



South Carolina Residency Certification Application SREB Regional Contract Program

The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Regional Contract Program is a cooperative tuition-savings program. It enables qualified students to pursue a first-professional health degree at selected out-of-state institutions and pay in-state tuition and fees at public institutions and reduced tuition at private institutions. Students who live in South Carolina and want to earn a degree in optometry or veterinary medicine are eligible to participate. Each institution provides a specified number of seats for South Carolina residents in three schools of veterinary medicine (Tuskegee University, University of Georgia, and Mississippi State University), two schools of optometry (Southern College of Optometry and University of Alabama at Birmingham).

Each professional school pledges to admit a specific number of qualified students from other states. Students apply for admission and are responsible for tuition at public institutions, but they are not asked to pay an out-of-state fee. Students have their tuition reduced at private institutions. A student must apply directly to the institution of his/her choice for admission. However, the student **must** be certified as a South Carolina resident prior to being admitted as a contract student. After you are certified as a South Carolina resident we will notify you and the institution(s). Residency status is made in accordance with South Carolina State Code of Regulations Chapter 62, which can be found at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/statmast.php>. **NOTE: Certification as a South Carolina resident does not guarantee a contract seat.** The institution(s) makes the final decision regarding admission.

General Instructions/Information:

1. Annual re-certification is not required as long as the student is continuously enrolled.
2. Student must remain a South Carolina resident during enrollment.
3. Student must have been a South Carolina resident during the previous two consecutive years (24 months).
4. This form must be signed and notarized.
5. Answer all questions that apply to your situation.
6. Appropriate documentation must be submitted with the completed application (*Incomplete applications will be returned.*)
7. The SREB Contract seats are ONLY for students entering his/her first year of veterinary or optometry school.
8. All facts of residency and domicile must be documented and must be verifiable.

The burden to provide documentation for any legal residency determination rests with the student. Students are required to provide all evidence necessary to document that they have completed the 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 the primary purpose of participating in the SREB Contract Program.

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:

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SC Commission on Higher Education
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201

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