



South Carolina Residency Certification Application SREB 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). **NOTE: Certification as a South Carolina resident does not guarantee a contract seat.** The institution(s) makes the final decision regarding admission.

Unless we need supplementary information, upon receipt of your completed form, we will determine whether or not you are considered a legal resident of South Carolina for the purpose of participation in South Carolina's SREB Contract Program. Residency determinations are made in accordance with South Carolina State Code of Regulations Chapter 62, which can be found at www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs.

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.
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 form. *(Incomplete forms will not be processed.)*
7. The SREB Contract seats are ONLY for students entering his/her first year of veterinary or optometry school.

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.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Social Security # (last four): _____ Birth date: _____ Place of Birth: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) City/State

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Street address (PO Box not acceptable) (City) (State) (Zip)

Have you lived at the above address for all of the past two years? _____

If no, please give previous address(es) and date(s) of move(s).

(City) (State) (Zip) (mm/dd/yyyy)

(City) (State) (Zip) (mm/dd/yyyy)

PRESENT ADDRESS:

Street address (PO Box not acceptable) (City) (State) (Zip) Years at this address: _____

Send correspondence to my _____ permanent address or my _____ present address.

Date your residence in SC began: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Telephone: (H) _____ (C) _____ Email: _____

PARENT, SPOUSE, OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION: (Complete this section ONLY if applicant is a dependent)

Name of parent(s), guardian(s), or spouse: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Street address (PO Box not acceptable) (City) (State) (Zip) Years at this address: _____

Have parent(s), guardian(s), or spouse lived at the above address for all of the past two years? _____

If no, please give previous address(es) and date of move.

(City) (State) (Zip) Date: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

(City) (State) (Zip) Date: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Date residence in SC began: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION: Please select the appropriate institution(s).

Are you a first year Veterinary or Optometry student? (circle one) Yes No

Veterinary Medicine:

_____ Tuskegee University
 _____ University of Georgia
 _____ Mississippi State University

Optometry Medicine:

_____ Southern College of Optometry
 _____ University of Alabama - Birmingham

Projected start date: _____
 mm/yyyy

Projected date of graduation: _____
 mm/yyyy

EDUCATION HISTORY:

High School: _____
 City/State

Graduation Date: _____
 mm/yyyy

Institutions attended after high school:

Institution	City/State	Dates attended	Tuition paid: (In-state or out-of-state)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: (If *independent*, insert your dates of employment. If *dependent*, insert spouse's, guardian's or parent's employment.)

Employer	City/State	Dates employed	FT or PT employment
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I am providing verification of SC residency by submitting a copy of: (Check all that apply)

- _____ SC Driver's license
- _____ SC Motor vehicle registration
- _____ Federal **and** state income tax return from previous two years indicating SC domicile.
- _____ Other: (specify) _____

As the applicant, if you are a dependent of your parents/legal guardians/spouse, then that person's supporting documentation indicating SC domicile should be submitted. If you are an independent student, then supporting documentation indicating SC domicile should have your name. The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education reserves the right to request additional documentation.

