

# OUT-OF-STATE TUITION WAIVERS

Individuals stationed in or assigned to Georgia due to a NATO assignment (in the U.S. on a NATO visa and part of a NATO exchange program). Students must present their current U.S. military ID card showing they are active duty and a copy of their NATO orders showing they are assigned to Georgia. Dependent students and spouses are also eligible provided they submit documentation of their relationship to the individual assigned to Georgia on NATO orders in addition to the other documentation. Georgia Tech has permission from the Board of Regents to award out-of-state tuition differential waivers and assess in-state tuition for certain nonresidents of Georgia for the following reasons and under the following conditions. The waivers processed in the Office of the Registrar are listed below.

- **University System Employees and Dependents**

Full-time employees of the University System, their spouses, and their dependent children.

Download Application for USG Employees and Dependents (<http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/usg.pdf>)

- **Full-time School Employees**

Full-time employees in the public schools of Georgia or the Technical College System of Georgia, their spouses, and their dependent children. Teachers employed full-time on military bases in Georgia shall also qualify for this waiver (BR Minutes, 1988-89, p.43).

Download Application for Full-Time School Employees ([http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/full\\_time\\_school\\_employees\\_waiver.pdf](http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/full_time_school_employees_waiver.pdf))

- **Career Consular Officials**

Career consular officers, their spouses, and their dependent children who are citizens of the foreign nation that their Consulate office represents and who are stationed and living in Georgia under orders of their respective governments.

Download Application for Career Consular Officials ([http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/career\\_consular\\_waiver.pdf](http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/career_consular_waiver.pdf))

- **Military**

1. Active duty military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children who meet one of the following:
  - a. The military sponsor is currently stationed in or assigned to Georgia; or,
  - b. The military sponsor previously stationed in or assigned to Georgia is reassigned outside of Georgia, and the student(s) remain (s) continuously enrolled in a Georgia school, Technical College System of Georgia institution, and/or a University System of Georgia institution; or,
  - c. The military sponsor is reassigned outside of Georgia and the spouse and/or dependent children remain in Georgia; or,
  - d. The military sponsor is stationed in a state contiguous to the Georgia border and resides in Georgia; or,
  - e. Dependent children of a military sponsor, previously stationed in or assigned to Georgia within the previous five years, or the child completed at least one year of high school in Georgia; or,
  - f. Any student utilizing VA educational benefits transferred from a currently serving military member is also eligible, even if the student is no longer a dependent of the transferor.

- g. Individuals stationed in or assigned to Georgia due to a NATO assignment (in the U.S. on a NATO visa and part of a NATO exchange program). Students must present their current U.S. military ID card showing they are active duty and a copy of their NATO orders showing they are assigned to Georgia. Dependent students and spouses are also eligible provided they submit documentation of their relationship to the individual assigned to Georgia on NATO orders in addition to the other documentation.

- Download Application for Active Duty Military Personnel (<http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/Military-Personnel.pdf>)

2. Active members of the Georgia National Guard stationed or assigned to Georgia or active members of a unit of the U.S. Military Reserves based in Georgia, and their spouses and their dependent children (BoR Minutes, October 2008).
  - Download Application for GA National Guard and Reservists (<http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/GA-National-Guard-and-Reservists.pdf>)
3. Separated military members from a uniformed military service of the United States who meet one of the following (BoR Minutes, June 2004; October 2008; October 2013; March 2016; May 2017):
  - a. Individuals who within thirty-six (36) months of separation from such service, enroll in an academic program and demonstrate intent to become domiciled in Georgia. This waiver may also be granted to their spouses and dependent children.
  - b. Any separated service member or any student utilizing transferred VA educational benefits, and physically residing in the state, who enrolls within one hundred-twenty (120) months of separation is also eligible.
  - c. Any individual as described in 38 U.S.C. 3679(c) (<http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title38/part3/chapter36&edition=prelim>).
  - d. Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state in which the institution is located (regardless of formal state residence).
    - Except...
      - Surviving spouses can use the Fry Scholarship for 15 years from the anniversary of the service member's death or until they remarry.
      - Eligible children can use the Fry Scholarship between the ages of 18 and 33.
    - Download Application for Those Separated from the Military (<http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/Recently-Separated-Military.pdf>)

- **Economic Advantage**

As of the first day of classes for the term, an economic advantage waiver may be granted to a U.S. citizen or U.S. legal permanent resident who is a dependent or independent student and can provide clear evidence that the student or the student's parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian has relocated to the State of Georgia to accept full-time, self-sustaining employment and has established domicile in the State of Georgia. Relocation to the state must be for reasons other than enrolling in an institution of higher

education. For U.S. citizens or U.S. legal permanent residents, this waiver will expire 12 months from the date the waiver was granted. As of the first day of classes for the term, an economic advantage waiver may be granted to an independent non-citizen possessing a valid employment-related visa status who can provide clear evidence of having relocated to the State of Georgia to accept full-time, self-sustaining employment. Relocation to the state must be for employment reasons and not for the purpose of enrolling in an institution of higher education. These individuals must be able to show clear evidence of having taken legally permissible steps toward establishing legal permanent residence in the United States and the establishment of legal domicile in the State of Georgia. Independent non-citizen students may continue to receive this waiver as long as they maintain a valid employment-related visa status and can demonstrate continued efforts to establish U.S. legal permanent residence and legal domicile in the State of Georgia.

A dependent non-citizen student who can provide clear evidence that the student's parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian possesses a valid employment-related visa status and can provide clear evidence of having relocated to the State of Georgia to accept full-time, self-sustaining employment is also eligible to receive this waiver. Relocation to the state must be for employment reasons and not for the purpose of enrolling in an institution of higher education. These individuals must be able to show clear evidence of having taken legally permissible steps toward establishing legal permanent residence in the United States and the establishment of legal domicile in the State of Georgia. Non-citizen students currently receiving a waiver who are dependents of a parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian possessing a valid employment-related visa status may continue to receive this waiver as long as they can demonstrate that their parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian is maintaining full-time, self-sustaining employment in Georgia and is continuing efforts to pursue an adjustment of status to U.S. legal permanent resident and the establishment of legal domicile in the State of Georgia. (BR Minutes, October 2008.)

Download Application for Economic Advantage ([http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/economic\\_advantage\\_waiver.pdf](http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/economic_advantage_waiver.pdf))

#### • **Non-Resident Students**

As of the first day of classes for the term, a non-resident student can be considered for this waiver under the following conditions:

- Students under 24.
  - If the parent, or United States court-appointed legal guardian has maintained domicile in Georgia for at least twelve (12) consecutive months and the student can provide clear and legal evidence showing the relationship to the parent or United States court-appointed legal guardian has existed for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term. Under Georgia code, legal guardianship must be established prior to the student's 18th birthday (BoR Minutes, October 2008, title amended February 2010); or
  - If the student can provide clear and legal evidence showing a familial relationship to the spouse and the spouse has maintained domicile in Georgia for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term (BoR Minutes, February 2010).

- Students 24 and Older.

- If the student can provide clear and legal evidence showing a familial relationship to the spouse and the spouse has maintained domicile in Georgia for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term. This waiver can remain in effect as long as the student remains continuously enrolled (BoR Minutes, October 2008, title amended February 2010).

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Download Application for Non-Resident Students ([http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/non-residents\\_student.pdf](http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/non-residents_student.pdf))

#### • **Senior Citizen Waiver**

As of the first day of classes for the term, a waiver of in-state tuition and fees may be granted to a legal resident of Georgia aged 62 and over. This waiver can remain in effect as long as the student is continuously enrolled.

Download Application for Senior Citizens ([http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/senior\\_waiver.pdf](http://registrar.gatech.edu/docs/pdf/residency/senior_waiver.pdf))

Students who come to Georgia Tech from another state and work for companies in Georgia remain ineligible for in-state tuition in the absence of compelling evidence of intent to remain in Georgia permanently. Having Georgia voter registration, having employment in any position normally filled by a student (such as co-op, graduate research assistant, or graduate teaching assistant), having a lease of living quarters, having a Georgia automobile registration, and having Georgia driver's license do not constitute sufficient evidence of domicile to affect classification as an in-state student under the Board of Regents' policy.

For further information concerning residency, students should contact the Residency Office in Room 104 of Tech Tower, write to the Office of the Registrar, Residency, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332-0315, or email (<http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/tuitionclassification>). The Residency Office must receive an application for classification as a legal resident for fee payment purposes no later than one month prior to the academic registration date for the term in which the student seeks to pay fees as a resident of Georgia. Requests for tuition waivers must be received by the Office of the Registrar no later than the first day of classes for the term for which the out-of-state tuition is to be waived. See the official Academic Calendar (<http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/students/calendar.php>) for dates.