



REGISTRAR

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Reclassification

- ***I am a new freshman to the University. How will I know if I am classified as “in-state” or “out-of-state?”***

Determination of domicile will be made when the student is admitted to the University and will be conveyed to the student upon acceptance. A student's prior domicile is assumed to continue until he or she clearly establishes a bona fide domicile in Arkansas.

- ***What are the criteria the University uses in determining if I should pay “in-state” or “out-of-state” tuition and fees?***

Except as otherwise provided in the Board of Trustees Policy 520.8 (located in the University *Catalog* and also provided in the reclassification packet), a student who is classified as “in-state” for University fee purposes at the time of admission must have established a bona fide domicile in Arkansas and must have resided continuously in this state for at least six consecutive months prior to the beginning of the term for which fees are paid.

- ***What is the definition of ‘bona fide domicile’ for purposes of classification?***

A bona fide domicile is a home of an apparently true, fixed and permanent nature. The person claiming such domicile must provide evidence of permanent connection with the State of Arkansas and demonstrate the expectation of remaining in the state beyond graduation. Becoming domiciled in Arkansas means that a person has severed all ties to other states or foreign countries and has established such ties with Arkansas.

- ***I am a new freshman coming from Missouri. I had heard I may be eligible for “in-state” tuition.***

A non-resident Tuition Award for entering freshmen from neighboring states (TX, MS, LA, KS, MO, OK, TN) is a scholarship opportunity available through the Academic Scholarship Office. Information regarding eligibility may be obtained by going to their website at <http://scholarships.uark.edu/academic.html> or calling (479) 575-4464.

- ***I am from Texarkana, Texas and I heard I am eligible for “in-state” tuition. Is this correct?***

Residents of Texarkana, Texas, and Bowie County, Texas, will be classified as in-state students for University fee purposes at the University of Arkansas.

- ***What is your policy of residency for Native Americans?***

Native American people in other states belonging to tribes which formerly lived in Arkansas before relocation, and whose names are on the rolls in tribal headquarters, shall be classified as “in-state” students of Arkansas for tuition and fee purposes on all campuses of the University of Arkansas. Tribes so identified include the Caddo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Delaware, Kickapoo, Osage, Peoria, Quapaw, Shawnee, and Tunica.

- ***I am a foreign national and am here on a temporary visa. Am I eligible for reclassification?***

No. The student on a temporary visa will be classified as a foreign student and will pay non-resident tuition and fees.

- ***I've lived here for six months. Am I eligible for reclassification?***

The single fact of living in Arkansas for six months or attending the University does not automatically make you eligible for reclassification. You will need to provide evidence that your residence in Arkansas is of a permanent nature for reclassification consideration.

- ***My family moved here two months ago since my father was relocated for his job. Am I eligible for reclassification?***

The six-month period may be waived for persons, their spouses, and their unmarried children (who have not reached 23) who move to Arkansas with attendance at the University only a by-product of the primary purpose of establishing domicile in this state.

- ***I married a person who has lived in Arkansas for many years. Am I eligible for reclassification?***

The spouse of a person continuously domiciled in Arkansas (for at least six months immediately prior to the beginning of the term in which the fees are to be paid) upon request shall be classified as "in-state."

- ***I am single, 19 years old, and I moved here to live with my mother. Am I eligible for reclassification?***

An unmarried student who has not reached 23 having one parent residing in Arkansas (for at least six consecutive months immediately prior to the beginning of the term in which fees are to be paid) may be considered an "in-state" student for fee purposes, even if that student resided outside the state with the other parent before coming to Arkansas to attend the University.

- ***I am single, under 23, and my folks live out of state. Am I eligible for reclassification?***

If a student is under 23 years of age and unmarried, that student cannot be considered a resident of Arkansas for fee paying purposes unless one of the parents is a legal resident of the state. *Exceptions are made only if the student can provide evidence that he or she is earning an income large enough to support him or her without financial assistance from parents or guardians. Proof of financial independence requires copies of the parent's Federal Tax return for the previous year. If a student is claimed as a dependent on the parent's Federal Tax return, he or she cannot be considered a financially independent adult for reclassification purposes.*

- ***I am over the age of 23 or am married. What do I need to do if I want to show the University that I have established residency here and wish to be considered for 'in-state' tuition.***

The following must be established for eligibility for reclassification:

- Has established financial independence and has left the parental home.
- Has established in this state a home of permanent nature as manifested by Good Faith Acts.
- Has physically resided in Arkansas for at least six consecutive months prior to the beginning of the term for which fees are to be paid.
- Has an expectation of remaining in the state beyond graduation.

- ***When should I pay my tuition if I am preparing an application for reclassification?***

Tuition and fee payments are due before the start of each semester. You are expected to pay your entire bill even if you expect a favorable decision about your status. If you receive a favorable decision after the tuition due date, the "out-of-state" fees you have paid will be refunded at that time.

- ***Can I get a deferment of my tuition while I am waiting to hear about my reclassification request?***

No. There is no deferment of "out-of-state" tuition while awaiting a decision about your application for reclassification or any appeals resulting from an application unless the Students Accounts Supervisor grants an explicit written exception. All fees are to be paid by the published deadlines.

- ***Where do I pick up the application for reclassification?***

You may either download the application from this site or pick it up at the Registrar's Office. We are located in Silas Hunt Hall at the corner of Maple and Garland. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may call with questions or concerns at (479) 575-5454 or email at reginfo@uark.edu.

- ***How long will it take until I receive a decision regarding my request?***

Please allow two weeks for your application to be evaluated. The results will be mailed to you at the address indicated on your application notifying you of approval, denial or the need for additional information.

Please click here <http://www.uark.edu/admin/reginfo/records/applicationpacketnew.pdf> to download the packet for reclassification.