

Guidelines for Suffolk County Certificate of Residence

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Resident of New York State for at least one (1) full year immediately preceding the date the application/affidavit is notarized.
2. Resident of Suffolk County for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date the application/affidavit is notarized.
3. US Citizen or Permanent Resident Alien for at least one (1) full year immediately preceding the date the application/affidavit is notarized.

TIMELINESS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Submit application/affidavit to Suffolk County ***no earlier than sixty (60) days before*** the official start date of the semester and ***no later than thirty (30) days after*** the official start date of the semester.
2. The date the application/affidavit is notarized must be ***no earlier than thirty (30) days before*** the date Suffolk County receives the application/affidavit. We suggest that you have your application/affidavit notarized just before you mail it to Suffolk County.

TO APPLY:

1. Obtain the affidavit/application from the school you are attending.
2. Complete affidavit/application form in its entirety. Print legibly in blue or black ink or type all information. ***Do not leave any spaces blank.***
3. Have the affidavit/application notarized. Suffolk County does not notarize the form. Make sure the notary ***stamps, dates, and signs*** his/her name on the affidavit/application. The notary may not be a relative or a person with the same last name as yours.
4. Permanent resident aliens must submit a copy of the front and ***back*** of a valid permanent resident alien card that was ***issued to you at least one (1) year ago.***
5. Two (2) forms of proof of address must accompany your application. The proof must be in the student's name and reflect his/her current address. Proof with a PO Box address is not acceptable (except for NYS income tax returns). Your proof must reflect an actual physical address. You may submit photocopies of your proof; however, the ***notarized affidavit/application must be an original.*** If you received a certificate of residence from Suffolk County for the prior school year, you ***only have to submit Proof #2 for Suffolk County residency.*** Please note on the affidavit/application that you received a certificate of residence for the prior school year.

Proof #1 — New York State Residency

In order to prove you have been a resident of New York State for at least one (1) year, you must submit ***one*** of the following documents that ***must be dated at least one (1) year prior to the date your affidavit/application is notarized but not dated more than 2 years ago.***

Example: Your affidavit/application was notarized on Sept. 1, 2007. Your proof ***must*** be dated between Sept. 1, 2005 and Sept. 1, 2006.

- Drivers license
- Learners permit
- Auto registration
- Selective service card
- Voter registration ID card (not polling place reminder card)
- High school report card
- High school transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- New York State income tax return (IT-150 or IT201)** —***first page and signature page only. Attach copy of W-2.***

Federal 1040 income tax return is not acceptable. If you do not file a NYS tax return and your parents claim you as a dependent on their tax returns, you must submit a copy of the *first page and signature page*** of their ***Federal 1040*** income tax return ***and*** their ***NYS income tax return with a copy of their W-2 attached.***

****Keep in mind that we use the filing date of the tax returns not the tax year for which they are filed. For example: 2006 tax returns are filed in 2007 and would not be a year old until 2008.**

Proof #2 — Suffolk County Residency

In order to prove you have been a resident of Suffolk County for six (6) months, you must submit **one** of the following documents that **must be dated within the six (6) months immediately preceding the date your affidavit/application is notarized.**

Example: Your affidavit/application was notarized on Sept. 1, 2007. Your proof must be dated between March 1, 2007 and Aug. 31, 2007.

- TAP award
- Financial aid (FAFSA)
- Student Loan
- Bank statement
- Credit card statement
- Cell phone bill
- Utility Bill
- Any of the documents listed under Proof #1 if dated within preceding 6 months.

6. Mail the **original, notarized** affidavit/application*, **copies** of proof #1 and proof #2, **copy** of resident alien card if applicable, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the following address. **Applications are accepted by mail only.**

Suffolk County Dept. of Audit & Control
Attn: Certificate of Residence, 8th Floor
100 Veterans Memorial Hwy
PO Box 6100
Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099

****please make a copy of the affidavit/application for your records.***

7. It will take at least ten (10) business days to process your affidavit/application. Once processed, the certificate of residence will be mailed to you. You are responsible for then submitting the certificate of residence to the college you are attending.

Form on next page.

AFFIDAVIT (OR AFFIRMATION) AND APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 6301 AND 6305 OF THE EDUCATION LAW, in connection to

Attendance at _____
(Name of Community College)

(Check all that apply) Full Time Part-Time On-Line Overseas Special

STATE OF NEW YORK, Semester _____
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

Name: _____ Social Security No _____

Daytime Phone#: _____

Addresses:

Dates of Residency

				From _____	To Present Date
Street _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____	From _____	To _____
Street _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____	From _____	To _____
Street _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____	From _____	To _____

Mailing Address: _____
(If Different Than Above)

Citizenship: United States Citizen Visa Type _____ Resident Alien # _____

I hereby swear and affirm that I reside at the above stated address; that I now am and have for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the date of this affidavit (or affirmation) and application; been a legal resident of the State of New York; that I now am and have been for a period of at least six (6) months** immediately prior to the date of this affidavit (or affirmation) and application, a legal resident of the County of **Suffolk**. I further state I plan to enroll in (Enter name of Community College) _____ and That this affidavit (or affirmation) and application is made for the sole purpose of securing from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County of Suffolk a certificate of residence pursuant to the requirements of Article 126 of the Education Law.

(Signature of Applicant) (Date)

Sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____ 20____

This space for use of Chief Fiscal Officer of Suffolk County
Certificate Issued () Certificate Denied ()
Date _____
By _____

Notary Public

EDUCATION LAW, Section 6305 provides "The Chief Fiscal Officer of each county, as defined in Section 2.00 of the Local Finance Law, Shall, upon application and submission to him of satisfactory evidence, issue to any person desiring to enroll in a community college as a nonresident student, a certificate of residence showing that said person is a resident of said county. Such person shall, upon registration for each college year, file with the college such certificate of residence issued not earlier than two months prior thereof, and such certificate of residence shall be valid for one year from date of issuance."

EDUCATION LAW, Section 6301, paragraph 4 defines: Resident—A person who has resided in the state for a period of at least one year and in the county, city, town, intermediate school district, as the case may be, for a period of at least six months, both immediately preceding the date of such person's registration in a community college, or for the purpose of Section Sixty-Three Hundred Five of this chapter, his application of a certificate of residence.

**In the event that a person qualified as above for a state residence, but has been a resident of two or more counties in the state during the six months immediately preceding his/her application for a certificate of residence pursuant to Section Sixty-Three Hundred Five of this chapter, the charges to the counties of residence shall be allocated among the several counties proportioned to the number of months, or major fraction thereof, of residence in each county.



CHECKLIST FOR OBTAINING CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE

- ALL SECTIONS OF THE AFFIDAVIT/APPLICATION ARE COMPLETED

- INCLUDED DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER ON AFFIDAVIT/APPLICATION

- AFFIDAVIT/APPLICATION IS NOTARIZED

- THE NOTARY SIGNED THE AFFIDAVIT/APPLICATION

- MADE A COPY OF THE AFFIDAVIT/APPLICATION FOR MY RECORDS

- IF NOT A US CITIZEN, INCLUDED A COPY OF THE FRONT & BACK OF A VALID PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN CARD ISSUED AT LEAST 1 YEAR AGO

- INCLUDED **PROOF #1** FOR **NEW YORK STATE RESIDENCY** DATED AT LEAST 1 YEAR PRIOR TO DATE AFFIDAVIT/APPLICATION WAS NOTARIZED BUT NOT DATED MORE THAN 2 YEARS AGO

- INCLUDED **PROOF #2** FOR **SUFFOLK COUNTY RESIDENCY** DATED WITHIN 6 MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE AFFIDAVIT/APPLICATION WAS NOTARIZED

- RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY FOR THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR AND NOTED THIS ON THE AFFIDAVIT/APPLICATION

- INCLUDED A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE



Frequently Asked Questions

- Q *Why do I need a certificate of residence (COR)?*
- A Because without it, you will be billed as a non-resident which means a higher tuition rate.
- Q *Do I need to apply for a new COR for each semester?*
- A No. Certificates of residence are valid for one school year beginning with the Fall Semester. All certificates expire on August 31st of each school year.
- Q *I attend more than one community college. Do I need to get a COR for each college I attend?*
- A Yes. COR's are school-specific. You will need to obtain one for each school you attend.
- Q *Can I get a COR for a class I took last semester?*
- A No. SuffolkCounty will not issue certificates retroactively. The deadline is thirty (30) days after the official start date of the semester.
- Q *I have been a New YorkState resident for at least one (1) year, but I have lived in SuffolkCounty for less than six (6) months. Do I qualify for a COR?*
- A Yes. Your COR will be prorated for the amount of time you have lived in SuffolkCounty. You must include on your affidavit/application your current and previous addresses and the length of time at each address.
- Q *Can I apply for a COR in person?*
- A No. Application/affidavits are accepted by mail only.
- Q *Where can I get a blank COR affidavit/application form?*
- A Forms can be downloaded at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/upload/comptroller/pdfs/coraffidavit2.pdf, or you may get one from your school. Most schools will be able to provide you with the SuffolkCounty version or a similar version of the affidavit/application form; however, we recommend that you download the form provided on the SuffolkCounty website.