

Residency Self-Test

Are you Emancipated?

A person must be legally emancipated before he or she is “qualified” to establish a domicile separate from the domicile of one’s parents. Emancipation for tuition purposes takes place automatically when a person turns 22 years of age, or marries, or commences a post-baccalaureate degree-granting program. The clock then starts for establishing domicile (physical presence and intent) and the student must wait 12 months to become eligible for in-state tuition.

A person who is unmarried and under 22 years of age at the beginning of the one-year waiting period and who wishes to claim "emancipated minor" status must prove that he or she is completely self-supporting and financially independent of his or her parents or legal guardian(s). The following “Emancipation Self Test” is a tool to assist you (do not submit with application) in determining if you meet the Colorado requirements for in-state tuition classification. If after completing the self-test you feel you are an emancipated minor, please complete and submit the Emancipation Claim Form (green form) no later than the first day of class. Late petitions will not be accepted.

Question	Yes	No
1. You are self-supporting and financially independent.		
2. Your parents have relinquished their legal duty to support you as well as their rights to your care, custody and earnings.		
3. You have not received any financial support in the form of gifts, loans or trusts (regardless of the date of receipt) from your parents.		
4. Your parents have not claimed you as a dependent on last year’s Federal Income Tax Return.		
5. You have not been maintaining residence with your parents with the exception of temporary visits.		
6. You have been legally designated as a ward of the court.		

Please note – If you are an emancipated minor granted in-state tuition status, you are subject to reclassification as an out-of-state resident if your parents resume support.