

# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA

## Non-resident Tuition Policy

### Introduction

All students registering at the University of North Alabama, who do not establish that they are resident students shall be classed as non-resident students at the time of their initial registration and shall continue as non-resident students through all subsequent registrations at this institution until satisfactory evidence to the contrary is submitted at the time of any subsequent registration. In the context of this policy, the classifications, resident student and nonresident student exist for the purpose of the policy within institutions of higher education in the State of Alabama and do not have any completely parallel significances to the term “resident” as used in certain legal considerations for relationships in the various governmental entities. Consequently, a person may satisfy certain legal conditions for residence in one of more of the governmental entities, city, court, state, federal, or other, and fail to meet conditions for classification as a resident student for the purpose of tuition payment at the University of North Alabama.

In determining resident or non-resident classification, the primary issue is one of intent. **If a person is in Alabama primarily for the purpose of obtaining an education, that person shall be considered a non-resident student.**

A “resident student” is one who, at the time of registration:

- A. Is not a “minor” and:
  - a) is a full-time permanent employee of the institution at which the student is registering or is the spouse of such an employee;
  - b) can verify full-time permanent employment within the State of Alabama or is the spouse of such an employee and will commence said employment within 90 days of registration with the institution;
  - c) is a member or is the spouse of a member of the United States military on full-time active duty stationed in Alabama under orders for duties other than attending school;
  - d) is employed as a graduate assistant or fellow by the institution at which the student is registering; or
  - e) is an accredited member of or the spouse of an accredited member of a consular staff assigned to duties in Alabama.
- B. Is a “minor” and whose supporting person:
  - a) is a full-time permanent employee of the institution at which the student is registering;
  - b) can verify full-time permanent employment within the State of Alabama and will commence said employment within 90 days of registration with the institution;
  - c) is a member of the United States military on full-time active duty stationed in Alabama under orders for duties other than attending school; or
  - d) is an accredited member of a consular staff assigned to duties in Alabama.

### Definitions

- A. “Minor” – An individual who, because of age, lacks the capacity to contract under Alabama law. Under current law, this means a single individual under 19 years of age and a married individual under 18 years of age, but excludes an individual whose disabilities of non-age have been removed by a court of competent jurisdiction for a reason other than establishing a legal residence in Alabama.

- B. "Supporting person" – Either or both of the parents of the student, if the parents are living together, or if the parents are divorced or living separately, then either the parent having legal custody or, if different, the parent providing the greater amount of financial support. If both parents are deceased or if neither has legal custody, supporting person shall mean, in the following order: the legal custodian of the student, the guardian, and the conservator.
- C. "Resident" – One whose residence is in the State of Alabama.
- D. "Residence" – The single location at which a person resides with the intent of remaining in that location indefinitely as evidenced by more substantial connections with that place than with any other place.

### **INITIAL DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR RESIDENT STATUS**

Individuals claiming resident status under this policy shall certify under penalty for perjury that a specific address or location within the State of Alabama is their residence, that they intend to remain there indefinitely, and that they have more substantial connections with the State of Alabama than with any other state. Though a notarized statement of an address and an intent to remain in the state indefinitely are prerequisites to establishing status as a resident, ultimate determination of that status shall be made by the institution by its evaluation of the presence or absence of connections with the state of Alabama.

An individual claiming to be an Alabama resident for purposes of this policy shall certify by a notarized statement each of the following:

- A. A specific address or location within the State of Alabama as his or her residence.
- B. An intention to remain at that location indefinitely
- C. Possession of more substantial connections with the State of Alabama than with any other state.

Though certification of a residence location and an intent to remain in the state indefinitely shall be prerequisites to establishing status as a resident, ultimate determination of that status shall be made by the institution by evaluating the presence or absence of connections with the State of Alabama. This evaluation shall include the consideration of all of the following connections:

1. Consideration of the location of high school graduation
2. Payment of Alabama state income taxes as a resident
3. Ownership of a residence or other real property in the state and payment of state ad valorem taxes on the residence or property
4. Full-time employment in the state
5. Residence in the state of a spouse, parents, or children
6. Previous periods of residency in the state continuing for one year or more
7. Voter registration and voting in the state; more significantly, continuing voter registration in the state that initially occurred at least one year prior to the initial registration of the student in Alabama at a public institution of higher education
8. Possession of state or local licenses to do business or practice a profession in the state

9. Ownership of personal property in the state, payment of state taxes on the property, and possession of state license plates
10. Continuous physical presence in the state for a purpose other than attending school, except for temporary absences for travel, military service, and temporary employment
11. Membership in religious, professional, business, civic, or social organizations in the state
12. Maintenance in the state of checking and savings accounts, safe deposit boxes, or investment accounts
13. In-state address shown on selective service registration, driver's license, automobile title registration, hunting and fishing licenses, insurance policies, stock and bond registrations, last will and testament, annuities, or retirement plans

### **INITIAL DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY AS A RESIDENT OF A FIFTY-MILE COUNTY**

Counties within fifty miles of the University of North Alabama:

State of Mississippi: Alcorn, Itawamba, Lee, Prentiss, Tishomingo

State of Tennessee: Decatur, Giles, Henderson, Hardin, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Maury, McNairy, Perry, Wayne

Individuals claiming resident status under this policy shall certify under penalty for perjury that a specific address or location within a fifty-mile county is their residence, that they intend to remain there indefinitely, and that they have more substantial connections with the fifty-mile county than with any other county. Though a notarized statement of an address and an intent to remain in the fifty-mile county indefinitely are prerequisites to establishing status as a resident, ultimate determination of that status shall be made by the institution by its evaluation of the presence or absence of connections with the fifty-mile county.

An individual claiming to be a resident of a fifty-mile county for purposes of this policy shall certify by a notarized statement each of the following:

- A. A specific address or location within the fifty-mile county as his or her residence.
- B. An intention to remain at that location indefinitely
- C. Possession of more substantial connections with the fifty-mile county than with any other county.

Though certification of a residence location and an intent to remain in the fifty-mile county indefinitely shall be prerequisites to establishing status as a resident, ultimate determination of that status shall be made by the institution by evaluating the presence or absence of connections with the fifty-mile county. This evaluation shall include the consideration of all of the following connections:

1. Consideration of the location of high school graduation
2. Payment of state income taxes as a resident of the fifty-mile county

3. Ownership of a residence or other real property in the fifty-mile county and payment of state ad valorem taxes on the residence or property by the student or supporting person
4. Full-time employment of the student or supporting person in the fifty-mile county
5. Residence in the fifty-mile county of a spouse, parents, or children
6. Previous periods of residency in the fifty-mile county continuing for one year or more
7. Voter registration and voting in the fifty-mile county; more significantly, continuing voter registration in the fifty-mile county that initially occurred at least one year prior to the initial registration of the student at a public institution of higher education in Alabama
8. Possession of state or local licenses to do business or practice a profession in the fifty-mile county by the student or supporting person
9. Ownership of personal property in the fifty-mile county, payment of state taxes on the property, and possession of state license plates by the student or supporting person
10. Continuous physical presence in the fifty-mile county for a purpose other than attending school, except for temporary absences for travel, military service, and temporary employment
11. Membership in religious, professional, business, civic, or social organizations in the fifty-mile county
12. Maintenance in the fifty-mile county of checking and savings accounts, safe deposit boxes, or investment accounts by the student or supporting person
13. Address shown on selective service registration, driver's license, automobile title registration, hunting and fishing licenses, insurance policies, stock and bond registrations, last will and testament, annuities, or retirement plans which is located in the fifty-mile county

Eligibility of a student for Alabama resident tuition as a resident of a fifty-mile county is campus-specific and not transferable to any other campus. Enrollment at any other campus of a public college or university will require recertification at the new campus.