

Residency Documentation

The student must provide a minimum of two documents as proof of continuous physical presence and intent to reside in California. The documents must include the student's name, the student's California address, and a date at least one year and one day prior to the first day of the semester.

| Supplementary documentation that may be used to prove residency factors | Physical Presence | Intent | Financial Independence |
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| California driver's license or California identification card | X | X | |
| California motor vehicle registration | X | X | |
| Continuous occupancy of property in California (rental or lease agreement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If lease extends beyond current year | X | X | |
| DD-214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Military Duty) and copy of LES (Leave and Earning Statement) showing California as home of record | X | | |
| Evidence of divorce petition filed in California | X | X | |
| Federal W-2, 1040 or 1040EZ (showing California address) If the end of the tax year does not fall one year and one day prior to residence determination date, one of the following documents is also required: check stubs, letter from employer, or other verification | X | | |
| Filed California State Income Tax Form 540 with California address – prior year(s) showing not claimed as a dependent If the end of the tax year does not fall one year and one day prior to residence determination date, one of the following documents is also required: check stubs, letter from employer, or other verification. | X | X | X |
| Filed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as financially independent | | | X |
| License for professional practice in California (trade, business, professional) | X | X | |
| Ownership of residential property in California | | | X |
| Parent's filed tax returns, showing student was not claimed as a dependent | X | X | |
| Permanent military address or home of record in California while in Armed Forces | X | X | |
| Proof of employment (prior year tax returns and current year pay stub with name and address) | X | X | |
| Statement of active California bank account | X | | |
| Utility bills (electric, gas, water, telephone) | X | | |
| Verification of public assistance, rehabilitation, unemployment, or other California state services | X | X | X |
| Voter Registration | | X | |

NOTE: Transcripts are not proof of residency. They merely show the student was enrolled in school. Transcripts satisfy no factors in residency determination.