Washington Higher Education Residency
Affidavit/Declaration/Certification

A Washington law determines whether students can be considered residents of Washington eligible to pay in-state resident tuition rates at public institutions (RCW 28B.15.012). This law was revised in 2003 to allow certain students attending public colleges and universities to be eligible for resident student tuition rates. In 2014, the state’s financial aid law was amended so these students are eligible to be considered for need-based state aid (State Need Grant) if they are attending either public or participating private colleges in Washington (RCW 28B.92.101). For information on eligibility and the application process for State Need Grant, please visit www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa.

To qualify for resident tuition status and/or State Need Grant eligibility, students must complete this affidavit/declaration/certification if they have met the following conditions:

- Resided in Washington State for three (3) years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma, and completed the full senior year at a Washington high school;

  or

- Completed the equivalent of a high school diploma and resided in Washington State for the three (3) years immediately before receiving the equivalent of the diploma;

  and

- Continuously resided in the State since earning the high school diploma or its equivalent.

Print full name ___________________________ Date of birth (month/day/year) ___________________________

Student Identification Number (if applicable) ___________________________

Relationship to the college or university:  □ Applicant  □ Current Student

Name of high school: ___________________________

I certify that:  

□ I will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States as soon as I am eligible to apply. I am also willing to engage in activities designed to prepare me for citizenship, including citizenship and civics review courses.

  or

□ I am a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

___________________________________________ Date

Signature ___________________________ Place (city, state) ___________________________

Note to the student: Please submit the original copy of this completed affidavit to the admissions office, the registrar, or the financial aid office of the college or university to which you are applying. Faxed or e-mailed forms, or forms without an original signature, are not acceptable.