

Scholarship Programs - Residency Policy

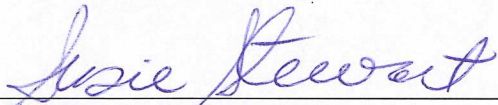
For the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana and/or its supporting organizations, in administering scholarships requiring applicants to be residents of Clark & Floyd counties in Indiana, the following rules will be used to establish residency. The listed criteria must be applicable on the date the student submits the scholarship application in accordance with the currently approved Scholarship Application and Policies available on the Foundation's website (www.cfsouthernindiana.com).

1. A "resident" is an applicant whose principal residence lies within the geographical boundaries of Clark or Floyd counties in Indiana. This principal residence must have been the applicant's principal residence for a minimum of ninety (90) consecutive days prior to the submission of the application.
2. If a parent or parents have placed an applicant in a Clark or Floyd county, Indiana residence without establishing legal guardianship or custodianship with an adult living at the residence as required by Indiana law, the student will not be considered a resident of Clark or Floyd counties.
3. Applicants of divorced parents who are under a joint custody decree will be considered a resident of Clark or Floyd counties if one parent has legal residency in Clark or Floyd county and the applicant's principal habitation during the school week is with the parent residing within Clark or Floyd county. Proof of legal custody arrangements may be required by the Foundation, in its discretion, to establish residency eligibility for a scholarship award.
4. Foreign applicants, participating in a foreign exchange program and living with a resident host family, are not eligible.
5. When determining an applicant's residence classification, the Foundation will consider each applicant's individual situation. The Foundation may determine residence classification, in its sole discretion, by requiring such certificates, affidavits, documents, or other evidence it deems necessary for the residency classification of a student. In all cases, the burden of proof of residency is on the applicant and the Foundation may rely upon the application information submitted by the student, without further investigation, in its sole discretion.
6. Examples of documentation that may be required from the student and/or his/her parent(s) during the residence classification process include, but are not limited to, a driver's license, vehicle registration, voter registration, state and federal income tax returns of the applicant and/or his/her parents, court documents ordering custody arrangements, immigration or lawful permanent residence status documentation, military

orders or other documents specifically stationing a person to serve active duty in Indiana, and employment records.

7. A non-U.S. citizen will not be considered for residence classification under this policy unless the individual has been granted lawful permanent resident status by the Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
8. An applicant's residency information must be submitted, in writing, in a manner required by the Foundation from time to time. Primarily, this information will be requested on the scholarship application submitted by the applicant for a scholarship award from a fund held at the Foundation. The Foundation may rely on this information as submitted by the applicant, and shall not be liable for any issues arising from such reliance. The Foundation may, but is not required to, verify residency status of an applicant.
9. An applicant disqualified from consideration for a scholarship award based on residency information as submitted by the applicant to the Foundation when applying for the award may not appeal the decision. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify his/her residency status prior to submitting the application for an award.

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Susie Stewart, Secretary

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