To Establish Missouri Residency

For a student to establish Missouri residency for fee purposes, the following criteria must be met in the 12 months prior (qualifying period) to the academic term for which they are requesting residency:

- Cannot be claimed as a dependent in another state.

**Students under 21**
If you were under 21, during any part of your qualifying period, please submit a copy of Page 1 and 2 of your parent’s Federal 1040 income tax form for the previous year showing that **you were not claimed as a dependent**. Your name may not be listed in the “Exemptions” box on Line 6. If your parents are divorced, please submit copies of both parent’s tax returns.

**Students over 21**
If you were 21 or older for your entire qualifying period, please submit a copy of Page 1 and 2 of your Federal and Missouri 1040 income tax form for the previous year.

Please mark out all social security numbers on the forms.

- Reside in Missouri continuously for your qualifying period. Provide copy of lease(s) or contract(s) for proof of rent for the 12 months.

- Have significant taxable earned income in Missouri during your qualifying period. Provide a copy of dated paycheck stubs and/or W-2. If you have filed a Missouri tax return within the past 12 months, submit a copy.

- Show proof of being physically in Missouri for your qualifying period. If not enrolled in on campus courses submit dated paycheck stubs or proof of purchases made in Missouri for the duration of time not enrolled.

- Have a valid Missouri driver’s license (or Missouri identification card), a Missouri voter’s ID card, and vehicle registration. If the vehicle is registered in the student’s name it must be registered in Missouri. If the vehicle is registered in the parent’s name and in another state still submit a copy of the registration.

- If you have a resident alien card, provide a copy (front & back) of permanent resident alien card in lieu of the voter’s ID card.

- Complete a Petition for Residency Status (available from the Office of the Registrar, [http://registrar.mst.edu/moresidency/moresidency/](http://registrar.mst.edu/moresidency/moresidency/)) and submit with photocopies of the necessary documentation upon completion of the qualifying period.

A student may apply for a current semester but once a semester has ended the petitioning period has expired. Each petition is reviewed on an individual basis and it is the student’s responsibility to provide copies of all requested information.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Registrar.

University of Missouri Residence & Educational Fee Rules
[http://registrar.mst.edu/moresidency/resident](http://registrar.mst.edu/moresidency/resident)