

# Washington Higher Education Residency Affidavit/Declaration/Certification

A Washington law determines whether students can be considered residents of Washington eligible to pay in-state resident tuition rates at public institutions (RCW 28B.15.012). This law was revised in 2003 to allow certain students attending public colleges and universities to be eligible for resident student tuition rates.<sup>1</sup> In 2014, the state's financial aid law was amended so these students are eligible to be considered for need-based state aid (State Need Grant) if they are attending either public or participating private colleges in Washington (RCW 28B.92.101). For information on eligibility and the application process for State Need Grant, please visit [www.readyssetgrad.org/wasfa](http://www.readyssetgrad.org/wasfa).

To qualify for resident tuition status and/or State Need Grant eligibility, students must complete this affidavit/declaration/certification if they have met the following conditions:

1. Completed the full senior year of high school **and** obtained a high school diploma at a Washington public or private high school **or** received the equivalent of a diploma;
2. Lived in Washington for at least three calendar years (36 months) immediately prior to receiving the diploma or its equivalent;
3. Continuously lived in the state of Washington after receiving the diploma or its equivalent and until such time as the student is admitted to an institution of higher education.

## Affidavit

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Print full name

Date of birth (*month/day/year*)

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Student Identification Number *(if applicable)*

Relationship to the college or university: ☐ Applicant ☐ Current Student

Name of high school: — — — — —

**I certify that:**

- ☐ I will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States as soon as I am eligible to apply. I am also willing to engage in activities designed to prepare me for citizenship, including citizenship or civics review courses.

*Or*

- ☐ I am a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

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Place (city, state)

**Note to the student:** Please submit the original copy of this completed affidavit to the admissions office, the registrar, or the financial aid office of the college or university to which you are applying. Faxed or e-mailed forms, or forms without an original signature, are not acceptable.