

FAQ Regarding:

University Regulation 8-1,III, 8D: Financial independence and no reliance on resources outside the state of Wyoming for financial support for at least one year immediately preceding filing for residency tuition.

What classifies me as financially “dependent” or “independent”?

Dependent students are defined as individuals who are financially reliant and claimed on their parents’ or legal guardian’s latest tax returns or rely on financial resources provided by those outside of the State of Wyoming.

Independent students are defined as individuals who are not financially reliant and/or claimed on their parents/s/legal guardian/s latest tax returns and rely on resources that they generate or those in the student’s name (such as grants and loans). The burden of proof for meeting this definition will be on the students.

To prove financial independence, students must show they financially covered their total expenses for at least the year prior to submitting an application for resident status. See the application form requesting financial information specific to the applicant for various categories of expenses.

Student’s financial revenue may be generated from a variety of sources including but not limited to their employment earnings, financial aid, loans, scholarships, savings accounts and grants. Loans from institutions, such as banks and governmental entities, are not considered out-of- state resources. Financial sources must show the student as the sole primary account holder. For loans that have a co-signer, the student must provide evidence that she/he is making the required payments. Funds that family members or friends send to a student, whether placed into a savings account or other financial holding, will indicate that a student is not financially independent.