



DOCUMENT LIST FOR VERIFICATION OF LAWFUL PRESENCE

The Board of Regents of University System of Georgia (USG) has recently instituted new policies that affect all applicants who seek in-state tuition at USG institutions. According to USG policy, individuals who apply, or are re-entering, for Fall 2011 and beyond must submit documentation of US citizenship or permanent residency before being considered for in-state tuition. The following documents serve as proof of lawful presence in the United States. One of the following is required before you are eligible for in-state tuition:

- Present an original birth certificate or send a certified birth certificate showing the applicant was born in the US or a US territory. *Photocopies are not acceptable.*
- Present student's current military ID (service member only, not dependent). *Photocopies are not acceptable.*
- Copy of a current US passport.
- Copy of a current driver's license/ID issued by the state of Georgia after January 1, 2008. *(Note: A limited license or a license issued for a period of less than two years is not acceptable.)*
- Copy of a US certificate of naturalization.
- Copy of a US certificate of citizenship.
- A US certificate of birth abroad issued by the Department of State or a consular report of birth abroad.
- A current, valid Permanent Resident Card (USCIS form I-151 or I-551).
- Eligibility for federal student aid confirmed by Financial Aid. *(Confirmation will be submitted electronically to the Admissions office.)*

If you do not provide any of the above documentation, regardless of how long you have lived in Georgia, you will be classified as an out-of-state student and must pay out-of-state tuition. To avoid paying out-of-state tuition (if you believe you qualify for the in-state rate), submit one of the above documents, or complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. Once documentation is received, your application will be evaluated for in-state tuition. *Please Note: If you have been classified as an out-of-state student for tuition purposes, verification of lawful presence in the United States may not change your status as an out-of-state student. Additional information may be needed.*