

## RESIDENCY FAQ

- 1. Why do I have to pay a \$250 processing fee?** A fee of \$250.00 will be required when submitting a petition form. This processing fee covers the cost of processing your residency petition and supporting documents. If your petition is not completed or approved the semester for which you petition, you will need to reapply for a subsequent semester and pay another processing fee.
- 2. How can I prove that I am a Missouri resident for the purpose of paying in-state tuition?** There are several factors associated with petitioning for in-state tuition. You must be able to document that you have physically resided in Missouri for at least one full year prior to the first day of classes for the semester for which are you petitioning. You must show that you rely on in-state sources for your financial support. You must demonstrate intent to make Missouri your permanent residence indefinitely. Requirements can be found at <http://registrar.mst.edu/moresidency/moresidency/>.
- 3. I have resided in Missouri for the past 12 months. Am I automatically considered a Missouri resident? Will my fees automatically change to resident fees?** No, just residing in Missouri for 12 months will not automatically make you a resident. You must petition for Missouri residency and submit supporting documents found at <http://registrar.mst.edu/moresidency/moresidency/>.
- 4. Why can I not leave the state for more than 14 days (excluding university holidays) during my 12 month qualifying period?** By you petitioning for Missouri residency you are indicating to us that you are a Missouri resident and have the intent to be a Missouri resident for an indefinite period. Leaving the state of Missouri for a significant amount of time does not show an intent to make Missouri your permanent residence for an indefinite period of time.
- 5. May I go on internship or co-op out of state during the 12 months I am using toward my Missouri residency?** If you go on internship or co-op out-of-state during your 12 months you will not be allowed to petition for Missouri residency. You must be in the state of Missouri for the 12 months immediately prior to the term for which you are petitioning. If the internship or co-op is in Missouri then you will still be able to petition for Missouri residency.
- 6. Why can I not be claimed as a dependent on my parents' taxes?** Being claimed as a dependent in another state makes you a resident of that state. By you petitioning for Missouri residency you are indicating that you are independent of your parents care, custody, and support.

7. **Can I petition for residency even though my parents claimed me on their taxes as long as they don't claim me next year?** No, you must submit your parents federal tax forms showing you were not claimed as a dependent in another state during your 12 month qualifying period as well as the semester you are submitting your petition.
8. **How will becoming a Missouri resident affect my student financial aid or my student loans?** If you receive financial aid or student loans you should contact the Student Financial Assistance Office to determine how changing your residency status might affect you.
9. **My parents are not residents of Missouri, but are taxpayers because of employment or owning property in Missouri, does this make me eligible for Missouri resident tuition?** No, working in Missouri or owning property in Missouri does not make one a Missouri resident. Residency is determined by where one physically resides and the criteria associated with that residence.
10. **Can I petition for Missouri residency if I was out of the state of Missouri during part of my 12 months qualifying period as long as I can prove I was in Missouri 12 months prior to my leaving?** No, you must have physically resided in Missouri the 12 months immediately prior to the term you are petitioning for or else you will be considered a non-resident.
11. **May I be granted in state tuition if I was living in another state, but working in Missouri?** No, you must physically reside in Missouri to petition for Missouri residency. Petitioning for Missouri residency means you physically reside in Missouri.
12. **I am on assistantship will I be granted in state tuition?** Assistantship and residency are two different things. If you are on assistantship you need to contact your academic department to discuss a fee waiver.
13. **My parent is an S&T alum; does this allow me to pay resident tuition?** No, your parent being an S&T alum does not have any impact on whether or not you pay resident tuition.
14. **Does Missouri University of Science and Technology have a reciprocity with neighboring states for in-state tuition?** No, there is no reciprocity with other states for students to be granted in state tuition.
15. **Does living with a family member other than my parents or friend in Missouri have any effect on residency status?** Your residency is determined by your legal guardians' residency. If your legal guardians are residents of a state other than Missouri then you

are a considered a resident of that state. Living with a family member or friend in Missouri does not make you a Missouri resident.

16. **My parents live in another state but I attended a Missouri high school; will I be a resident if I graduate from a Missouri high school?** No, you will be classified as a non-resident. Your residency is that of your parents.
  
17. **My parents moved to Missouri after I applied for admission/started attending classes at Missouri S&T. Will I automatically become a Missouri resident and pay in-state tuition and fees?** If you parents have moved to Missouri and established Missouri residency after you applied for admission and or started attending classes at Missouri S&T please contact the Registrar's Office, 103 Parker Hall, 573-341-4181, [registrar@mst.edu](mailto:registrar@mst.edu) to discuss further if you are eligible to petition for Missouri residency.
  
18. **Can I petition for a term for which I am not enrolled?** No, you must be enrolled for the term your petition is being submitted.
  
19. **As an international student, can my Missouri resident status change?** International students who have been approved for Missouri resident status whose visa changes to F, J, or M will no longer be eligible for Missouri residency. Student status will be changed to Non-Missouri Resident; International, and students will be assessed international tuition and fees.