

Dependent Student – Georgia Residency Requirements

For students under the age of 24 and your parent/guardian claimed you on their most recent tax return. Please attach to this form:

- A copy of your parent's Georgia Driver's License.
- A copy of your parent's/legal guardian's most recent Georgia tax records showing that he/she claimed you on their taxes (All information can be blacked out except the student's SSN); and
- At least two additional supporting documents (see list of acceptable documentation below) to prove Georgia residency for the past 12 consecutive months for your parent or guardian, or 24 consecutive months if you were not a Georgia resident at the time of your high school graduation.

Independent Student – Georgia Residency Requirements

For students over the age of 24 or those under 24 and your parent/guardian **did not** claim you on their most recent tax return. Please attach to this form:

- A copy of your most recent Georgia tax records (All information can be blacked out except the student's SSN); and
- At least two additional supporting documents (see list of acceptable documentation below) to prove Georgia residency for the past 12 consecutive months, or 24 consecutive months if you were not a Georgia resident at the time of your high school graduation.

- Georgia Automobile Registration
- Georgia Voter Registration
- Notarized letter on company letterhead indicating lease status
- Proof of ownership of primary residency in Georgia
- Utility bill in your name (example: electricity, cable, water, telephone, not cellular phone.)
- Other documentation may be acceptable at the discretion of the Financial Aid office

Please submit this form to the **Financial Aid Office** at any Chattahoochee Technical College campus. This form must be postmarked no less than ten 10 days prior to the beginning of the academic term.

Submission of this form does not guarantee a change of residency status for HOPE. Per state policy:

Determining a student's residency status must be based on the existence of surrounding objective circumstances that indicate a student's intent to maintain a permanent residence, or domicile, in the State of Georgia. The decision to change residency for HOPE purposes is at the discretion of the financial aid office. Students will be notified via email with a decision.

Form guidelines:

- Documents submitted that are not listed as an acceptable document will delay your petition decision
- Incomplete forms will not be processed
- If you are a Non-U.S. citizen, you must have Permanent Residence Status or Asylum Status to be considered for in-state tuition.

Office use only:

GA resident at time of HS Graduation: Yes No If no, date eligibility begins: _____

Approved: Denied:

Date of student notification: _____ Signature: _____