California Residency Requirements

General Residency Information:

To establish residency in California a student needs to meet both requirements of residency:

1. *Physical presence is proved by being physically and continuously present in California for one year plus one day prior to the start of the term, and*

2. *Intent is proven by providing evidence demonstrating intent to make California a permanent home of residence.*

There are essentially three conditions we must examine for residency purposes:

- **Legal Status** (US Citizen, Permanent Resident, Temporary Resident, Visa Status, etc., *Title 5 § 54045*)

- **California Status** (Physical Presence and Intent to make California their home, *Title 5 § 54020 and § 54022*)

- **Financial Independence** (*Title 5 § 54032*)

College of the Canyons makes residency determinations on students who come from other states and other countries regarding whether they are US citizens, permanent residents, or any other visa holders by first determining legal status, if applicable, and then determining if they meet physical presence and the intent to make California their home state. Attending College of the Canyons for educational purposes alone does not grant the student residency.

*A California resident* is defined as one whose legal status allows a student to establish domicile in the United States for fee purposes; and also has established both physical presence and intent to make California their permanent home for more than one year from the Residency Determination Date for the semester in which the student is planning to attend.

*Physical presence* is defined as continuous physical presence within the State of California.