DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Chapter 2 – Students
2.2 – State Residency

Part 1. Purpose. Determination of the state of residency of students is necessary for a variety of federal and state reporting requirements, for institutional research purposes, and for administering the Minnesota State Grant Program. Eligibility is governed by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. This policy provides standards for the initial classification of students as state residents or non-residents, determination of appropriate tuition charges, and the procedures to be followed in order to change the state residency status of students.

Part 2. Classification as State Residents. Students who meet one or more of the following conditions on the date they apply for admission to DCTC shall be classified as residents of Minnesota:
A. Students who resided in the state for at least one calendar year immediately prior to applying for admission, or dependent students who have a parent or legal guardian residing in Minnesota on the date the students apply.
B. Minnesota residents who can demonstrate that they were temporarily absent from the state without establishing residency elsewhere.
C. Persons who moved to the state for employment purposes and, before moving and before applying for admission to a public postsecondary institution, accepted a full-time job in the state, or students who are spouses or dependents of such persons.

Part 3. Appeal of Initial Residency Classification. Any student not classified as a Minnesota resident as described in this policy is offered an opportunity to appeal the college’s decision to the College Registrar following the college’s standard grievance procedures.

Part 4. Change of Residency Status. Under certain conditions, students who are initially classified as not being Minnesota state residents may have their status changed to that of resident. These conditions are addressed in Procedure 2.2.1 – State Residency.

References: MnSCU Board Policy 2.2
M.S. 135A.031, Subd 2.
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