Examples of Acceptable Evidence for In-State Residency Petition

The examples below are illustrative and are not exhaustive. No single document is determinative. An In-State Resident determination is based on the reliability, relevance, consistency, and totality of evidence presented in accordance with the USM Policy on Student Classification for Admission and Tuition Purposes.

Documents provided should **reflect the date range of 12 months prior** to the last day to register for classes for the semester in which the student is seeking in-state residency determination.

Criteria 1: Continuously maintained primary living quarters in Maryland	• Signed residential lease(s) • Deed • Settlement paperwork for home purchase • Mortgage statement • Official university housing contract or housing bill for on-campus residence • Property tax records • Unhoused disclosure **Evidence for Students Living with Family or Others** • Notarized Certification of Shared Residence from parent, guardian, property owner, or leaseholder confirming Maryland residence. and • Deed or lease of property owner/leaseholder

Criteria 2: Tax and Financial Documentation	**If financially independent**: Maryland income tax paid on all taxable income
	
	• Maryland State Tax Return *with* one of the options below:
	  ○ Screenshot of MD tax return accepted by the state
	  ○ Screenshot of TurboTax, TaxAct etc. Dashboard showing submission of return
	  ○ Maryland Comptroller correspondence, including comptroller's certified copy of tax return
	
	• Explanation of non-filing status or exemption. Form available from Registrar's Residency Office.
	
	If financially dependent: Maryland income tax filing requirement met by person upon whom student is dependent
	
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	○ Screenshot of MD tax return accepted by the state ○ Screenshot of TurboTax, TaxAct etc. Dashboard showing submission of return ○ Maryland Comptroller correspondence, including comptroller's certified copy of tax return Additional Financial Documentation: • Most recent paystub • W2(s)/1099 form(s)
Criteria 3: Driver's License	If licensed: • Current driver's license • Maryland non-driver identification card • Driving Record
Criteria 4: Motor Vehicles	If a vehicle is owned/leased: • Vehicle title • Vehicle registration
Criteria 5: Public Assistance	• Public assistance records (if applicable)
Criteria 6: Ability under Federal and Maryland law to live permanently & without interruption in Maryland	**Immigration/citizenship Documentation** • Birth certificate • US Passport • Permanent Resident card (front & back) • Immigration records listing Maryland address • I-797, Notice of Action • Visa documentation
Additional Evidence	**Additional Supporting Evidence of Continuous Maryland residency** *Documents should show a continuous intent to reside in Maryland beyond attending educational institutions in Maryland.* • Maryland identification card • Maryland voter registration • Selective Service registration • Maryland-based employment records showing Maryland residence and Maryland taxes deducted • Local memberships or subscriptions • Religious or community organization participation • Child school or daycare records • Married to Maryland resident • Declaration of Domestic Partnership with a Maryland resident

	• Library card/account • Consistent use of Maryland address across records • Maryland primary banking address • Maryland high school transcript • Maryland Middle or Elementary school records • Documentation of Maryland K-12 attendance • School records listing Maryland address