Definition of a Non-Resident Student

"A non-resident student is hereby defined to be a student of less than eighteen (18) years of age, living away from his family and whose family resides in another state, or whose family has not resided in Texas for twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of registration; or a student eighteen (18) years of age or over who resides out of the state or who has not been a resident of the state twelve (12) months subsequent to his eighteenth (18th) birthday or for the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of registration." (Vernon's Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, Art. 2654c.)

International students with permanent resident cards must meet the same criteria for in-state tuition as American citizens. Filing work permission paperwork with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that grants conditional permanent resident status will not change the tuition charges.

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