

BOISE STATE

BECOMING AN IDAHO RESIDENT

Idaho residency status may be determined by several methods which are fully detailed in the Undergraduate Catalog under the tuition and fees section at registrar.boisestate.edu. The following are the two most common paths to become an Idaho resident.

RESIDENCY PATH #1

If you receive LESS THAN 50% of your financial support from a parent or legal guardian (*this would include anyone who does not receive any financial support from a parent or legal guardian*) your residency is based on where you live. If you are domiciled in Idaho for 12 consecutive months prior to the opening day of the semester and you can provide at least one of the proofs of residency outlined below, you may be eligible to gain residency status for fee paying purposes.

RESIDENCY PATH #2

If you receive AT LEAST 50% of your financial support from a parent or legal guardian, you are considered a resident of the same state as your parents. In order to qualify as an Idaho resident for fee paying purposes, your parent or legal guardian must be domiciled in Idaho for 12 consecutive months prior to the opening day of the semester. If your parent or legal guardian can provide at least one of the proofs of residency outlined below, you may be eligible to gain residency status for fee paying purposes.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY OPTIONS

1. A full year Idaho state tax return
2. Proof of full time employment for 12 months in Idaho
3. Proof of home ownership for 12 months in Idaho
4. 5 of the 7 following
 - a. Idaho driver's license (dated at least 12 months prior to the opening day of the semester)
 - b. Idaho vehicle registration (dated at least 12 months prior to the opening day of the semester)
 - c. Idaho voting registration (dated at least 12 months prior to the opening day of the semester)
 - d. Proof of a lease in Idaho (dated at least 12 months prior to the opening day of the semester)
 - e. Bank statement with an Idaho address (dated at least 12 months prior to the opening day of the semester)
 - f. Proof of abandonment of a previous domicile
 - g. Misc. (Please see the Residency Coordinator for further details)

RESIDENCY – FAQ'S

What does domicile mean?

Domicile refers to an individual's permanent home where personal household belongings are located. It is the place where the individual intends to remain and expects to return to when leaving without establishing a new home elsewhere.

How long do I have to live in Idaho before I can become an Idaho resident?

Along with meeting other state requirements, you must be domiciled in Idaho for 12 consecutive months prior to the opening day of the semester you are applying for residency.

How does accepting the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) affect establishing Idaho residency?

If you are offered and accept the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) scholarship, you cannot count the time you receive the WUE toward establishing residency. The WUE is a program for inter-state tuition exchange among the western states. It requires you to maintain residency in your home state while receiving assistance. You must be domiciled in Idaho for 12 consecutive months prior to the opening day of the semester while not receiving the WUE to be eligible to gain residency status for fee paying purposes.

How does the GEM scholarship affect establishing my Idaho residency?

The GEM scholarship does not affect your ability to establish Idaho residency for fee paying purposes.

Do I have to be a part time student while establishing Idaho residency?

You do not have to be enrolled as a part time student while establishing residency. However, when applying to change your residency, you must prove that you have been domiciled in the state of Idaho for purposes other than education by showing one of the proofs of residency noted on the previous page.

Does living on campus count towards establishing Idaho residency?

The time you live on campus can be used towards establishing Idaho residency. You would still have to be domiciled in Idaho for 12 consecutive months prior to the opening day of the semester you are applying for as well as meet the other Idaho state requirements for gaining residency.

Does owning property in Idaho make me an Idaho resident?

Your residency is determined based on where you are domiciled, not where you (or your parent or guardian) own property. You would still need to be domiciled in Idaho for 12 consecutive months prior to the opening day of the semester and meet the other state regulated requirements.

RESIDENCY QUESTIONS?

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