



What Immigration Statuses are Eligible for In-state Tuition and State Financial Aid?

If a student has an eligible immigration status, that person must still take the steps and actions to establish a legal residence in North Carolina. The student needs to meet the duration law and domiciliary acts as well as hold an eligible immigration status for 12 months prior to requesting residency. Below is a list of the immigrations statuses that are eligible for in-state tuition and state financial aid in North Carolina.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS):

- EAD Card with Category Codes of A-12 or C-19. *OR* this person must have an Approved I-797 with Case Type I-821. This document must be current and no expired.

Refugee – Paroled Refugee – Asylum:

- Refugee: Form I-94 with Refugee stamp; OR EAD Card with Code A-3; OR Unexpired refugee travel doc (Form I-571)
- Paroled Refugee: Form I-94 with refugee stamp; OR EAD Card with Code A-4; OR Unexpired refugee travel Doc (Form I-571)
- Asylum: Form I-94 with Asylum stamp; OR EAD Card with Code A-5 – **MUST** be **approved**; pending applications are **not** eligible.

Lawful Permanent Resident or Conditional Permanent Resident:

- Form I-551, often called a “Green Card”; OR I-551 stamp in Passport; OR I-94 with “Immigrant” designation (These cards generally have a 10 year expiration date, but the immigration status does **NOT** expire).
- Form I-551 and usually the card says “Conditional” on it. It can also have a stamp in the Passport with CPR or PR designation. The card will be coded as C, CR, CF, CX and the status is usually good for 1-2 years. Student’s card cannot be expired to receive in-state tuition.

Petition to Adjust Status to Lawful Permanent Resident (Immigrant)

- Form I-797 showing **APPROVAL** of a form I-129, or I-130, or I-140, or I-360 **AND** the student must have an I-797 showing the receipt of an I-485 (Note: The first form might be in a parent or spouse’s name; The I-485 is issued to each individual and must be in the student’s name)

Non-immigrant – Eligible NO VISA Required:

- Students from the Federal States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Palau are not required to obtain a visa. Students will need to provide a valid passport and it is indefinite with no expiration date. They are not required to have an EAD Card, but if they do, the code will be A-8.

Non-immigrant Visa:

- This is generally a Visa in a Foreign Passport and/or a form I-94 or an I-797 showing approval of extension. These accepted visas are: A-1, A-2, E-1, E-2, E-3, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, H-1B, H-1C, H-4, I, K-1, K-2, K-3, K-4, L-1A, L-1B, L-2, N, O-1, O-3, P-1, P-2, P-3, P-4, R-1, R-2, T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, U-1, U-2, U-3, U-4, U-5, V-1, V-2, V-3, NATO-1, NATO-2, NATO-3, NATO-4, NATO-5, NATO-6