

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The annual State Appropriation Act imposes the general requirement that student fees be fixed by the University Board of Trustees. The Act imposes two specific requirements on the Board: (1) In fixing fees applicable to academic and general maintenance and operation costs, the Board must maintain a minimum student fee not less than the fee charged the previous year. (2) In fixing fees applicable to residence hall rental, dining halls, laundry, infirmary, and all other personal subsistence expenses, the Board must charge students an amount sufficient to cover fully the cost of providing such facilities and services.

The tuition and fees for all students—full or part time and auditing—are available at [www.clemson.edu/receivables/fees.htm](http://www.clemson.edu/receivables/fees.htm). Satisfactory settlement of all expenses is a requirement for completing each semester's class registration, and no student is officially enrolled until all past due accounts have been satisfied. Financial aid cannot be used to satisfy balances forward from a prior academic year.

In special cases, the University will accept, at the beginning of a semester, a noninterest-bearing promissory note for a portion of the semester housing and semester meal plan fee. Amounts up to \$1500 may be included in the note. In such cases, a note for the fall semester charges will be due October 1, and for the spring semester, March 1. Failure to pay the note when due will result in the assessment of late fees, including collection costs and denial of future deferred payment note privileges.

Currently enrolled students who expect to continue enrollment may make housing reservations by pre-registering on-line during the spring semester at a time designated by the Housing Office.

New students who are offered on-campus housing accommodations must pay a nonrefundable \$50 housing application fee and a \$100 admission deposit. The admissions deposit is deducted from the amount otherwise due for the first semester expenses. (Note: Policies regarding priority to/offering of on-campus housing are subject to change.)

### TUITION AND FEES

Detailed tuition and fee information is available at [www.clemson.edu/receivables/fees.htm](http://www.clemson.edu/receivables/fees.htm). Note: A late payment fee will be assessed if fees are not satisfied by published deadlines.

#### Full-Time Fees

Students must be enrolled in 12 semester hours to pay full-time fees. Students enrolled in less than 12 hours or who drop below 12 hours may become ineligible for some student services, financial aid, or other programs.

#### Part-Time Fees

Students taking less than 12 semester credit hours will be charged according to the schedule at [www.clemson.edu/receivables/fees.htm](http://www.clemson.edu/receivables/fees.htm). These fees do not provide for admission to athletic events, concert series, and other such activities.

### Notice to Customers Making Payment by Check

If a check is mailed for payment, it may be converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means a copy of the check will be made and the account information will be used to debit the bank account electronically for the amount of the check. The debit from the bank account will usually occur within 24 hours and will be shown on the drawer's bank account statement. The original check will not be returned to the drawer. It will be destroyed, but University Revenue and Receivables will retain a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, the drawer authorizes the University to process the copy in place of the original check. If the EFT cannot be completed due to insufficient funds, the University may try twice more to make the transfer. A returned item fee of \$25 will be charged and collected by EFT.

### Returned Checks, EFTs, and Credit Card Payments

A check, EFT, or credit card given in payment of University expenses that is returned unpaid by the bank creates an indebtedness to the University. University Revenue and Receivables administers matters relating to the collection of all returned checks for students and non-students.

University Revenue and Receivables will represent returned items for payment of academic fees. A \$25 fee will be charged for each returned item. If a check is returned or dishonored for any reason, the student's account may be debited electronically for the amount of the check plus the \$25 returned item fee.

In addition, students with returned items for payment of academic fees are also subject to a late payment fee of \$5 per calendar day, not to exceed \$350, beginning on the last day of late registration. If the item is returned to the University in a timely manner with no response from the student or drawer, a written request to disenroll the student will be made to the Registrar. If the request is approved, the percentage of refund will be applied to the debt. If the item is returned after the mid-point of the semester with no response, a decision will be made by the Director of University Revenue and Receivables and the Registrar as to the effect of disenrollment. The University may restrict subsequent payment for academic and other fees by accepting only cash, certified checks, or money orders.

Any individual who uses a two-party check for payment of University expenses will be held responsible for that check if it is returned unpaid by the bank. Items used as payment for various University services such as meal plans, housing, etc., that are later returned unpaid by the bank, give the University the right to cancel such services and cause forfeiture of any refund.

Any returned items not collected by the above procedures may be turned over to a collections agency and the indebtedness reported to a credit bureau. All collection costs will be added to the debt. Transcripts and diplomas will be withheld pending payment, and the debt may be deducted from state income tax refunds.

Abuse of check payment privileges may result in the restriction of such privileges for an indefinite period of time based on the frequency and/or dollar amount, as determined by University Revenue and Receivables.

### Past Due Accounts

Any indebtedness to the University which becomes past due immediately jeopardizes the student's enrollment, and no such student will be permitted to re-enroll for an ensuing semester or summer term. Billing fees and/or collection costs may be added to the indebtedness. Further, any student who fails to pay all indebtedness, including collection costs, to the University may not be issued a transcript or diploma. Unresolved debts may be turned over to a collections agency, reported to a credit bureau, and deducted from state income tax refunds. Debts include, but are not limited to, parking violations, library fines, rent, and academic fees.

### Refund of Academic Fees

(Tuition, University Fee, and Medical Fee) for Students Withdrawing, Dropping to Part Time, or Part-Time Students Dropping Credit Hours

No refunds will be made on a semester's tuition and fees after four weeks from the last day to register. In the case of a withdrawal from the University, refunds will be based on the effective date of the withdrawal. In the case of a withdrawal from a course, refunds will be based on the date the student drops the course using the on-line registration system. To be eligible for a refund, the student's request must be received by University Revenue and Receivables prior to the beginning of the next fall/spring semester or subsequent summer term. Beginning with the day following the last day to register, refunds for periods of four weeks or less during fall/spring semester shall be made on the following basis. Students receiving Title IV Financial Aid follow a different policy. Contact University Revenue and Receivables, G-08 Sikes Hall, for details.

Fall/Spring Semester				
Period of Enrollment	Percent Refund			
Registration day(s) in published calendar	100%			
After last day to register:				
One week or less	80%			
More than 1 but not more than 2 weeks	60%			
More than 2 but not more than 3 weeks	40%			
More than 3 but not more than 4 weeks	20%			
More than 4 weeks	0%			
Summer Sessions				
Period of Enrollment	Length of Session Percent Refund			
	Less Than 3 wks.	3 wks.	5 or 6 wks.	More Than 6 wks.
Registration day(s) in published calendar	100%	100%	100%	100%
After last day to register:				
One week or less	0%	40%	60%	60%
More than 1 but not more than 2 weeks	0%	0%	20%	40%
More than 2 but not more than 3 weeks	0%	0%	0%	20%
More than 3 weeks	0%	0%	0%	0%

## Refund of Dining Hall Fees

See the section on Dining Services on page 20.

## Cancellation of Housing Contract

### Cancellation of the Contract Prior to the Start of the Academic Year for All New Students

(a) July 31, 2008—If cancellation request is received by the Housing Office on or before this date, the contract is cancelled with no additional charge.

(b) After July 31, 2008—The contract is binding and students are obligated to pay rent for the entire academic year, unless they fail to enroll.

### Cancellation of the Contract Prior to the Start of the Academic Year for All Continuing Students and Former Students Returning

(a) April 15, 2008—If cancellation request is received by the Housing Office on or before this date, the contract is cancelled without charge.

(b) April 16–May 15, 2008—If cancellation request is received by the Housing Office on or between these dates, the contract is cancelled, and a \$150 contract cancellation charge is placed on the student's University account.

(c) May 16–June 15, 2008—If cancellation request is received by the Housing Office on or between these dates, the contract is cancelled, and a \$300 contract cancellation charge is placed on the student's University account.

(d) June 16–July 31, 2008—If cancellation request is received by the Housing Office on or between these dates, the contract is cancelled, and a \$500 contract cancellation charge is placed on the student's University account.

(e) July 31, 2008—After this date, the contract is binding, and the student is obligated to pay the entire academic year's rent unless he/she fails to enroll.

(f) Students who sign contracts after July 31, 2008, are obligated to pay the entire academic year's rent unless they fail to enroll.

(g) In all cases where the student fails to enroll, a \$150 contract cancellation charge is placed on the student's University account. If a student's plans change and he/she re-enrolls after canceling, the full rental charge will be added back to the student's account. The \$150 cancellation charge is waived only in cases where the University denies readmission.

### Cancellation of the Contract after the Start of Each Semester of the Academic Year

(a) The contract may be terminated after the start of each semester for the following reasons: withdrawal from school, marriage (no more than four weeks prior to the wedding date), or circumstances determined by the University to be sufficiently extenuating as to warrant cancellation. (Documentary evidence will be required.)

(b) Any student qualifying for cancellation under paragraph (a) above will have his/her bill adjusted to show a prorated housing charge based on the number of days of the semester that housing is held in reservation for the student or \$150, whichever is greater.

(c) In cases where neither (a) nor (b) above applies, the student may "buy out" his/her contract by paying a prorated housing charge based on the

number of days of the semester that housing is held in reservation for the student plus one-half (50%) of all time remaining in the total contract period. (This option is not available to freshmen.)

### Cancellation of the Contract at the End of the First Semester

(a) The contract may be terminated at the end of the first semester without penalty for the following reasons: graduation, withdrawal from school, ineligibility to continue enrollment due to a failure to meet academic requirements, completion of graduate requirements, failure to enroll a second semester, or participation during the second semester in anything required by the University that takes the student away from the main campus.

(b) The contract may be cancelled at the end of the first semester with a \$150 contract cancellation charge for the following reasons: marriage or circumstances determined by the University to be sufficiently extenuating as to warrant cancellation. (Documentary evidence will be required.)

(c) In cases where neither (a) nor (b) above applies, the contract may also be cancelled at the end of the first semester by paying a "buyout" charge equal to 50% of the first semester's rental fee. (This option is not available to freshmen.)

### Proper Notice of Cancellation Request

Students wishing to request cancellation of this contract must do so by

(a) logging into University Housing's contract cancellation system at [www.housing.clemson.edu](http://www.housing.clemson.edu) and completing the cancellation process or

(b) submitting signed, written correspondence to the Housing Office.

## Refunds of Financial Aid for Students Withdrawing from the University

Refunds of academic fees are made in accordance with semester and summer session refund policies. First semester freshmen and first semester transfers receiving Title IV financial aid are under a different policy based on federal guidelines. Details are available in G-08 Sikes Hall. University housing refunds are made according to the policy above. Meal plan refunds are made on a pro rata basis.

Since financial aid is expected to meet or help meet educational costs, any academic fee, housing, or meal plan fee for students withdrawing from the University up to the amount of financial aid received for that semester or summer session, will be refunded to the Financial Aid Program(s) from which the student received assistance.

Students receiving Title IV Funds (Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Loans—unsub or sub) or Federal Plus Loans who withdraw from the University are subject to the Return of Title IV Funds regulations. Students with funds from any of these programs earn their financial aid dollars while enrolled. If a student withdraws prior to completing 60% of a term, a prorated portion of the federal financial aid dollars must be considered unearned and returned to the federal programs and could cause students to owe the University a significant amount upon withdrawal.

In addition to the amount of federal aid that Clemson must return, students who received financial aid for other educational costs, including off-campus living expenses, may be required to repay a portion of those funds to the federal programs. Failure to return aid owed to the the federal aid programs may result in loss of eligibility for federal aid assistance.

Federal aid funds to be returned are distributed to the programs in the following order:

- Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Plus Loan
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal SEOG
- Other Title IV Programs
- Non-Title IV Programs

After the refund has been applied to the Title IV and non-Title IV programs, any refund balance will be refunded to the student.

If debts were incurred before withdrawing, such as bad checks, unpaid traffic or library fines, etc., the refund will cover these obligations first. Academic fees, housing, and meal plan refunds for students withdrawing will be paid to the student.

## RESIDENT TUITION AND FEES

### Application for Resident Status

Any undergraduate student or prospective student whose status concerning entitlement to payment of in-state tuition and fees is uncertain has the responsibility of securing a ruling from the University by providing all relevant information on special application forms. These forms can be obtained from the Student Financial Aid Office, G-01 Sikes Hall, and are to be completed and returned to that office prior to the first day of class for any semester or summer term for which the student is attempting to qualify for payment of the in-state tuition and fee rate.

### Entitlement

Eligibility for payment of in-state tuition and fees shall be determined under the provisions of Sections 59-112-10 through 59-112-100, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended. This law is set forth in its entirety as follows (subject to further amendment by the General Assembly).

### Statutes

**59-112-10—Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

A. The words "State Institution" shall mean those post-secondary educational institutions under the jurisdiction of the following: (1) Board of Trustees, Clemson University; (2) Board of Trustees, Medical University of South Carolina; (3) Board of Trustees, South Carolina State College; (4) State College Board of Trustees; (5) Board of Visitors, The Citadel; (6) Board of Trustees, University of South Carolina; (7) Board of Trustees, Winthrop University; and (8) State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education.

B. The word "student" shall mean any person enrolled for studies in any state institution.

C. The word “residence” or “reside” shall mean continuous and permanent physical presence within this State, provided, that temporary absences for short periods of time shall not affect the establishment of a residence.

D. The word “domicile” shall mean a person’s true, fixed, principal residence and place of habitation; it shall indicate the place where such person intends to remain, and to which such person expects to return upon leaving without establishing a new domicile in another state. For purposes of this section one may have only one legal domicile; one is presumed to abandon automatically an old domicile upon establishing a new one. Housing provided on an academic session basis for students at State institutions shall be presumed not to be a place of principal residence, as residency in such housing is by nature temporary.

E. The words “in-state rates” shall mean charges for tuition and fees established by State Institutions for persons who are domiciled in South Carolina in accordance with this act; the words “out-of-state rates” shall mean charges for tuition and fees established by State Institutions for persons who are not domiciled in South Carolina in accordance with this act.

F. The words “independent person” shall mean a person in his majority, or an emancipated minor, whose predominant source of income is his own earnings or income from employment, investments, or payments from trusts, grants, scholarships, loans, or payments of alimony or separate maintenance made pursuant to court order.

G. The words “dependent” or “dependent person” mean: (1) one whose financial support is provided not through his own earnings or entitlements, but whose predominant source of income or support is payments from a parent, spouse, or guardian, and who qualifies as a dependent or an exemption on the federal tax return of the parent, spouse, or guardian; or (2) one for whom payments are made, under court order, for child support and the cost of his college education by an independent person meeting the provisions of Section 59-112-20 A or B. However, the words “dependent” or “dependent person” do not include a spouse or former spouse who is the recipient of alimony or separate maintenance payments made pursuant to court order.

H. The word “minor” shall mean a person who has not attained the age of eighteen years; and the words “emancipated minor” shall mean a minor whose parents have entirely surrendered the right to the care, custody and earnings of such minor and are no longer under any legal obligation to support or maintain such minor.

I. The word “parent” shall mean a person’s natural or adoptive father or mother; or if one parent has custody of the child, the parent having custody; or if there is a guardian or other legal custodian of such person, then such guardian or legal custodian; provided, however, that where circumstances indicate that such guardianship or custodianship was created primarily for the purpose of conferring South Carolina domicile for tuition and fee purposes on such child or dependent person, it shall not be given such effect.

J. The word “spouse” shall mean the husband or wife of a married person.

**59-112-20—South Carolina Domicile Defined for Purposes of Rates of Tuition and Fees.** South Carolina domicile for tuition and fee purposes shall be established as follows in determinations of rates of tuition and fees to be paid by students entering or attending State Institutions:

A. Independent persons who reside in and have been domiciled in South Carolina for a period of no less than twelve months with an intention of making a permanent home herein, and their dependents, may be considered eligible for in-state rates.

B. Independent persons who reside in and have been domiciled in South Carolina for fewer than twelve months but who have full-time employment in the State, and their dependents, may be considered eligible for in-state rates for as long as such independent person is employed on a full-time basis in the State.

C. Where an independent person meeting the provisions of Section 59-112-20 B above, is living apart from his spouse, or where such person and his spouse are separated or divorced, the spouse and dependents of such independent person shall have domiciliary status for tuition and fee purposes only under the following circumstances: (1) if the spouse requesting domiciliary status for tuition and fee purposes remains domiciled in South Carolina although living apart or separated from his or her employed spouse, (2) if the dependent requesting domiciliary status for tuition and fee purposes is under the legal custody or guardianship, as defined in Section 59-112-10I above, of an independent person who is domiciled in this State; or if such dependent is claimed as an income tax exemption by the parent not having legal custody but paying child-support, so long as either parent remains domiciled in South Carolina.

D. The residence and domicile of a dependent minor shall be presumed to be that of the parent of such dependent minor.

**59-112-30—Effect of Change of Residency.** When the domicile of a student or of the person upon whom a student is financially dependent changes after enrollment at a State Institution, tuition charges shall be adjusted as follows:

A. Except as provided in Section 59-112-20B above, when domicile is taken in South Carolina, a student shall not become eligible for in-state rates until the beginning of the next academic session after expiration of twelve months from date of domicile in this State.

B. When South Carolina domicile is lost, eligibility for in-state rates shall end on the last day of the academic session in which the loss occurs; however, application of this subsection shall be at the discretion of the institution involved.

C. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, any dependent person who has been domiciled with his family in South Carolina for a period of not less than three years immediately prior to his enrollment may enroll in a state-supported institution of higher learning at the in-state rate and may continue to be enrolled at such rate even if the parent, spouse, or guardian upon whom he is dependent moves his domicile from this State.

**59-112-40—Effect of Marriage.** Except as provided in Section 59-112-20 above, marriage shall affect determinations of domicile for tuition and fee purposes only insofar as it operates to evince an intention by the parties to make a permanent home in South Carolina.

**59-112-50—Military Personnel and Their Dependents.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this act, during the period of their assignment to duty in South Carolina members of the armed services of the United States stationed in South Carolina and their dependents may be considered eligible for in-state rates. When such armed service personnel are ordered away from the State, their dependents may continue for an additional twelve months to have this eligibility at the State Institutions where they are enrolled at the time such assignment ends. Such persons and their dependents may be considered eligible for in-state rates for a period of twelve months after their discharge from the armed services even though they were not enrolled at a State Institution at the time of their discharge, if they have evinced an intent to establish domicile in South Carolina and if they have resided in South Carolina for a period of at least twelve months immediately preceding their discharge.

**59-112-60—Faculty, Administrative Employees and Dependents Thereof.** Full-time faculty and administrative employees of State Institutions, and the spouses and children of such persons, shall be excluded from the provision of this act.

**59-112-70—Abatement of Rates for Non-residents on Scholarship.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this act, the governing boards listed in Section 59-112-10A above, are authorized to adopt policies for the abatement of any part or all of the out-of-state rates for students who are recipients of scholarship aid.

**59-112-80—Administration of Chapter; Burden of Proving Eligibility of Students.** Each State Institution shall designate an official to administer the provisions of this act. Students making application to pay tuition and fees at in-state rates shall have the burden of proving to the satisfaction of the aforesaid officials of State Institutions that they have fulfilled the requirements of this act before they shall be permitted to pay tuition and fees at such rate.

**59-112-90—Penalties for Willful Misrepresentation.** Where it appears to the satisfaction of officials charged with administration of these provisions that a person has gained domiciliary status improperly by making or presenting willful misrepresentations of fact, such persons should be charged tuition and fees past due and unpaid at the out-of-state rate, plus interest at a rate of eight percent per annum, plus a penalty amounting to twenty-five percent of the out-of-state rate for one semester; and until these charges have been paid no such student shall be allowed to receive transcripts or graduate from any State Institution.

**59-112-100—Regulations.** The Commission on Higher Education may prescribe uniform regulations for application of the provisions of this act and may provide for annual review of such regulations.

## ARTICLE V

### Determination of Rates of Tuition and Fees

(Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-112-10 to 59-112-100)

#### 62-600—Rates of Tuition and Fees.

A. Resident classification is an essential part of fee determination, admission regulations, scholarship eligibility, and other relevant policies of the

state. It is important that such institutions have fair and equitable regulations which can be administered consistently and are sensitive to the interests of both students and the State. The Commission on Higher Education hereby establishes regulations for the Statute Governing Residency and Tuition for Fee Purposes to be applied consistently by all South Carolina institutions of higher education. These regulations do not address residency matters relating to in-county categories used within the State's technical colleges.

B. Institutions of higher education are required by the Statute to determine the residence classification of applicants. The initial determination of one's resident status is made at the time of admission. The determination made at that time, and any determination made thereafter prevails for each subsequent semester until information becomes available that would impact the existing residency status and the determination is successfully challenged. The burden of proof rests with the student to show evidence as deemed necessary to establish and maintain their residency status.

#### **62-601—Code of Laws Governing Residence.** [SC ADC 62-601]

Rules regarding the establishment of legal residence for tuition and fee purposes for institutions of higher education are governed by Title 59, Chapter 112 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

#### **62-602—Definitions.** [SC ADC 62-602]

A. "Academic Session" is defined as a term or semester of enrollment. (62-607.B)

B. "Continue to be Enrolled" is defined as continuous enrollment without an interruption that would require the student to pursue a formal process of readmission to that institution. Formal petitions or applications for change of degree level shall be considered readmissions. (62-607.A)

C. "Dependent Person" is defined as one whose predominant source of income or support is from payments from a parent, spouse, or guardian and who qualifies as a dependent or exemption on the federal income tax return of the parent, spouse, or guardian. A dependent person is also one for whom payments are made, under court order, for child support and the cost of the dependent person's college education. A dependent person's residency is based upon the residency of the person upon whom they are dependent. (62-602.G) (62-602.N) (62-603.B) (62-605.C) (62-607.A)

D. "Domicile" is defined as the true, fixed, principal residence and place of habitation. It shall indicate the place where a person intends to remain, or to where one expects to return upon leaving without establishing a new domicile in another state. For purposes of this section, one may have only one legal domicile. One is presumed to abandon automatically an old domicile upon establishing a new one. Housing provided on an academic session basis for student at institutions shall be presumed not to be a place of principal residence, as residency in such housing is by its nature temporary. (62-602.E) (62-602.K) (62-602.M) (62-602.N) (62-603.A) (62-603.B) (62-605.B) (62-605.C) (62-607.A) (62-607.B) (62-608.A) (62-608.C) (62-608.D) (62-609.A.3) (62-609.A.4)

E. "Family's Domicile in this State is Terminated" is defined as an employer-directed transfer

of the person upon whom the student is dependent and is not construed to mean a voluntary change in domicile. Also included is a relocation of the person upon whom the student is dependent who is laid off through no fault of his own (e.g., plant closure, downsizing, etc.) who accepts employment in another state prior to relocating. (62-607.A)

F. "Full-time employment" is defined as employment that consists of at least 37½ hours a week on a single job in a full-time status. However, a person who works less than 37½ hours a week but receives or is entitled to receive full-time employee benefits shall be considered to be employed full-time if such status is verified by the employer. A person who meets the eligibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act must satisfy their prescribed employment specifications in order to qualify as having full-time employment. (62-605.C.1) (62-609.A.2) (62-609.A.3)

G. "Guardian" is defined as one legally responsible for the care and management of the person or property of a minor child or one qualified to claim a dependent person based upon the five tests for dependency prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service; provided, however, that where circumstances indicate that such guardianship or custodianship was created primarily for the purpose of conferring South Carolina domicile for tuition and fee purposes on such child or dependent person, it shall not be given such effect. (62-602.C) (62-602.E) (62-602.I) (62-602.M) (62-603.B) (62-605.C)

H. "Immediately Prior" is defined as the period of time between the offer of admission and the first day of class of the term for which the offer was made, not to exceed one calendar year. (62-607.A)

I. "Independent Person" is defined as one in his/her majority (eighteen years of age or older) or an emancipated minor, whose predominant source of income is his/her own earnings or income from employment, investments, or payments from trusts, grants, scholarships, commercial loans, or payments made in accordance with court order. An independent person must provide more than half of his or her support during the twelve months immediately prior to the date that classes begin for the semester for which resident status is requested. An independent person cannot be claimed as a dependent or exemption on the federal tax return of his or her parent, spouse, or guardian for the year in which resident status is requested. (62-602.N) (62-603.A) (62-605.C) (62-607.B) (62-608.B)

J. "Minor" is defined as a person who has not attained the age of eighteen years. An "emancipated minor" shall mean a minor whose parents have entirely surrendered the right to the care, custody, and earnings of such minor and are no longer under any legal obligation to support or maintain such minor. (62-602.G)

K. "Nonresident Alien" is defined as a person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. By virtue of their nonresident status "nonresident aliens" generally do not have the capacity to establish domicile in South Carolina. (62-602.M) (62-604.A)

L. "Parent" is defined as the father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, foster parent or parent of a legally adopted child. (62-602.C) (62-602.E) (62-602.I) (62-602.J) (62-602.M) (62-603.B) (62-603.C) (62-605.C)

M. "Reside" is defined as continuous and permanent physical presence within the State, provided that absences for short periods of time shall not affect the establishment of residence. Excluded are absences associated with requirements to complete a degree, absences for military training service, and like absences, provided South Carolina domicile is maintained. (62-603.A) (62-606.B) (62-609.A) (62-609.A.3) (62-609.A.4) (62-609.B)

N. "Resident" for tuition and fee purposes is defined as an independent person who has abandoned all prior domiciles and has been domiciled in South Carolina continuously for at least twelve months immediately preceding the first day of class of the term for which resident classification is sought and for whom there is an absence of domiciliary evidence in other states or countries, not withstanding other provisions of the Statute. (62-600.A) (62-600.B) (62-602.I) (62-602.K) (62-602.M) (62-603.A) (62-603.B) (62-603.C) (62-604.A) (62-605.A) (62-605.C) (62-605.C.7) (62-606.A) (62-606.A.5) (62-606.B) (62-607.A) (62-608.B) (62-609.A.3) (62-610.A) (62-610.B) (62-611.A) (62-611.B)

O. "Spouse" is defined as the husband or wife of a married person in accordance with Title 20, Chapter 1 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended. (62-602.C) (62-602.E) (62-602.I) (62-602.M) (62-603.B) (62-605.C)

P. "Temporary Absence" is defined as a break in enrollment during a fall or spring semester (or its equivalent) during which a student is not registered for class. (62-606.A)

Q. "Terminal Leave" is defined as a transition period following active employment and immediately preceding retirement (with a pension or annuity), during which the individual may use accumulated leave. (62-609.A.4)

R. "United States Armed Forces" is defined as the United States Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard. (62-606.B) (62-609.A(1))

#### **62-603—Citizens and Permanent Residents.** [SC ADC 62-603]

A. Independent persons who have physically resided and been domiciled in South Carolina for twelve continuous months immediately preceding the date the classes begin for the semester for which resident status is claimed may qualify to pay in-state tuition and fees. The twelve-month residency period starts when the independent person establishes the intent to become a South Carolina resident per section 62-605 entitled "Establishing the Requisite Intent to Become a South Carolina Domiciliary." Absences from the State during the twelve-month period may affect the establishment of permanent residence for tuition and fee purposes.

B. The resident status of a dependent person is based on the resident status of the person who provides more than half of the dependent person's support and claims or qualifies to claim the dependent person as a dependent for federal income tax purposes. Thus, the residence and domicile of a dependent person shall be presumed to be that of their parent, spouse, or guardian.

C. In the case of divorced or separated parents, the resident status of the dependent person may be based on the resident status of the parent who claims the dependent person as a dependent for

tax purposes; or based on the resident status of the parent who has legal custody or legal joint custody of the dependent person; or based on the resident status of the person who makes payments under a court order for child support and at least the cost of his/her college tuition and fees.

**62-604—Non-Resident Aliens, Non-Citizens, and Non-Permanent Residents.** [SC ADC 62-604]

A. Except as otherwise specified in this section or as provided in section 62-609 (1) and (2), independent non-citizens and non-permanent residents of the United States will be assessed tuition and fees at the non-resident, out-of-state rate. Independent non-resident aliens, including refugees, asylees, and parolees may be entitled to resident, in-state classification once they have been awarded permanent resident status by the U.S. Department of Justice and meet all the statutory residency requirements provided that all other domiciliary requirements are met. Time spent living in South Carolina immediately prior to the awarding of permanent resident status does not count toward the twelve month residency period. Certain non-resident aliens present in the United States in specified visa classification are eligible to receive in-state residency status for tuition and fee purposes as prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education. They are not, however, eligible to receive state sponsored tuition assistance/scholarships.

B. Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) serves as the primary resource for defining visa categories.

**62-605—Establishing the Requisite Intent to Become a South Carolina Domiciliary.** [SC ADC 62-605]

A. Resident status may not be acquired by an applicant or student while residing in South Carolina for the sole purpose of enrollment in an institution or for access to state-supported programs designed to serve South Carolina residents.

B. If a person asserts that his/her domicile has been established in this State, the individual has the burden of proof. Such persons should provide to the designated residency official of the institution to which they are applying any and all evidence the person believes satisfies the burden of proof. The residency official will consider any and all evidence provided concerning such claim of domicile, but will not necessarily regard any single item of evidence as conclusive evidence that domicile has been established.

C. For independent persons or the parent, spouse, or guardian of dependent persons, examples of intent to become a South Carolina resident may include, although any single indicator may not be conclusive, the following indicia:

- (1) Statement of full-time employment;
- (2) Possession of a valid South Carolina voter registration card;
- (3) Designating South Carolina as state of legal residence on military record;
- (4) Possession of a valid South Carolina driver's license or, if a non-driver, a South Carolina identification card. Failure to obtain this within 90 days of the establishment of the intent to become a South Carolina resident will delay the beginning date of residency eligibility.

(5) Possession of a valid South Carolina vehicle registration card. Failure to obtain this within 45 days of the establishment of the intent to become a South Carolina resident will delay the beginning date of residency eligibility.

- (6) Maintenance of domicile in South Carolina;
- (7) Paying South Carolina income taxes as a resident during the past tax year, including income earned outside of South Carolina from the date South Carolina domicile was claimed;
- (8) Ownership of principal residence in South Carolina; and
- (9) Licensing for professional practice (if applicable) in South Carolina.

D. The absence of indicia in other states or countries is required before the student is eligible to pay in-state rates.

**62-606—Maintaining Residence.** [SC ADC 62-606]

A. A person's temporary absence from the State does not necessarily constitute loss of South Carolina residence unless the person has acted inconsistently with the claim of continued South Carolina residence during the person's absence from the State. The burden is on the person to show retention of South Carolina residence during the person's absence from the State. Steps a person should take to retain South Carolina resident status for tuition and fee purposes include:

- (1) Continuing to use a South Carolina permanent address on all records;
- (2) Retaining South Carolina voter's status;
- (3) Maintaining South Carolina driver's license;
- (4) Maintaining South Carolina vehicle registration;
- (5) Satisfying South Carolina resident income tax obligation. Individuals claiming permanent residence in South Carolina are liable for payment of income taxes on their total income from the date that they established South Carolina residence. This includes income earned in another state or country.

B. Active duty members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents are eligible to pay in-state tuition and fees as long as they continuously claim South Carolina as their state of legal residence during their military service. Documentation will be required in all cases to support this claim. South Carolina residents who change their state of legal residence while in the military lose their South Carolina resident status for tuition and fee purposes.

**62-607—Effect of Change of Residency.** [SC ADC 62-607]

A. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, any dependent person of a legal resident of this state who has been domiciled with his/her family in South Carolina for a period of not less than three years and whose family's domicile in this state is terminated immediately prior to his/her enrollment may enroll at the in-state rate. A student must continue to be enrolled and registered for classes (excluding summers) in order to maintain eligibility to pay in-state rates in subsequent semesters. Transfers within or between South Carolina colleges and universities of a student seeking a certificate, diploma, associate, baccalaureate, or graduate level degree does not constitute a break in enrollment.

B. If a dependent or independent person has been domiciled in South Carolina for less than three years, eligibility for in-state rates shall end on the last day of the academic session during which domicile is lost. Application of this provision shall be at the discretion of the institution involved. However, a student must continue to be enrolled and registered for classes (excluding summers) in order to maintain eligibility to pay in-state rates in subsequent semesters.

**62-608—Effect of Marriage.** [SC ADC 62-608]

A. In ascertaining domicile of a married person, irrespective of gender, such a review shall be determined just as for an unmarried person by reference to all relevant evidence of domiciliary intent.

B. If a non-resident marries a South Carolina resident, the non-resident does not automatically acquire South Carolina resident status. The non-resident may acquire South Carolina resident status if the South Carolina resident is an independent person and the non-resident is a dependent of the South Carolina resident.

C. Marriage to a person domiciled outside South Carolina shall not be solely the reason for precluding a person from establishing or maintaining domicile in South Carolina and subsequently becoming eligible or continuing to be eligible for residency.

D. No person shall be deemed solely by reason of marriage to a person domiciled in South Carolina to have established or maintained domicile in South Carolina and consequently to be eligible for or to retain eligibility for South Carolina residency.

**62-609—Exceptions.** [SC ADC 62-609]

A. Persons in the following categories qualify to pay in-state tuition and fees without having to establish a permanent home in the state for twelve months. Persons who qualify under any of these categories must meet the conditions of the specific category on or before the first day of class of the term for which payment of in-state tuition and fees is requested.

(1) "Military Personnel and their Dependents": Members of the United States Armed Forces who are permanently assigned in South Carolina on active duty and their dependents are eligible to pay in-state tuition and fees. When such personnel are transferred from the State, their dependents may continue to pay in-state tuition and fees for an additional twelve months. Such persons (and their dependents) may also be eligible to pay in-state tuition and fees for a period of twelve months after their discharge from the military, provided they have demonstrated an intent to establish a permanent home in South Carolina and they have resided in South Carolina for a period of at least twelve months immediately preceding their discharge. Military personnel who are not stationed in South Carolina and/or former military personnel who intend to establish South Carolina residency must fulfill the twelve month "physical presence" requirement for them or their dependents to qualify to pay in-state tuition and fees.

(2) "Faculty and Administrative Employees with Full-Time Employment and their Dependents": Full-time faculty and administrative employees of South Carolina state-supported colleges and universities and their dependents are eligible to pay in-state tuition and fees.

(3) “Residents with Full-Time Employment and their Dependents:” Persons who reside, are domiciled, and are full-time employed in the State and who continue to work full-time until they meet the twelve-month requirement and their dependents are eligible to pay in-state tuition and fees, provided that they have taken steps to establish a permanent home in the State. Steps an independent person must take to establish residency in South Carolina are listed in section 62-605 entitled (“Establishing the Requisite Intent to Become a South Carolina Domiciliary”).

(4) “Retired Persons and their Dependents:” Retired persons who are receiving a pension or annuity who reside in South Carolina and have been domiciled in South Carolina as prescribed in the Statute for less than a year may be eligible for in-state rates if they maintain residence and domicile in this State. Persons on terminal leave who have established residency in South Carolina may be eligible for in-state rates even if domiciled in the State for less than one year if they present documentary evidence from their employer showing they are on terminal leave. The evidence should show beginning and ending dates for the terminal leave period and that the person will receive a pension or annuity when he/she retires.

B. South Carolina residents who wish to participate in the Contract for Services Program sponsored by the Southern Regional Education Board must have continuously resided in the State for other than educational purposes for at least two years immediately preceding application for consideration and must meet all residency requirements during this two-year period.

#### **62-610—Application for Change of Resident Status.** [SC ADC 62-610]

A. Persons applying for a change of resident classification must complete a residency application/petition and provide supporting documentation prior to a reclassification deadline as established by the institution.

B. The burden of proof rests with those persons applying for a change of resident classification who must show required evidence to document the change in resident status.

#### **62-611—Incorrect Classification.** [SC ADC 62-611]

A. Persons incorrectly classified as residents are subject to reclassification and to payment of all non-resident tuition and fees not paid. If incorrect classification results from false or concealed facts, such persons may be charged tuition and fees past due and unpaid at the out-of-state rate. The violator may also be subject to administrative, civil, and financial penalties. Until these charges are paid, such persons will not be allowed to receive transcripts or graduate from a South Carolina institution.

B. Residents whose resident status changes are responsible for notifying the Residency Official of the institution attended of such changes.

#### **62-612—Inquiries and Appeals.** [SC ADC 62-612]

A. Inquiries regarding residency requirements and determinations should be directed to the institutional residency official.

B. Each institution will develop an appeals process to accommodate persons wishing to appeal residency determinations made by the institution's residency official. Neither the primary residency official nor appellate official(s) may waive the provisions of the Statute or regulation governing residency for tuition and fee purposes.

Appeals should be sent to the Student Financial Aid Office, G-01 Sikes Hall.

## **DINING SERVICES**

The University provides a variety of meal plans to meet student needs. The meal plan dining halls, Harcombe, Schilleter, and Clemson House are located in different areas of the campus and feature an unlimited seconds policy. Meals may also be purchased on a cash basis or by using a debit/credit card, Tiger Stripe, or Paw Point account. Meal plans become effective when University housing is opened for occupancy at the beginning of each semester and expire after the evening meal on the day of graduation at the end of each semester. Meal plans are not effective during official University breaks.

The Eastside Food Court, Einstein Brothers Bagels, the Canteen, Java City Cyber Café, and Fernow Street Café provide a wide assortment of dining selections on an a la carte basis. Nationally branded food concepts are available in cash dining facilities on campus: Burger King and Li'l Dino Subs in the Eastside Food Court, Chick-fil-A and Starbucks at the Union Canteen, and Pizza Hut Express in the Fernow Street Café. All retail dining facilities and dining halls accept cash, credit/debit cards, and Tiger 1 and Paw Point cards.

All first-year freshmen who live in University housing, excluding apartments with kitchens, are required to subscribe to one of the following meal plans for their first two semesters: Any Ten, Plus Any Ten, Any 15, Plus Any 15, Seven Day (Unlimited Access), or Plus Unlimited Access. All other students may choose a meal plan on a semester basis or pay for individual meals. First-year freshmen living in University housing (excluding the aforementioned housing) may terminate their meal plan for one of the following reasons:

- withdrawal from the University
- change in housing assignment to an apartment with kitchen facilities
- medical condition with dietary requirements that cannot be met by Dining Services. Documentation from a medical doctor must be provided along with specific dietary requirements. This documentation will be reviewed by the Dining Services Food Service Administrator
- other circumstances determined by the University to be beyond the student's control

Freshmen students must provide the necessary documentation for any of the above reasons before cancellation of their meal plan will be considered. Upperclassmen may terminate their meal plans for any reason. Failure to participate in a meal plan does not automatically release a student from the freshman requirement to subscribe to a meal plan.

Students may change meal plans at the Tiger 1 Card Office, in 304 Fike Recreation Center, on Mondays only. Students may change meal plans at the billing of spring and fall semester fees with no service charge or after the first two weeks and prior to the last six weeks of the semester by paying a \$35 service charge. All adjustments will be prorated, except for students withdrawing from the University. Students may upgrade meal plans during the registration period.

Meal plans cancelled for any reason after service of the first meal will result in a refund of advance payment, minus a \$35 termination charge, and a weekly charge for meals available. The meals available charge applies to the meals that have been served, not those that have been eaten by the individual student. The Paw Points which are associated with the Plus plans are not refundable; however, they do carry forward to the next semester. No changes, meal plan cancellations, or refunds will be made during the last six weeks of a semester. Requests for refunds may be made at the Tiger 1 Card Office. Students will be responsible for all service charges related to changes or termination of a meal plan. *Note:* Meal plans may not be shared with other students. Only the meal plan purchaser may utilize his/her meal plan.

## **TIGER STRIPE ACCOUNT**

The Tiger Stripe account is equivalent to a prepaid debit card. Under the Tiger Stripe account program, funds are deposited into the account along with payment of fees. As items are purchased from over 200 locations that accept Tiger Stripe, the amount spent is deducted from the Tiger Stripe account balance. All students are eligible. Additional funds may be added to the account via the Tiger 1 On-Line Card Office at [www.tiger1.clemson.edu](http://www.tiger1.clemson.edu). Students may also pay in person at the Tiger 1 Card Office with cash, check, or credit card; or they may call 864-656-0763 to pay with Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 8:00 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

Tiger Stripe accounts are non-refundable except for students withdrawing, graduating, or not returning to the University. Tiger Stripe cannot be used for the payment of tuition. Transactions are limited to \$250 per day in the University Revenue and Receivables Office for the payment of incidental fees. Credit balances at the end of each semester will carry forward to the next term. (Students withdrawing must go to E-103 Martin Hall. Balances greater than \$5 will be refunded.) Any indebtedness to the University will be deducted from refunds. All graduating students will be required to request a refund at the Tiger 1 Card Office two weeks prior to graduation. Any account that remains dormant for 18 months or longer will have the balance transferred to a University scholarship account.

More information is available at [www.tiger1.clemson.edu](http://www.tiger1.clemson.edu), by calling 864-656-0763, or e-mailing [tiger1-1@clemson.edu](mailto:tiger1-1@clemson.edu).

## FINANCIAL AID

The Office of Student Financial Aid administers and coordinates various types of undergraduate financial aid administered by Clemson University: scholarships, loans, grants, and work-study employment. The office works jointly with the University Scholarships and Awards Committee.

Students may apply after January 1 for financial assistance for the next academic year. Financial aid requests, based on financial need, must be supported by a processed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and renewed annually. No application is required for the LIFE Scholarship.

The FAFSA must be submitted by February 15 for need-based scholarship consideration and by April 1 for the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study, Federal Perkins Loan, South Carolina State Need-Based Grant, and Clemson Community Service Grant. April 1 is the suggested deadline for application for the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Stafford Loan, and Federal PLUS Loan. June 1 is the suggested deadline for application for private/alternative loans. PLUS and private loans require a separate application.

Transfer students applying for student loans will be considered as entering freshmen in determining maximum loan limits. Following enrollment, after the credit evaluation process has been completed, students may submit a request for additional funds due to changes in class standing.

Information regarding financial aid programs at Clemson University is available at [www.clemson.edu/finaid](http://www.clemson.edu/finaid) or from the Student Financial Aid Office, G-01 Sikes Hall, Box 345123, Clemson, SC 29634-5123.

### Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Eligibility

Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress to be eligible for financial aid. This policy contains both qualitative (grade-point ratio) and quantitative (credit hours completed) requirements. Students must meet the grade-point ratio requirement as stated under the Academic Eligibility Policy. Students must also complete 12, 9, or 6 hours per semester according to their enrollment (full time,  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, or  $\frac{1}{2}$  time) as of the last day to add a class. Students have a maximum of 12 full-time semesters in which to finish their degrees, or the equivalent in part-time enrollment. Duplicate credits, including courses repeated for Academic Redemption, do not count as credits completed for satisfactory academic progress. Details are available in the publication *Financing Your Clemson University Education* or at [www.clemson.edu/finaid](http://www.clemson.edu/finaid). Students wishing to appeal their academic progress status may submit a letter to the Student Financial Aid Office. This appeals process is separate from the Appeals Committee on Academic Eligibility. Students returning under the academic renewal policy who apply for financial aid should also submit a letter to the Student Financial Aid Office to update their academic progress record. Prior terms will be counted in the 12 semesters allowed for satisfactory academic progress.

### Educational Benefits for Veterans, War Orphans, and Children of Deceased or Disabled Law

#### Enforcement Officers or Fire Fighters

The Veterans Administration provides educational assistance for veterans and children of deceased or totally disabled veterans who meet requirements of applicable laws and regulations. Any veteran or child of a deceased or totally disabled veteran should communicate with the nearest Veterans Administration Office to determine whether he/she is entitled to any educational benefits. Free tuition is available to children of South Carolina law enforcement officers or fire fighters who were totally disabled or killed in the line of duty. Certification is required from the agency of the parent's employment. Upon presentation of proof of eligibility, a student shall not become eligible for educational assistance until the beginning of the next academic term.