Ten Things You Should Know About California Residency

1. California residency for fee purposes is established by California state law and the California Code of Regulations. Los Rios Community College District must comply with these laws and regulations.

2. The Los Rios Community College District cannot alter or waive the eligibility criteria for any reason.

3. Under California law, if you have moved to California primarily to attend a California college, then you are not eligible for in-state resident fees.

4. Living in California for 12 months is not an automatic qualification for in-state fees.

5. You must prove through official and/or legal documents that you have moved to California permanently and are not merely living in California temporarily while you attend college, however long your course of study takes.

6. Financial hardship cannot be considered in evaluating California residency for fee purposes eligibility.

7. Legal ties that you maintain in another state or country (e.g., state tax liability, driver’s license, voter’s registration, etc.) will disqualify you from residency reclassification, regardless of your reason(s) for maintaining these ties.

8. Evidence of the following will disqualify you from California residency for fee purposes:
   a. If you have been claimed as a dependent on anyone’s income tax return within the past three years
   b. Have accepted more than $750 in financial support from a parent in any form within the past three years
   c. Lived with a parent for more than six weeks a year for the last three years
      In each of these cases, you shall be considered financially dependent and therefore cannot meet the core requirement of demonstrated financial independent necessary to qualify for reclassification from non-resident to resident.

9. Despite the length of time you attend a Los Rios college or live in California, you might not qualify for California residency for fee purposes.

10. Residency classification applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted during the term in which reclassification is requested.

The term “California resident” for fee purposes may differ from other definitions of California residency. A person who has a California driver’s license/vehicle registration or who is a California resident for tax, voting or welfare purposes may have established legal residence in the state but not necessarily be considered a resident for fee purposes.

Questions about residence regulations should be referred to the American River College Admissions & Records Office at (916) 484-8261.