



School of Law

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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Petition for Classification as In-State for Tuition Purposes **THIS FORM IS FOR LAW STUDENTS ONLY**

Financially independent law students who intend to remain in Georgia upon completion of their legal studies should complete and submit this petition. To be eligible for classification as in-state for tuition purposes, petitioners must be U.S. citizens or U.S. Permanent Residents who can establish by clear and convincing evidence that they have abandoned their out-of-state domicile and have established legal residence in Georgia.

To ensure consideration of petitions prior to initial fee payment deadlines, completed petitions and supporting material should be submitted to the School of Law Admissions Office by **July 1 for the fall semester** and **November 1 for the spring semester**. Petitions can be mailed, hand delivered or sent by email. To send by email, scan and email to Brandi Saunders at bsaundrs@uga.edu through SendFiles (sendfiles.uga.edu). You will use your UGA MyID, password and Archpass Duo to sign-in to SendFiles. In addition, you should change your current and permanent contact information in Athena (athena.uga.edu) to your local Athens address and do not include an end date. Do not use this petition for the summer semester. Contact the School of Law Admissions Office (706-542-7060) for information about in-state classification for summer law classes.

Petitions may be accepted after the deadlines, but no petition will be accepted more than sixty (60) days after the term begins. Those whose petitions are received and are approved after the fee payment deadline will receive a refund of any out-of-state differential paid. Petitions will not be considered for prior semesters.

Required Documents

Provide the following documents **in order** in support of this petition. If you cannot provide one or more of the documents listed below, please note which document(s) and explain the reason(s) for not providing the document(s) in the space below.

- 1) A statement covering all facts and circumstances that establish your domicile in Georgia. Make sure to include whether you plan to take the Georgia Bar Examination and remain in Georgia after graduation.
- 2) Complete documentation for all the financial support you list in Section Four a) of this petition. A screen shot of your financial aid award account in Athena is the best way to document loans and scholarships. Instructions for how to capture the correct screenshot can be found at the end of this petition and online at: www.law.uga.edu/georgia-residency.
- 3) The first page of your Georgia income tax return for the most recent tax year (Form 500). If you have abandoned your out-of-state domicile, **you will use your local Georgia address as your permanent address on your tax form.***
- 4) The first page of your federal income tax return for the most recent tax year. If you have abandoned your out-of-state domicile, **you will use your local Georgia address as your permanent address on your tax form.***
- 5) Copy of your W2 form(s) for the most recent tax year.*
- 6) Copy of your warranty deed, apartment lease, or other proof of domicile in Georgia for the past 12 months. The first page of an apartment lease (or page documenting the start date and length of the lease) is sufficient.
- 7) Copy of your Georgia driver's license.
- 8) If you own a vehicle, provide a copy of your Georgia vehicle registration. If you do not own a vehicle, please include this information in your statement.
- 9) Voided check or other proof of having established a checking/savings account in Georgia. Accounts established at large nationwide banks are sufficient provided your Georgia address is listed on your checks or bank statement.
- 10) Update permanent and current address to reflect a Georgia address in [Athena](#).

*Note: If your spouse contributed to your financial support, please also include his or her information.

Section One – Student Information

Name _____ UGA ID _____
last first middle

Permanent Georgia Address _____
Street city state zip

Date of Birth _____ E-mail Address _____
mm dd yyyy

Telephone _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? **Yes No****

**U.S. Permanent Residents (green card holders) must provide a copy of both sides of your U.S. Permanent Resident Card.

Section Two – Student’s Claim of In-State Status for Tuition Purposes

I am petitioning for in-state tuition beginning (circle one): **Fall** **Spring** **20__**.

Section Three – Enrollment Status

First term of enrollment at Georgia Law (circle one): **Fall** **Spring** **20__**.

Section Four – Financial Information

a) Were you claimed as an income tax deduction by anyone for the tax year preceding the term for which you are requesting resident classification?* **Yes** **No**

*Note: If you answer “yes” to this question, you are not an independent student. The Law School Admissions Office does not have the discretion to grant in-state classification to dependent students and will deny your petition for in-state classification. If denied for this reason, you may appeal the law school’s determination. Instructions for your appeal will be included in the letter denying your petition.

b) Please note all sources of financial support for the past twelve months (including tuition, fees, and books, if in school during this period). Percentages must total 100%. The cost of attendance allowance for a nonresident law student was \$59,452 for the 2022-2023 academic year. The sum of your financial support should not be more than this unless there are special circumstances, but may it be less. Do not include information about summer loans or scholarships.

Source	\$Amount	%	Source	\$Amount	%
Parents	_____	_____	Employment	_____	_____
Trust funds	_____	_____	Spouse	_____	_____
Student Loans	_____	_____	Other (specify)	_____	_____
Scholarships	_____	_____			
			Total.....	100%	

c) If you listed a parent or spouse as a source of your financial support, please provide permanent address of same:

d) If you listed employment as a source of your financial support, provide details as shown below.

Dates	Location	Employer	Full/Part-time	hrs/wk
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(from – to)	(city and state)			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(from – to)	(city and state)			

e) Provide information on any absence from Georgia during the past 12 months for periods of three weeks or more. If you were employed outside of Georgia for the summer, please state whether the employment was law-related and whether you sought law-related employment in Georgia.

Dates of Absence Location during Absence Reason for Absence (i.e. law-related employment)

(from – to) (city and state)

(from – to) (city and state)

Section Five – Student’s Affirmation

I, the undersigned, affirm to the authenticity of the information provided in this petition. I understand that any false or misleading information in this document or provided in support of this document may result in denial of admission or expulsion from the University of Georgia School of Law. I understand that it may also cause me to be billed at the out-of-state tuition rate. I hereby give permission for the University of Georgia School of Law to review or examine any and all documents and records, including any confidential loan forms and related information, which may assist in clarifying my classification for tuition purposes.

Signature

Date

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