BOARD POLICY 520.8

STUDENT RESIDENCY STATUS FOR TUITION AND FEE PURPOSES

I. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of th<u>is policyese regulations</u> is to <u>establish guidelinesenable the</u> administrative officers of the University of Arkansas to classify students for the purpose of <u>assessing paying tuition and feesstudent fees</u>, as either "in-state" or "out-of-state," These guidelines seek to balance so as to accord fairness and equity to the students <u>enrolled at of thecampuses within the</u> University of Arkansas System and to the <u>publiccitizens of Arkansas</u>, which who provides support for the educational services provided by the University.

II. Initial Classifications; Definitions and Criteria

A. <u>Pursuant to this policy, aA</u> student shall be admitted to the University in an "instate" or "out-of-state" status for <u>tuition and fee University fee</u> purposes, as <u>established under these regulations.</u>

-Except as otherwise provided under this policy or state law, to be ese regulations, a student classified as "in-state" for tuition and fee university fee purposes at the time of admission, a student must have established a bona fide domicile in Arkansas and must have resided continuously in this state in that bona fide domiciliary status for at least six consecutive months prior to submission of their student's application for admission. the beginning of the term or semester for which fees are paid_t.

- B. A <u>bona fide</u> domicile is a home of apparent true, fixed, and permanent nature, a place of actual residing for all purposes of living that may be distinguished from a temporary sojourn in this state as a student. The person claiming domicile in Arkansas must provide evidence of permanent connection with the State of Arkansas and demonstrate the expectation of remaining in this state beyond graduation. For purposes of implementing thisese policyies, <u>each campus shall provide</u> the administration is directed to articulate standards that which will be applied in making the determination of residence.
- C. Except as otherwise provided under this policyese regulations, the domicile of an adult student (18 years of age or older, unmarried and a -non-dependent as described below) or emancipated minor student shall be based on the student's determined on the basis of his or her own domicile.
- D. Except as otherwise provided under this policyese regulations, the domicile and residence of an unemancipated minor student (less than 18 years of age) or an unmarried dependent who has not attained the age of 23-24 shall be based on shall be the domicile is legally that of the student's parents or surviving parent, or such

other person legally standing in the place of a parent to the student and with whom the student in fact makes ahis or her their home, and who has been making substantial contributions to the support of the student for at least six consecutive months prior to the term or semester for which the tuition and fees are isfees are paid.

E. A student who cannot satisfy the criteria for Arkansas domicile and residence will be classified as an "out-of-state" student and will pay fees and tuition and fees accordingly.

F. AThe student holding on a temporary visa will be classified as a foreign student and an foreign student and will pay "out-of- state" student for purposes of non-resident tuition and fees. A student who has been granted a permanent visa and has been domiciled in Arkansas for six consecutive months following receipt of the permanent visa shall be classified as an "in state" student an Arkansas resident for tuitionfee purposes.

F.Each student is responsible The responsibility for registering under a proper classification for tuitionstudent fee purposes is placed upon the student. and any question It is the duty of each student at each time of registration to call any question about residency classification status shall be brought to the attention of the campus classification review officer in a timely fashion in order that the question may be settled (see IV <u>Procedures</u>) before registration. The person seeking "in-state" status shall have the burden of establishing that the requirements and standards set out in this policy have been satisfied.

- G. The six-month period required in paragraph II(-A) of this policy of these regulations may shall be waived for persons, their spouses, and their unmarried children (who have not yet attained the age of 2324) who move to Arkansas¹ with attendance at the University only a by-product of the primary purpose of establishing domicile in this state.
- H. An unmarried student who has not reached the age of 234 years and who has having one parent residing in Arkansas (for at least six consecutive months immediately prior to the beginning of the term or semester in which the <u>tuition and</u> fees are to be paid) <u>may shall</u> be considered an "in-state" student for <u>tuition fee</u> and <u>fee</u> purposes, even if that student resided outside the state with the other parent before coming to Arkansas to attend the University.

¹For the purpose of this policy, dependents are the spouse and unmarried children who are legal dependents as defined by the IRS.

- I. Marriage is recognized as emancipation for <u>any minor student</u>. both females and males.
- J. The spouse of a person continuously domiciled in Arkansas (for at least six consecutive months immediately prior to the beginning of the term or semester in which the <u>tuition and feesfees</u> are to be paid) upon request shall be classified as "instate" for <u>tuition and feesfee</u> purposes.

III. Reclassifications

- A. The initial classification of a student will not prejudice a different classification for following terms or semesters. However, a student's prior domicile is assumed to continue until the studenthe or she clearly establishes a bona fide new domicile in Arkansas (see IV Procedures).
- B. A student previously classified as "out-of-state" may be reclassified as "in-state" for tuition and feefee purposes if he or shethe student has established a bona fide domicile in Arkansas and has resided continuously in this state in that bona fide domiciliary status for at least six consecutive months prior to his or her seeking reclassification by the University.
 - <u>C.(1)</u> In order for an adult <u>student</u> or an emancipated minor <u>student</u> to establish a <u>bona fide</u> domicile in Arkansas for <u>tuitionfee</u> purposes, <u>the student he or she</u> must have left the parental home, must have established in this state a home of a permanent character as manifested objectively by good faith acts, and must have the expectation of remaining in this state beyond graduation.
- <u>CD.</u>—The single fact of presence in Arkansas for at least six months of attendance as a student enrolled in the University of Arkansas, or any other educational institution, neither constitutes nor necessarily precludes reclassification as one domiciled in Arkansas, but will be a factor to be considered.

IV. Procedures

- A. <u>Each student is responsible -for registering under a proper classification for tuition and fee purposes. -It is the duty of the student to bring- any question- about residency classification status to the attention of the campus classification review officer in a timely fashion in order that the question may be settled (see IV Procedures) before registration.</u>
- B. A student seeking "in-state" status shall have the burden of establishing that the requirements and standards set out in this policy have been satisfied. shall have the burden of establishing any claim that he or she is entitled to be treated as "in-state" for tuitionfee purposes. Persuasive evidence to that effect must be presented in writing and verified under oath by the student. Mere claims of local domicile and duration of stay are of little weight. A student who knowingly gives erroneous information in an attempt to

<u>establishevade the payment of "inout-of-state" status for tuition purposes</u> may be subject to <u>discipline</u>, <u>up to and including</u> dismissal from the University.

- <u>CB</u>. _All disputed classifications for student <u>tuition and feefee</u> purposes, whether at initial enrollment or subsequent enrollments, and all disputed reclassifications will be decided initially on each campus by a classification review officer designated by each Chancellor.
- DC. The Chancellor of each campus will designate a campus classification appeal officer to receive petitions from decisions made by the campus classification review officer. Each campus classification appeal officer may, in his/her discretion, make investigations, receive evidence, and conduct informal hearings. After considering the case, the campus classification appeal officer will render a decision and notify the affected student of the decision in writing. Any decision of the campus classification appeal officer may be appealed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of Arkansas System, who shall recommend final disposition to the President of the University.
- ED. Written notice of the appeals procedure will be provided to each student raising a question about his/hertheir_the student's status with the campus residency classification review officer.
- **FE**. Determination of domicile will be based on a review of all pertinent facts, evidence, and circumstances which collectively show, in an objective and clear manner, the actual domicile of the student.

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