Summary of Rules for
Ohio Student Residency for State Subsidy
and Tuition Surcharge Purposes

Letters and numbers such as C1 or E2 refer to Sections of the Ohio Board of Regents regulations for Ohio Residency. The term “Resident” in the following text refers to Ohio Student Resident for State Subsidy and Tuition Surcharge Purposes.

NO reciprocity agreements
BGSU does NOT have any reciprocity agreements with surrounding states. If a student’s permanent residency is outside the State of Ohio, they are considered a non-resident.

International students
International students must have the legal status to permanently remain in the United States before they can be considered an Ohio resident for tuition purposes. Students must either have a Permanent Resident Alien Card or the I-551 stamp on their Visa or one of the following Visa Types: A, E, G, H, I, L, O, P, R TC, TD, TN, U, V, Political Asylee, or Political Refugee. Individuals with a Visa Type of B, F*, J, K, or M are not eligible to apply for Ohio Residency for Tuition Purposes. Persons with the visa type F2 must show dependency on a parent or spouse who is an Ohio resident to be considered eligible for in-state residency.

Ohio high school graduates (C7)
Students who have graduated from an Ohio high school and have established domicile in Ohio at the time of enrollment shall be granted residency status and are eligible for in-state tuition. Students must have been residing in Ohio while completing at least their entire senior year at an Ohio high school in order to be eligible under provision C7.

Military (E2 & E3) & National Guard (E8) students and their dependents
Active duty, guard, reserve service members who are either stationed in Ohio or stationed outside of Ohio that can prove their Home of Record is Ohio, and continue to claim themselves as residents of Ohio for tax purposes. Dependents need to prove relationship to service member.

Veteran students and their dependents (C4)
A Veteran, and the veteran’s spouse and any dependents of the veteran, who meets both of the following conditions: Veterans with one year of honorable service plus the veteran has established domicile in the State as of the first day of the term. This benefit applies to dependents of deceased veterans when dependents move to Ohio. Dependents must prove relationship to veteran.

Full-time students (C2)
All requirements listed below must be satisfied:
a) Must live in Ohio for 12 consecutive months. Living in the residence halls DOES count toward meeting the 12 month requirement. Students must either have a lease, rent receipts or other formal documentation that shows their permanent residence is in Ohio.
b) Must be independent. Parents can’t be claiming the student as a dependent for tax purposes.
c) Must be claiming themselves as a resident of Ohio for tax purposes. Filing a state and federal tax return is recommended even if not required.
d) Must be self-supporting. Minimum requirements to be considered self-supporting include:
   1) Student cannot receive any financial support from outside the State of Ohio to assist with payment of tuition, books, room, board, and other living expenses.
   2) Must complete the matrix of income and expenses (page 8 of the application) demonstrating student is self supporting within the State of Ohio.
e) Must demonstrate intent to become an Ohio resident (i.e. by registering to vote in Ohio and transferring drivers license. Ohio law requires drivers that have moved to Ohio obtain an Ohio drivers license within 30 days.)
Part-time students (E1)
All requirements listed below must be satisfied:
  a) Must be independent. Parents cannot be claiming the student as a dependent for tax purposes.
  b) Must be employed in the State of Ohio. First date of employment must be prior to the start of the semester.
  c) Under this Section, the student is eligible for in-state residency right away. However, they must attend BGSU as a part-time student until they have lived in Ohio for twelve consecutive months.

Student has one parent living in the State of Ohio (C1)
As long as the parent has lived in Ohio at least one year and has claimed themselves as a resident of the State of Ohio for tax purposes, the dependent student is eligible for in-state residency.

Parent or spouse moves to Ohio (C3)
Student is eligible provided one of the parents or spouse is employed full-time in Ohio and has established domicile in Ohio prior to the start of the semester. (Note that a graduate assistantship is not considered as full-time employment.)

Parent(s) leaves the State of Ohio after their dependent student has started at BGSU (F1)
As long as the parents were residents of Ohio for at least one year, the student will retain their residency status as long as they continue to go to school full-time and attend fall and spring semesters each year until the student earns an academic degree.

Parent(s) leaves the State of Ohio before their dependent student has started at BGSU (F2)
As long as the parents were residents of Ohio for at least one year and the student starts classes within 12 months of the time the parents left Ohio, the student will retain their residency status as long as they continue to go to school full-time and attend fall and spring semesters each year until the student earns an academic degree.

Parent(s) transferred by employer (E4)
As long as the transfer is beyond the territorial limits of the 50 states of the United States of America and the District of Columbia while a resident of Ohio for all other legal purposes, his/her dependents shall be considered residents of Ohio for these purposes, as long as Ohio remains the state of such person’s domicile and as long as such person has fulfilled his/her tax liability to the State of Ohio for at least the tax year preceding enrollment.

Student or parent has been employed as a Migrant Worker (E5)
A person who has been employed as a migrant worker in the State of Ohio and his/her dependents shall be considered a resident for these purposes provided such person has worked in Ohio at least four months during each of the three years preceding the proposed enrollment.

Student or parent performing community service outside the State of Ohio (E6)
A person who was considered a resident under this rule at the time the person started a community service position as defined under this rule and his/her spouse and dependents shall be considered a resident of Ohio while in service and upon completion of service in the community service position.

Student or parent returns to Ohio due to marital hardship (E7)
A person who returns to the State of Ohio due to marital hardship, takes or has taken legal steps to end a marriage, and reestablishes financial dependence upon a parent/legal guardian (receives greater than 50% of his/her support from the parent/legal guardian), and his/her dependents shall be considered residents of Ohio.