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Florida in-state tuition guide for completing the “Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes” form

The “Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes” form can be found on the website of your higher education institution. It can also be located [here](#). This guide is designed to assist students from immigrant families with the completion of the residency form.



FLORIDA RESIDENCY DECLARATION FOR TUITION PURPOSES

A Florida “resident for tuition purposes” is a person who has, or a dependent person whose parent or legal guardian has, established and maintained legal residency in Florida for at least twelve (12) consecutive months preceding the first day of classes of the term for which Florida residency is sought.

- Residence in Florida must be a bona fide domicile rather than for the purpose of maintaining a residence incident to enrollment at an institution of higher education.
- To qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes, you must be a U.S. citizen, a foreign national in a nonimmigrant visa classification that grants you the legal ability to establish a bona fide domicile in the United States, a permanent resident alien, parolee, asylee, Cuban-Haitian entrant, legal alien granted indefinite stay, or other qualified alien as defined under federal law. Other persons not meeting the twelve-month legal residence requirements may be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes only if they fall within one of the limited special categories authorized by the Florida Legislature pursuant to section 1009.21, Florida Statutes (see “Qualification by Exception” below). All other persons are ineligible for classification as a Florida “resident for tuition purposes.”
- Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence. Students who depend upon out-of-state parents for support are presumed to be legal residents of the same state as their parents.
- Residency for tuition purposes requires the establishment of legal ties to the state of Florida. A student must verify that the student has broken ties to other states if the student or, in the case of a dependent student, his or her parent has moved from another state.

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Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Student is a: U.S. Citizen Non-U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Other
 Alien Registration Number: _____ Issue Date: _____
 Visa Category: _____

All non-U.S. citizen students seeking classification as a Florida resident for tuition purposes are required to submit documentation of their legal status in the United States as issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services office.

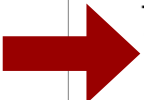
NON-FLORIDA RESIDENT

I do not qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes for the term for which this application is submitted. I understand that should I qualify for a future term, it will be necessary for me to submit an updated Residency Declaration while providing prescribed supporting documentation to substantiate as “reclassification” of my status. I understand being classified as a non-Florida resident will not exclude me from the possibility of receiving a waiver to cover part or all of the out-of-state fee as defined in s. 1009.26, Florida Statutes. Submission of an updated Residency Declaration must occur prior to the beginning of the term for which residency is sought. I do not have to complete any further portion of this form, with the exception of signing below.

Student Name: _____
 Signature of Student: (Electronic or Ink) _____ Date: _____

UNDOCUMENTED/DACA STUDENTS

If you wish to petition for in-state tuition based on status as an **undocumented or DACA** student, you need **only** complete the **“Non-Florida Resident”** portion of the “Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes” form, which can be found at the bottom of page one of the residency form. In addition to this form, be sure to also submit your Florida high school transcript(s) and an out-of-state fee waiver form, which can be found on your institution’s webpage. Each school may have a different name for the tuition waiver form; contact your school if you need assistance locating it.



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- Residence in Florida must be bona fide domicile (other than for the purpose of maintaining a residence incident to enrollment in an institution of higher education).
- To qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes, you must be a U.S. citizen or foreign national in a permanent lawful classification that grants you the legal ability to establish domicile in Florida. In the United States, a permanent resident alien (parolee, asylum, Cuban Haitian entrant, legal alien granted indefinite stay, or other qualified alien as defined under federal law). Other persons not meeting the two-month legal residence requirement may be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes only if they fall within one of the limited special categories authorized by the Florida Legislature pursuant to section 1009.21, Florida Statutes (see "Qualification by Exception" below). A citizen or permanent resident alien is eligible to be classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes.
- Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence. Students who depend upon one or more parents for support are presumed to be legal residents of the same state as their parents.
- Residency for tuition purposes requires the establishment of legal ties to the state of Florida. A student must verify that the student has broken ties to other states if the student or, in the case of a dependent student, his or her parent, has moved from another state.

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Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Student is a: U.S. Citizen Non-U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Other
 Alien Registration Number: _____ Issue Date: _____
 Visa Category: _____

All non-U.S. citizen students seeking classification as a Florida resident for tuition purposes are required to submit documentation of their legal status in the United States as issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services office.

~~**NON-FLORIDA RESIDENT**~~

~~I do not qualify as a Florida resident for tuition purposes for the term for which this application is submitted. I understand that should I desire to file a future form, it will be necessary for me to submit appropriate Residency Declaration while providing additional supporting documentation to substantiate my classification as a resident for tuition purposes. I understand that by classifying myself as a Florida resident, I will forfeit my right to the possibility of requesting a waiver to cover part or all of the out-of-state fee as defined in s. 1009.28, Florida Statutes. Submission of a updated Residency Declaration must occur prior to the beginning of the term for which residency is sought. I do not have to complete any other portion of this form with the exception of signing below.~~

~~Student Name: _____
 Signature of Student (Electronic or Ink): _____ Date: _____~~

CITIZENS WITH UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS

If you wish to petition for in-state tuition as a **citizen with undocumented parent(s)**, you must complete the entirety of the "Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes" form, minus the "Non-Florida Resident" portion located at the bottom of page one of the residency form.

Fill in appropriate responses.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT SEEKING FLORIDA RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES

I qualify as a resident for tuition purposes as defined by s. 1009.21, Florida Statutes, for the term for which this application is submitted. I understand that it will be necessary for me to provide evidence of residency for tuition purposes, supporting my claim as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I have read the residency requirements and qualify myself as a dependent, independent student, and declare that (select one of the options below):

I am a dependent student, as defined by s. 1009.21(1)(b), Florida Statutes, in that I am eligible to be claimed as a dependent under the federal income tax code by the highest living individual who is my parent as defined by s. 1009.21(1)(j), Florida Statutes, (i.e., either or both parents of the student, a guardian of a student, or any person in a parental relationship to the student). My parent has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. As defined by section 1009.21(1)(d), Florida Statutes, "legal residence" or "domicile" means a person who has maintained his or her residence in this state for the preceding year, has purchased a home which is occupied by him or her as his or her residence, or has established a domicile in this state pursuant to s. 222.77. A copy of your parent's tax return may be requested to establish dependence.

I am an independent person who has maintained legal domicile in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. I provide more than 50% of my own support. An independent student generally includes a person who is at least 24 years old, married, a graduate or professional student, a veteran, a member of the armed forces, a widow or widower, or someone with legal cohabitant or other legal spouse (as set forth in the United States Department of Education's purpose of residential status determination). There may be limited cases where a person under the age of 24 years old may qualify as an independent student. Such students will be required to verify independence (including financial independence). A copy of your tax return may be requested to establish independence.

I meet residency requirements through one of the Qualifications by Exception below (check appropriate exception):

TERM OF APPLICATION (check one) FALL SPRING SUMMER YEAR: 20____

QUALIFICATION BY EXCEPTION (to be completed by the student.)

As provided in s. 1009.21, Florida Statutes, I qualify for residency based on the following permitted exception (documentation required):

- I am a qualified beneficiary under the terms of the Florida Prepaid College Program (s. 1009.06, Florida Statutes). (Required: Copy of Florida Prepaid Statement.)
- I am married to a person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. I have now established legal domicile and intend to make Florida my permanent home. (Required: Copy of marriage certificate and/or other documents required to establish residency.)
- I was previously enrolled at a Florida state postsecondary institution and classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I am returning to another Florida state postsecondary institution within 12 months of the previous enrollment. (Required: Evidence of previous enrollment as a Florida resident.)
- I was previously enrolled at a Florida state postsecondary institution and classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I abandoned my Florida domicile less than 12 months ago and am now reestablishing Florida legal residence.
- Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States residing in this state and their spouses and dependent children, and Reserve drilling members of the United National Guard. (Required: Copy of military orders or DD2062 showing home of record.)
- Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States and their spouses and dependents attending a Florida College System institution or state university within 10 miles of the military establishment where they are stationed, if such military establishment is within a county contiguous to Florida. (Required: Copy of military orders.)
- United States citizens living in the Republic of Panama, who have completed 12 consecutive months of full-time work at the Florida State University Panama Canal Branch, and their spouses and dependents on duty. (Required: Copy of marriage certificate or proof of dependency.)

Are you a dependent student, independent student, or do you meet residency requirements through one of the exceptions listed on pages two and three?

Select the one that applies.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT SEEKING FLORIDA RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES:

I qualify as a resident for tuition purposes as defined by s. 1009.21, Florida Statutes, for the term for which this application is submitted. I understand that it will be necessary for me to present evidence of residency for tuition purposes, supporting my claim as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I have read the residency information and qualify as a dependent or independent student and declare that (select one of the options below):

I am a dependent student, as defined by s. 1009.21(1)(a), Florida Statutes, in that I am eligible to be claimed as a dependent under the recent income tax code by the claimant below (the claimant is my parent as defined by s. 1009.21(1)(g), Florida Statutes, (i.e., either or both parents of the student, a guardian of a student, or any person in a parental relationship to the student). My parent has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. As defined by section 1009.21(1)(d), Florida Statutes, "legal residence" for purposes means a person who has maintained his or her residence in this state for the preceding year, has purchased a home which is occupied by him or her as his or her residence, or has established a domicile in this state pursuant to s. 222.17. A copy of your parent's tax return may be requested to establish residence.

I am an independent person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. I am a single adult who is at least 24 years old, married, a graduate or professional student, a veteran, a member of the armed forces, a ward of the court, or someone with legal custody other than a spouse, pursuant to the United States Department of Education for the purposes of federal financial aid eligibility. There may be limited cases where a person under the age of 24 years old may qualify as an independent student. Such students will be required to verify independence (including financial independence). A copy of your tax return may be requested to establish independence.

I meet residency requirements through one of the Qualifications by Exception below (check appropriate section).

TERM OF APPLICATION (check one) FALL SPRING SUMMER YEAR: 20____

QUALIFICATION BY EXCEPTION (to be completed by the student.)

As provided in s. 1009.21, Florida Statutes, I qualify for residency based on the following permitted exception (documentation required):

- I am a qualified beneficiary under the terms of the Florida Prepaid College Program (s. 1009.06, Florida Statutes) (Required: Copy of Florida Prepaid Statement)
- I am married to a person who has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least the past 12 consecutive months. I have been judicially declared as a dependent child of my Florida domiciliary parent (Required: Copy of marriage certificate and/or other documents required to establish residency)
- I was previously enrolled at a Florida state postsecondary institution and classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I am transferring to another Florida state postsecondary institution within 12 months of the previous enrollment (Required: Evidence of previous enrollment as a resident)
- I was previously enrolled at a Florida state postsecondary institution and classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. I abandoned my Florida domicile less than 12 months ago and am now re-establishing Florida legal residence.
- Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States residing in the state and their spouses and dependent children, and active drilling members of the Florida National Guard (Required: Copy of military orders or DD2058 showing home of record)
- Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States and their spouses and dependents attending a Florida College System institution or state university within 10 miles of the military establishment where they are stationed, if such military establishment is within a county contiguous to Florida (Required: Copy of military orders)
- United States citizens living on the Canal Zone or Panama, who have completed 12 consecutive months of full-time work at the Florida State University Panama Canal Branch, and their spouses and dependent children (Required: Copy of marriage certificate or proof of dependency)

If you meet residency through one of the qualifications by exception, select the appropriate exception and provide the requested documentation. If you did not select this option, leave it blank and continue to the next section.



- Full-time instructional and administrative personnel employed by state public schools and institutions of higher education and their spouses and dependent children (Required: Employment Verification)
- Students from any American and Caribbean who receive scholarship stipends from the federal or state government. Any student classified pursuant to this paragraph shall attend, on a full-time basis, a Florida institution of higher education (Required: Proof of scholarship and Latin America or Caribbean residency)
- Southern Regional Education Board Academic Common Market graduate students attending Florida's state universities (Required: Documentation from State Academic Common Market Coordinator)
- Full-time employees of state agencies or political subdivisions of the state when the student fees are paid by the state agency or political subdivision for the purpose of job-related law enforcement or corrections training (Required: Employment verification from supervisor)
- Military doctoral fellows and fellows who are United States citizens (Required: Verification from graduate schools)
- United States citizens living outside the United States who are teaching at a Department of Defense Dependence School or an American International School and who enroll in a graduate-level education program which leads to a Florida teaching certificate (Required: Proof of enrollment in graduate program for FL teaching certificate)
- Active duty members of the Canadian military residing or stationed in this state since the North American Air Defense (NORAD) agreement, and their spouses and dependent children attending a Florida College System institution or state university within 10 miles of the military installation where they are stationed (Required: Proof of active duty membership for service purpose)
- Active duty members of a foreign nation's military who are serving as liaison officers and are residing or stationed in this state, and their spouses and dependent children attending a Florida College System institution or state university within 10 miles of the military establishment where the foreign liaison office is stationed (Required: Proof of active duty membership for service purpose)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CLAIMANT/PERSON CLAIMING FL RESIDENCY:

Note: If the student is a dependent, the parent is the claimant and will complete this section and provide evidence of residency supporting the claim. If the student is independent, the student, the claimant, or will complete this section and provide evidence of residency supporting the claim. **No single document shall be conclusive in establishing residency. Additional documentation, other than what is prescribed, may be requested in some cases. All documentation provided is subject to verification. Evidence of ties to another state may result in denial of Florida residency for tuition purposes.**

Claimant's Name of Person Claiming FL Residency: _____

Claimant's Relationship to Student: _____

Claimant's Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date Claimant began establishing legal FL residence (if upon birth enter birth date): _____

PROVISION OF DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT CLAIM OF FLORIDA RESIDENCY

Per s. 1009.21(3)(c), Florida Statutes, the residency determination must be documented by the submission of written or electronic verification that includes two or more of the documents identified below. No single piece of evidence shall be conclusive.

- Claimant must provide at least one of the following of his/her personal documentation:
- Florida Voter's registration card Number: _____ Issue Date: ____/____/____
 - Florida Driver's license Number: _____ Original Issue Date: ____/____/____
 - Current lease date: ____/____/____
 - Florida State identification card Number: _____ Issue Date: ____/____/____
 - Current lease date: ____/____/____
 - Florida Vehicle registration Number: _____ Original Issue Date: ____/____/____
 - Current Issue Date: ____/____/____
- Proof of permanent home in Florida occupied as primary residence for 12 consecutive months

***This section must be completed by the claimant, i.e. the independent student OR the parent/guardian of the dependent student. Make a note here that you qualify per Florida State Statute 1009.21(2)(d), which states that a "dependent child who is a U.S. Citizen may not be denied classification as a resident for tuition purposes based solely upon the immigration status of his or her parent."**



- [] Full-time instructional and administrative personnel employed by state public schools and institutions of higher education and their spouses and dependent children. (Required: Employment Verification)
- [] Students from any American and the Caribbean who receive scholarships from the federal or state government. Any student classified pursuant to this paragraph shall attend, on a full-time basis, a Florida institution of higher education. (Required: Proof of scholarship and 12 consecutive or consecutive Florida state residences.)
- [] Southern Regional Education Board Academic Common Market graduate students attending Florida's state universities. (Required: Certificate from the Turn of State Academic Common Market Coordinator.)
- [] Full-time employees of state agencies or political subdivisions of the state when the student resides near the state agency or political subdivision for the purpose of job-related law enforcement or corrections training. (Required: Employment verification/employment agreement.)
- [] Major grant doctoral fellows and scholars who are United States citizens. (Required: Verification from graduate schools.)
- [] United States citizens living outside the United States who are studying at a Department of Defense Dependence School or an American International School and who enroll in a graduate-level education program which leads to a Florida teaching certificate. (Required: Proof of enrollment in graduate program for FL teaching certificate.)
- [] Active-duty members of the Canadian military residing or stationed in this state under the North American Air Defense (NORAD) agreement, and their spouses and dependent children attending a Florida College System institution at state university within 50 miles of the military installation where they are stationed. (Required: Proof of active-duty membership for issuance purposes.)
- [] Active-duty members of a foreign nation's military who are serving as liaison officers and are residing or stationed in this state, and their spouses and dependent children attending a Florida College System institution or state university within 50 miles of the military establishment where the foreign liaison officer is stationed. (Required: Proof of active-duty membership for issuance purposes.)

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Note: If the student is a dependent, the parent is the claimant and will complete this section and provide evidence of residency supporting the claim. If the student is independent, the student is the claimant and will complete this section and provide evidence of residency supporting the claim. **No single document shall be conclusive in establishing residency. Additional documentation, other than what is prescribed, may be requested in some cases. All documentation provided is subject to verification. Evidence of ties to another state may result in denial of Florida residency for tuition purposes.**

Claimant's Name (Person Claiming FL Residency) _____
 Claimant's Relationship to Student _____
 Claimant's Address: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Date Claimant began establishing legal FL residence (if upon birth, enter "N/A") _____

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 - Current Issue Date: ____/____/____
 - Florida State identification card Number: _____ State Issue Date: ____/____/____
 - Current Issue Date: ____/____/____
 - Florida Vehicle registration Number: _____ Original Issue Date: ____/____/____
 - Current Issue Date: ____/____/____
 - Proof of permanent home in Florida occupied as primary residence for 12 consecutive months

From Section A, select and provide at least one of the following forms of documentation to support your claim for Florida residency.

- proof of the student's enrollment. (Required: document such as a receipt or other evidence of title to property used as primary residence, a homeowner's policy, a title insurance policy, evidence of a property tax payment or the primary residence, multiple leases reflecting a Florida address, or a lease of multiple years duration.)
- Proof of a Homestead exemption in Florida. (Required: document from the county tax collector demonstrating the application of a homestead exemption to the claimant's primary residence.)
 - Official transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years (2 or more years), if the Florida high school diploma or GED was earned within the last 12 months.
 - Proof of state income tax payments from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____. (Required: transcripts)
 - Proof of consistent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period. (Required: pay stubs or W-2 form for each 12 consecutive months and/or verification from employers, and/or an IRS 1099 with verification of employment for the past 12 consecutive months from an employer.)
- B. Claimant may provide one or more documents from the following categories to demonstrate residency in Florida (to be used in conjunction with one document from above):**
- Declaration of domicile in Florida in accordance with s. 222.17, Florida Statutes
 - Florida professional or occupational license
 - Florida incorporation
 - Document evidencing family ties in Florida
 - Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or professional organization
 - Any other documentation that supports your request for residency, including, but not limited to, utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; an official state, local, or court document evidencing legal ties to Florida

RESIDENCY DECLARATION:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true and I further affirm the authenticity of the information provided on a _____ page(s) of this Residency Declaration, uncorrected. I do so fully and knowingly in accordance with this Residency Declaration and provide in support of this Residency Declaration, not subject me to penalties pursuant to section 805.08, Florida Statutes, for making a false statement. I give permission for the institution to review or examine any and all documents and records, including those accessible electronically, which may assist in supporting my claim as a Florida resident for tuition purposes.

Student Name (Please Print): _____
 Claimant Name (if not the Student): _____
 Signature of Claimant: _____ (print or sign) _____ Date _____

From Section B, select and provide at least one of the following forms of documentation to support your claim of Florida residency.

***You must have a total of AT LEAST two forms of documentation, one from section A and one from section B, to demonstrate residency.**

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 Alien Registration Number: _____ Issue Date: _____
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~~NON-FLORIDA RESIDENT~~

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~~Student Name: _____
 Signature of Student (Electronic or Ink): _____ Date: _____~~

LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT & CERTAIN NON-U.S. CITIZEN STUDENTS

If you wish to request in-state tuition as a **lawful permanent resident or a student of certain non-U.S. citizen categories**, you must **only** complete the first section of the "Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes" form. In addition, you must provide the requested proofs of legal status as issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to qualify.

To view a complete list of all eligible aliens and the required documentation needed for proof, please view Appendix C, starting on page 28, of "Guidelines on Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes".

Fill in appropriate responses.

- prior to the student's enrollment. (Required document such as a deed or other evidence of title to property used as primary residence; a homeowner's policy; a life insurance policy; evidence of a property tax payment on the primary residence; multiple leases reflecting a Florida address; or a lease of multiple years duration.)
- Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida (required document from the county tax collector demonstrating the application of a homestead exemption to the primary residence.)
 - Official transcript from a Florida high school for multiple years (2 or more years); if the Florida high school diploma or GED was earned within the last 12 months.
 - Dates of attendance: _____ (Qualifies for _____) (Required residency)
 - Proof of continuous full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period (required pay stubs or W-2 form for each 12 consecutive months and verification from employers, and/or an IRS 1099 with verification of employment for the past 12 consecutive months from an employer.)

- B. Claimant may provide one or more documents from the following categories to demonstrate residency in Florida (to be used in conjunction with one document from above):**
- Declaration of domicile in Florida in accordance with s. 222.17, Florida Statutes
 - Florida professional or occupational license
 - Florida incorporation
 - Document evidencing family ties in Florida
 - Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or professional organization
 - Any other documentation that supports your request for resident status, including, but not limited to, utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; an affidavit, statement, or court document evidencing legal ties to Florida

RESIDENCY DECLARATION:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true and further affirm the authenticity of the information provided on all pages of this Residency Declaration. I understand that any false or misleading information on this Residency Declaration or provided in support of this Residency Declaration will subject me to penalties pursuant to section 83.09, Florida Statutes, for making a false statement. I give permission for the institution to review or examine any and all documents and records, including those accessible electronically, which may assist in supporting my claim as a Florida resident for tuition purposes.

Student Name (Florida Print): _____
 Claimant Name (if not the Student): _____
 Signature of Claimant (Electronic or Ink): _____ Date: _____

All students seeking to declare residency: upon reading the residency declaration statement, print and sign your name, and submit.

Please note that this document is only intended to serve as a guide. The information is subject to change and does not constitute legal advice.

We encourage students to contact their school with specific questions. Additional information can be obtained by contacting

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER
 www.splcenter.org/contact-us
 877-751-6183
FLORIDA IMMIGRANT COALITION
 info@floridaimmigrant.org
 888-600-5762

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