

# NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENCY

## *Facts*

A North Dakota resident student, for tuition purposes, is defined as follows:

- K** A person whose guardian, custodial parent, or parents are legal residents of this state and have resided in this state for twelve months, or a dependent child whose custodial parent moved into the state with the intent to establish legal residency for a period of years within the last twelve months immediately prior to the beginning of the academic term;
- K** A person of age eighteen or over who is a legal resident of this state and has resided in this state after reaching age eighteen for twelve months immediately prior to the beginning of the academic term;
- K** A person who graduated from a North Dakota high school;
- K** A full-time active duty member of the armed forces assigned to a military installation in this state;
- K** A spouse or dependent of a full-time active duty member of the armed forces assigned to a military installation in this state or of an employee of any institution of higher education in this state, and a spouse of any other resident for tuition purposes; and
- K** A person who was a legal resident of this state for a least three consecutive years within six years of the beginning of the academic term.

**Note:** "Dependent" means only a person claimed as a dependent on the most recent federal tax return.

Residency classification for tuition purposes is a complex issue. Not all circumstances can be addressed in this brief guideline. If you wish to discuss your application for Resident Student Status, you may contact the Office of Registration and Records, 110 Ceres Hall, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota 58105, 231-7981 or 1-800-608-NDSU(6378).

Legal residence in the State of North Dakota includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following responsibilities and rights:

- K To vote in general or special elections in the State after 30 days of residence in the precinct (and assuming U.S. citizenship).
- K To obtain a North Dakota driver's license before operating any motor vehicle in this State after more than 60 days of residency.
- K To obtain a North Dakota license for any motor vehicle owned or operated after beginning residency in this State.
- K To file a North Dakota resident's income tax return with the State Tax Department reporting any income derived from within this State.
- K To obtain a North Dakota resident game or fishing license after 6 months of residency in this State.

**Note:** An Application for Resident Student Status must be completed to officially change the resident status for tuition purposes. The forms are available in Registration and Records, 110 Ceres. Documentation of North Dakota residence must accompany the application. Such documentation should clearly indicate that the applicant has established ND residence according to one of the definitions of a resident student printed on the reverse page (**examples** of documents that may establish ND residency include, but are not limited to, a deed of property ownership, ND income tax return, ND driver's license, verification of having voted in ND, etc.)