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Application for South Carolina Residency Recertification SREB Regional Contract Program

For purposes of maintaining your SREB Contract Program eligibility, participants must apply annually to be recertified as a South Carolina resident. This requirement is for continuing and new students until program completion. As a recipient of a contract seat in the Southern Regional Education Board's Regional Contract Program you are required to maintain South Carolina residency during enrollment. The deadline for each Academic Year is **June 1**. However, to ensure timely processing, program participants are encouraged to submit a completed recertification application as early as possible.

If you are recertified as a South Carolina resident, you and the institution(s) will be notified via email. Residency status is made in accordance with South Carolina State Code of Regulations Chapter 62. **NOTE: Certification as a South Carolina resident does not guarantee a contract seat.** The institution(s) makes the final decision regarding admission.

General Information:

- Annual re-certification is REQUIRED no later than **June 1**.
- You MUST have been a South Carolina resident during the previous two consecutive years (24 months).
- This form MUST be signed and notarized.
- All facts of residency and domicile must be documented and verifiable. Submit a copy of <u>all</u> the following (if applicable):
 - o SC Driver's License of Identification Card (valid) applicant and parent/guardian
 - SC Motor Vehicle Registration (valid)
 - Federal and state income tax return from previous year (please redact social security number (s) except for last 4 digits)

The burden to provide documentation for any legal residency determination rests with the student. Students are required to provide all documents necessary and complete steps required to establish and/or maintain eligibility for claiming South Carolina as their state of legal residence. Legal residency may not be acquired by an individual while they are residing in South Carolina for access to state supported programs designed to serve South Carolina residents.

The absence of indicia in other states or countries is required before a **dependent** individual can be certified as a South Carolina resident. Therefore, the parent, spouse or guardian must not be in possession of a driver's license or vehicle registration certificate issued by another state.

> Original application & documentation must be mailed to: Kenita Pitts-Howard, Regional Contract Program State Coordinator SC Commission on Higher Education RCP (Regional Contract Program) 1122 Lady Street, Suite 400 Columbia, SC 29201 803-856-0037

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