

**Are you an independent/self-supporting student or a dependent student?**

**Independent/Self-Supporting:**

- Fully financially support yourself
- No one (other than yourself) is listed on your FAFSA
- No one can claim you as a dependent

**Dependent:**

- Someone supports you financially
- Someone other than yourself is listed on your FAFSA
- Someone can claim you as a dependent

Do you live in Michigan?

Yes

No

You are not eligible to apply for Michigan residency

Have you lived in Michigan for at least 6 months?

Yes

No

See next page

You are not *currently* eligible to apply for Michigan residency

Do your parent(s)/guardian(s) live in Michigan?

Yes

No

You are not eligible to apply for Michigan residency

Have they lived in Michigan for at least 6 months?

Yes

No

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You are not *currently* eligible to apply for Michigan residency

### Independent/Self-Supporting Students:

To apply, please provide the following:

1. [Independent \(self-supporting\) residency reclassification application](#)
2. A written statement explaining your situation and why you are requesting Michigan residency.
3. A *minimum* of 4 pieces of supporting documentation from the list of items below. These items should be in your name, show your Michigan address, and indicate at least 6 months of Michigan residency. At least one piece of documentation should support the claim that you are completely financially independent (paystub, W2, bank statement showing income):
  - a. Michigan driver's license
  - b. Michigan auto registration
  - c. Michigan auto insurance
  - d. Employment letter / pay stub
  - e. W2
  - f. Lease, home ownership, or rental agreement
  - g. Marriage certificate
  - h. Utility bill
  - i. Bank account statement
  - j. Michigan voter registration

\*Note: To gain a clear picture of your situation, you may be requested to submit additional documentation.

### Dependent Students:

To apply, please provide the following:

1. [Dependent residency reclassification application](#)
2. A written statement explaining your situation and why you are requesting Michigan residency.
3. A *minimum* of 4 pieces of supporting documentation from the list of items below. These items should be in your parent/guardian(s) name(s), show their Michigan address, and indicate at least 6 months of Michigan residency:
  - a. Michigan driver's license
  - b. Michigan auto registration
  - c. Michigan auto insurance
  - d. Employment letter / pay stub
  - e. W2
  - f. Lease, home ownership, or rental agreement
  - g. Marriage certificate
  - h. Utility bill
  - i. Bank account statement
  - j. Michigan voter registration

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Completed residency applications may be dropped off at the Registrar's Office (150 STU in Allendale or 115C DEV downtown). They may also be emailed to [regdept@gvsu.edu](mailto:regdept@gvsu.edu). Due to the uncertainty of the mail, it is not recommended that you attempt mailing your application in.

The deadline to submit your residency application is no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the semester in which you wish to apply. This is a hard deadline. Anything received after that date can only be considered for future semesters. (For example, if you wish to apply for the fall and the first day of the fall semester is August 25<sup>th</sup>, the deadline would be September 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

Please visit [GVSU's complete Residency Regulations](#) for additional policy information.