

# Graduate School Admission Standards and Application Procedures

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## Residence

### Legal Residence of Students

The university applies the definitions and conditions stated here as required by state law in the classification of students as residents or nonresidents for the assessment of fees. Requests for a review of residency classification should be submitted to the registrar; forms for this purpose are available from the Registrar's Office. Such requests, when involving a specific enrollment period, are reviewed until classes begin for that particular enrollment period as stated in the Academic Calendar, provided the Request for Review Forms are received by the registrar before the beginning of classes.

#### A Minor

The residency of a minor (less than 21 years of age) is that of the father, the mother, or a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court in Mississippi. If a court has granted custody of the minor to one parent, the residence of the minor is that of the parent who was granted custody by the court. If both parents are dead, the residence of the minor is that of the last surviving parent at the time of that parent's death, unless the minor lives with a general guardian, duly appointed by a proper court of Mississippi, in which case his residence becomes that of the guardian. A student who, upon registration at a Mississippi institution of higher learning or community college, presents a transcript demonstrating graduation from a Mississippi secondary school and who has been a secondary school student in Mississippi for not less than the final four (4) years of secondary school attendance shall not be required to pay out-of-state tuition. This section shall not apply to a person as it relates to residency for voter registration or voting.

#### Removal of Parents from Mississippi

If the parents of a minor who is enrolled as a student in an institution of higher learning move their legal residence from the state of Mississippi, the minor is immediately classified as a nonresident student.

#### Twelve Months Of Residence Required

No student may be admitted to the university as a resident of Mississippi unless his residence, as defined above, has been in the state of Mississippi for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately preceding his admission.

#### Residence In An Educational Institution Can Be Counted

A student who has lived within the state for 12 months following his 21st birthday may establish residence in his own right by showing that he is living in the state with the intention of abandoning his former domicile and remaining in the state of Mississippi permanently, or for an indefinite length of time.

#### Residence Status Of A Married Student

A married student may claim the residence of the spouse, or may claim independent residence status under the same regulations, set forth above, as any other adult.

#### Military Personnel Assigned on Active Duty Station in Mississippi

Members of the armed forces on extended active duty and stationed within the state of Mississippi, except those military personnel whose active duty assignment is for educational purposes, may be classified as residents, without regard to the residence requirement of 12 months, for the purpose of attendance at the university. Resident status of such military personnel who are not legal residents of Mississippi, as defined above under "Legal Residence of an Adult," shall terminate upon their re-assignment for duty in the continental United States outside Mississippi.

#### Children of Military Personnel

Resident status of children of members of the armed forces on extended active duty shall be that of the military parent for the purpose of attending the university during the time that their military parents are stationed within the state of Mississippi and shall be continued through the time that military parents are stationed in an overseas area with last duty assignment within the state of Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi. Resident status of minor children shall terminate upon reassignment under permanent change of station orders of their military parents for duty in the continental United States outside Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi.

#### Certification of Residence of Military Personnel

A military person on active duty station in Mississippi who wishes to avail himself or his dependents of the provisions of the paragraph titled "Military Personnel Assigned on Active Duty Station in Mississippi" must submit a certificate from the military organization showing the name of the military member, the name of the dependent, if for a dependent, the name of the organization of assignment and its address (may be in the letterhead), that the military member will be on active duty stationed in Mississippi on the date of registration at the university; that the military member is not on transfer orders; and the signature of the commanding officer, the adjutant, or the personnel officer of the unit of assignment with signer's rank and title. A military certificate must be presented to the registrar of the university each semester at (or within 10 days prior to) registration for the provisions of the paragraph "Military Personnel Assigned on Active Duty Station in Mississippi," named above, to be effective.

#### Families of Students

The spouse and children of a nonresident student who pays or receives a waiver of the nonresident fee may enroll in the university upon payment of the appropriate fees charged to a resident. Nonresident fees for spouses and children of part-time nonresident students will be prorated.

#### Responsibility of Students

Residency classification of an applicant for admission is determined by the registrar and is stated on the Admission Certificate issued. Students should notify the registrar immediately by letter of any change in residence.

