The State of Ohio has established a new residency provision called “Forever Buckeye.” This provision, effective September 30, 2011, extends the in-state tuition rate to Ohio high school graduates who have the current legal status to remain permanently in the United States, who had left Ohio but who return to enroll in an Ohio public institution of higher education and who establish permanent domicile in Ohio by the 1st day of classes of the requested term.

Terms of this Agreement

1. In-state fees will be assessed for courses taken on any of Ohio University’s campuses and centers.

2. If approved for in-state fees under this agreement and you currently receive federal financial assistance, the amount of that aid will be adjusted to reflect the change in your tuition charges.

3. Should you concurrently enroll in Ohio University and another post-secondary school and receive financial assistance other than scholarships, you must inform the financial aid offices at each institution of your concurrent enrollment. Failure to do so can result in significant penalties if you are awarded federal financial aid.

4. To ensure appropriate billing, this form must be filed two weeks before the start of the term for which in-state tuition is being sought. Forms received on or after the first day of the term will be processed for the following term.

Procedure

To be considered for in-state fees under the terms of Forever Buckeye, please provide the following:

1. An official copy of your Ohio high school transcript or verification of your graduation on the high school's letterhead stationery. Students who received a GED or who were homeschooled will not qualify under this provision. (Note: a copy of your high school diploma is not sufficient proof of high school graduation)

2. A copy of a lease, mortgage statement or housing contract documenting that you have established permanent domicile in Ohio prior to the first day of the academic term for which you have applied for Forever Buckeye.

3. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you must attach a copy of supporting documents establishing your current immigration or Visa status. You must be a United States citizen, Permanent Resident Alien, Political Asylee, Political Refugee, or hold an A, E, G, H, I, L, O, P, R, TC, TD or TN visa to be eligible for review as an in-state resident for tuition purposes. Students who hold a B, F, J, or M visa are not eligible to apply for residency under the Forever Buckeye provision unless they are legal dependants of a person who holds a qualifying status.

Questions concerning your Forever Buckeye residency status should be addressed to the appropriate office below:

Undergraduate Students:
Undergraduate Admissions
1 Ohio University
120 Chubb Hall
Athens, Ohio 45701
740-593-4100
email (undergraduate students only):
admissions.ohioresidency@ohio.edu

Graduate / Medical Students:
Graduate College
1 Ohio University
220 Research & Technology Center
Athens, Ohio 45701
740-593-2800
email (graduate/medical students only):
graduate@ohio.edu
Forever Buckeye
Residency Application
For All Campuses of Ohio University

Please read the information on the reverse side of this form.

This form must be completed and all appropriate supporting documents must be submitted prior to the deadline for consideration.

1. Student Status  □ Undergraduate  □ Graduate  □ Medical
2. Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ___
3. Permanent Address ____________________________________________
4. City __________________________ State ___ Zip ________
5. Telephone Number ____________________________________________
6. High School Name ____________________________________________
7. High School Address __________________________________________
8. Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes_______ No________
9. Are you a Permanent Resident____ Asylee______ Refugee_______
10. If none of the above, what is your current immigration or Visa status?
    ___________________________________________________________

Please note the established deadlines on the reverse side of this document. Residency reclassification is never retroactive to previous terms.

11. Indicate the appropriate term you are requesting reclassification:
    □ Fall 20______ □ Spring 20______ □ Summer 20______

I have read the terms of this agreement on the reverse side of this form and understand the limitations of this program.

Residency applications and supporting documents have a retention period of 6 years from the term for which you are applying for in-state tuition. After 6 years, all documentation must be destroyed and is no longer available for retrieval. In some cases, you may be asked to resubmit materials validating your eligibility for in-state tuition in the case that your original documentation has been destroyed.

I further certify that the information contained above is complete and accurate and understand that the submission of inaccurate information is sufficient cause for terminating both the in-state tuition benefit and my enrollment at Ohio University.

Signature _________________________________
Date ____ / ____ / _______