In order to be eligible to qualify for Florida Residency an applicant or claimant must belong to one of following categories:

1. U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident Alien
2. Holder of one of the following qualifying visas: A, E, G, H1-B, I, K, L, N, O-1, R, NATO, I-7, S, T, U or V
3. Parolees, refugees, those holding a protected asylum status, or other legal alien granted an indefinite stay in the United States.

To establish Florida residency you must provide at least two of the following forms of proof. They must be dated one year prior to the term you are seeking admission and demonstrate that the applicant has maintained legal residence in Florida for at least 12 consecutive months prior to his or her initial enrollment at the university.

- Florida Driver’s License
- Florida Vehicle Registration
- Florida Identification Card
- Voter’s Registration (U.S. Citizens)
- Employment Letter with current W2-or W4 (must show 12 consecutive months of employment)
- Proof of Warranty Deed or Homestead Exemption in Florida
- Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period.

Should there be any discrepancy or additional forms of proof required, you must provide one or more of the following:

- Florida professional or occupational license
- Declaration of Domicile (the date that an applicant shall be deemed as establishing residency for 12 months is the date that the Clerk of Circuit Court notes the declaration was sworn and subscribed to the Clerk).
- Florida incorporation documentation
- Active Duty Military Orders
- Utility bills - 12 consecutive monthly payments (Electric and Water only)
- Lease agreement, rental or mortgage contract and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments
- A document evidencing family ties in Florida
- Membership in a Florida-based charitable or professional organization
- An official state, federal, or court document evidencing legal ties to Florida

All applicants must complete and submit the Residency Classification form. Please include copies of all the necessary documentation. Be sure to include your Panther ID.

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