

WOFFORD COLLEGE

RESIDENCY POLICY AND STATE AID AWARDING PROCEDURES:

Policy:

All students who indicate on their application for admission, and/or the FAFSA, that they are SC residents must complete a Residency Evaluation Form before initial enrollment. This includes transfer students. Wofford College follows all state residency laws per the SC Commission on Higher Education and the SC Tuition Grants Commission.

Procedures:

1. Banner uses automatic packaging to apply any applicable state aid to students who indicate they are SC residents on their FAFSA. If a FAFSA is not filed, the application for admission is used to determine the student's home state.
2. A tracking code (STRES) for the state residency form is added to all SC students who have state aid in Banner when packaging is completed.
3. Students are notified of this requirement on their Banner Web financial aid portal in the "Unsatisfied Requirements" section.
4. Students are required to submit the residency form and supporting documentation to the Office of Financial Aid before their scholarships/grants will post to their account.
5. The Office of Financial Aid has the right to ask for additional supporting documents to prove a student's residency, if needed.
6. All SC state aid is auto-packaged in an "estimated" status until all requirements are met.
7. The student's aid will be disbursed to their account when residency requirements are met, final high school transcripts are verified, and state aid affidavits are completed.
8. Students must complete all renewal requirements, including residency, minimum GPA, and minimum amount of required hours before state aid is awarded each year. They must also complete the annual SC State Aid Affidavit.

Rules are set up in Banner as follows:

-If a student submits a FAFSA, residency is based on parents' state of residency (as indicated on the FAFSA).

-Must be a resident for at least two years. If FAFSA states that parents' residency status is two years, or less, a residency evaluation form must be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid for review.

-If no FAFSA is filed, the residency is determined by the address on the Common Application and a Citizenship for State Aid form is required.

-All first-year students are required to submit a residency evaluation form.

-If a student has two of the following, then SLIFE is added with an "Estimated" status:

- 3.0 SC UGP
- 1100 SAT/22 ACT
- Top 30% of their graduating class

-If a student has at least a 3.0 SC UGP, SHOPE is added with an "Estimated" status.

-If a student meets the following requirements, SPALFE is added with an “Estimated” status:

- 3.50 SC UGP
- 1200 SAT/25 ACT
- Top 6% IN 10,11, or 12 grade

OR

- 4.0 GPA
- 1400 SAT/31 ACT

-Only one source of state aid (LIFE, HOPE, or Palmetto Fellows) can be awarded at a time.