California Residency Determination (for tuition purposes):

California Education Code and Title 5, Sections 54000 – 54072 require that each student enrolled in or applying for admission to a California community college provide information and evidence to determine his/her residence classification for tuition purposes.

To qualify as a California resident, you must verify physical presence in California and intent to become a resident one-year prior to the residency determination date, which is the published date before classes begin for a new semester. The one-year period begins when you are not only present in California, but also have demonstrated clear intent to become a resident of California.

The burden of proof is on the student to verify both physical presence in California AND intent to make California your residence. Please bring ALL documents necessary to establish residency to your college residency office.

Below is a checklist of documents you should provide to verify your California residency status. It is important to note that no one document is a determining factor.

**Document Check List: Primary Evidence**

**Intent**
- California state and federal tax returns (forms 1040 and 540) with W2 forms (required)
- California automobile registration
- California driver’s license and/or California ID card
- California voter registration
- Military personnel: Active Duty orders and Military ID

**Physical Presence**
- Statements for a California bank account in your name for the past year
- California license for professional practice/membership in California organizations
- Petitioner for divorce in California
- Utility bills in your name (i.e., San Diego Gas & Electric) for the past year
- Proof of employment (pay stub) for the past year
- Rental/Lease agreement for the past year
- Verification of California public assistance for the past year

*Note that It is important to bring ALL relevant documentation with you when you visit your college residency office to avoid delays.*