

Residency Scenarios involving Military Personnel

Scenario 1:

A person is a member of the armed forces stationed in Kentucky. Prior to entering the military the person lived in Swansea, SC and had maintained Swansea as the place or legal residence on all military documents. In addition, the person has SC taxes taken out of the Leave and Earning Statement, has a SC driver's license, car is registered in SC and votes in SC. Is this individual a resident of SC? Can this individual's children be eligible for the State Scholarships if the academic criteria are met?

Answer

- This person is a resident of SC according to regulation 62-606B. SC was listed as the legal residence on Military Form DD2058.
- The children will be eligible to receive State Scholarships if the academic criteria are met.

Scenario 2:

A military family has recently been re-assigned to Fort Jackson, SC. The family has residency in California. There are two children in college and one is a senior in high school. Are the two children in college in SC eligible to receive in-state tuition and fees? Would the senior in high school be eligible for the State scholarships if the academic criteria were met?

Answer:

- The two children in college would be eligible for in-state tuition and fees based on regulation 62-609A. However, they would not be eligible for State scholarships because they were not dependents of a SC resident at the time of high school graduation.
- The senior in high school would be eligible to receive in-state tuition and fees but not State Scholarships. The family's residency is in California.

Scenario 3:

A military family stationed in Sumter at the Air Force Base received orders to move to Fort Campbell Kentucky in March. They have a daughter who is a sophomore at Francis Marion University. The daughter has paid in-state tuition for her freshman and sophomore year. What would she pay for her junior year?

Answer:

The student will be charged in-state tuition and fees for her junior year. According to 62-609A, a dependent of military personnel that is transferred from the State may continue to pay in-state tuition and fees for up to 12 months after the transfer.

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Scenario 4:

A person retired from the military on June 1, 2006 in Virginia Beach. The military person's Home of Record is SC. While serving in the military, the person continued to use his SC Driver's license and car registration. In addition he had SC taxes taken out of his paycheck. On November 15, 2005, he bought a vacation home overlooking the ocean. The military person's son graduated from high school in May 2006. Will the son be eligible for State scholarships? What documents need to be reviewed?

Answer:

The son would be eligible for State Scholarships if the academic criteria were met since his father maintained residency in SC while serving in the military. The documents that need to be reviewed include:

- ❖ SC Taxes
- ❖ Leave and Earning Statement
- ❖ Military Form DD 214
- ❖ SC Driver's License
- ❖ SC Car Registration

Scenario 5:

A SC resident has served in the military for the last 32 years. From 1986 until 2003 he was stationed at the Air Force Base in Sumter, SC. In 2003 he was transferred to Hawaii but maintained his SC residency. His daughter graduated from Honolulu High School in May 2006. Is she eligible for State Scholarships?

Answer:

- According to LIFE Scholarship regulation 62-900.10A(2), a dependent of a member of the military is eligible if the parent or guardian has served in or has retired from one of the United States Armed Forces within the last four years, paid income taxes in this State for a majority of the years of service, and is a resident of this State to receive the LIFE Scholarship if the academic criteria are met.