Recommended Amendments to Title 5: Residency Reclassifications – Financial Independence

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CSU Student’s Residency Determination for Tuition Purposes

1. A student’s residency status is determined at the campus

2. A student is classified as a resident or nonresident

3. A nonresident student may submit a reclassification request and financial independence requirements must be met
Financial Independence
Creating Flexibility for Unique Situations

• Currently students must not:
  • Be claimed by a parent or legal guardian for tax purposes
  • Receive more than $750 in financial assistance from parent or legal guardian
  • Live in the home of a parent or legal guardian for more than six weeks

• Automatic disqualification if requirement not met

• Reclassifications:
  • 769 requests, 412 granted

Proposed Changes to §41905.5

Financial independence shall not be considered in a reclassification analysis if the student meets at least one of the following criteria:

A. Dependent on a parent who has California residence for more than one year immediately preceding the residence determination date
B. Enrolled in a graduate or post-baccalaureate program, regardless of age
C. Turned 24 years of age by the residence determination date
D. Married or registered domestic partner as of the residence determination date
Proposed Changes to §41905.5 - Continued

Financial independence shall not be considered in a reclassification analysis if the student meets at least one of the following criteria:

E. Veterans and active duty members serving in the U.S. Armed Forces
F. Legal dependent other than a spouse or registered domestic partner
G. Former foster youth, ward of the court or both parents are deceased
H. Declared by a court to be an emancipated minor
I. Unaccompanied youth who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless