately before high school graduation and
- Live in Pennsylvania for the 12 months immediately before the census date (15th day of classes) of the semester in which you enroll at the university.



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Evidence of Domiciliary

- Lease or purchase of a permanent, independent residence within Pennsylvania by the student.
- Payment of appropriate state and local taxes. Special attention should be given to payment of Pennsylvania taxes on income earned during periods of temporary absence from Pennsylvania.
- Transfer of bank accounts, stocks, automobiles, and other registered property to Pennsylvania from another state.
- Procurement of a Pennsylvania driver's license.
- Procurement of a Pennsylvania motor vehicle registration.
- Agreement for permanent, full-time employment in Pennsylvania.
- Membership in social, civic, political, athletic, and religious organizations located in Pennsylvania.
- Registration to vote in Pennsylvania.
- A sworn statement by the student or his/her parents or guardian in the case of a minor declaring his/her intention to make Pennsylvania his/her residence either permanently or for an indefinite period of time.
- A sworn statement from the parents or guardian of a minor setting forth facts to establish the minor's financial independence and separate residence.
- A sworn statement(s) from individuals of authority that can attest to the applicants domicile for example, church leaders, high school guidance counselor, teacher, counselor, athletic coach, etc.

Each case shall be decided on the basis of all facts submitted, with qualitative rather than quantitative emphasis. No given number of factors is required for domicile, since the determination in each case is one of the subjective intention of the student to reside permanently or indefinitely in Pennsylvania.

For more information regarding definitions set by the PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors Policy 1985-03: Student Domicile regulations:

http://www.passhe.edu/inside/policies/BOG_Policies/Policy%201985-03.pdf

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