

# Washington State Higher Education Residency Affidavit



## **Students who are *not* eligible for federal financial aid due to immigration status**

Submit a residency affidavit through the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) at [readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa](http://readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa).

## **Students who are eligible for federal financial aid due to citizenship or immigration status**

Submit a hard copy of this affidavit—with an original signature on page 2—to your school. Schools will not accept emailed or faxed forms.

## Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to sign this affidavit, students must meet all of the following conditions by the time they begin college at a Washington college or university:

- Graduate from a Washington high school with a diploma, earn a GED, or earn a diploma equivalent.
  - High school graduates must finish their full senior year at a Washington high school.
- Live in Washington for at least three consecutive years (36 consecutive months) immediately before the date they earn a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent.
- Continuously live in Washington after the date they earn a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent until admitted to college.

## Background

Washington House Bill 1079 passed in 2003. It allows students who are eligible to sign this affidavit to pay in-state (resident) tuition and fees at public institutions (RCW 28B.15.012(2)(e)).

Other Washington laws allow these students to meet residency requirements for state financial aid programs. These programs have more requirements. For more information about state financial aid, visit [www.readysetgrad.org](http://www.readysetgrad.org).

## Student Information

**Name**  
Print full name \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth**  
Month/Day/Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Identification Number**  
If applicable \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of high school**  
If graduated from high school \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to college or university**     Applicant     Current student \_\_\_\_\_

## Certification

By the time I begin college I will have met all of the eligibility requirements on page one of this affidavit, and one of the following will be true:

- 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.
- I am a U.S. Citizen or U.S. permanent resident.

I promise under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the statement above is true and correct.

**Participant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date**  
Month/Day/Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Place**  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_