

# In- State Tuition for College

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Attending a college or university in your state of legal residence can save thousands of dollars in tuition costs over the course of a 4-year college education. As a Soldier, civilian employee, or family member in Germany, you should still be a legal resident of some state.

**Legal residence is determined in accordance with the laws and policies enacted by each state. Once legal residence is established in a state, it continues until a person changes it and there are specific rules on how to do this. See our handout on Legal Residency or ask to talk to an attorney.**

The following website provides information on every state's requirements for obtaining in-state tuition:

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/international/state>.

Many states have passed laws which give special benefits to Soldiers and their family members. The following website provides good information:

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/SITE/Education/InState/StateSummary.htm> .

In the final analysis, each college or university determines whether a student qualifies for in-state tuition. Almost every college or university has their rules posted on their website. Every college or university has a business office or admissions office which will work with parents and students in determining whether in-tuition will be offered to the student.

It may be possible to become a legal residency of a state and thus qualify for in-state tuition after completing one or more years of college. Once again, the business office or admissions office of the college or university can assist in this determination.