

**DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCY****POLICY**

Determination of the state of residency of students is necessary for a variety of federal and state reporting requirements, for institutional research purposes, and in some cases, determination of the tuition to be charged to individual students.

Ridgewater College adheres to [Minnesota State Board Policy 2.2 State Residency](#) and follows [Minnesota State Procedure document 2.2.1 State Residency](#) when determining the state of residence for our students.

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*History:*

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**DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCY****PROCEDURES**

Residency will be determined by the Admissions Office. The residency policy in effect at the time the student applies will be used to determine residency. Admissions can update residency at any point in the calendar year, but it will take effect the following term. Residency status may be adjusted at any time if it is determined a mistake has been made. Students have the burden of proving domicile as part of the petition process and may need to provide additional information requested. Domicile is a person's true, fixed and permanent living place and the place to which a person intends to return after temporary absences. A person may have only one domicile at a time. All students, except those covered under a reciprocity agreement with another state, receive the in-state tuition rate. Minnesota State residency determinations are different than financial aid residency determinations. Residency status may impact eligibility for Minnesota financial aid programs.

Please contact the Admissions office at 320-222-5976 if you have questions about this policy or procedure.

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