

ADMISSIONS PROCESS & REQUIREMENTS

Residency

California Residents

This information applies to U.S. citizens, students on permanent resident visas, and students on visas that allow the establishment of residence. You may be asked to submit documentation to verify California residence.

Resident student classification for education purposes will be given to students 19 years of age or older who have resided in California for at least one year and one day prior to the beginning of the semester or session, and have “manifested the intent” to make California their residence one year and one day prior to the beginning of the semester or session. “Manifested the intent” means having the supporting documentation indicating the intention to make California one’s state of legal residence. This is normally done by filing state income tax forms as a resident, by voting as a resident, and not possessing documents contradicting California residence (e.g., paying state taxes to another state, voting absentee for another state, petitioning for a divorce in another state).

If a student is under 19 years of age and the student’s parent or legal guardian meets the conditions listed above, the student may qualify as a California resident upon completion of the Request to be Classified as a California Resident form.

Nonresident status is not changed automatically. Students previously classified as nonresidents must complete a Request to be Classified as a California Resident form. If requesting California resident status, this form, with required documentation, must be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office before the end of the term. Dependents of active duty U.S. military personnel assigned to California may be exempt from nonresident tuition upon completion of the U.S. Military Dependent form available at www.mpc.edu/admissions/Forms.

Residency may only be adjusted during the term in which the nonresident fees are billed. Upon the conclusion of the term, all fees become finalized. Residency will not be changed retroactively.

Nonresidents

All students are welcome at MPC. Students not meeting the California residency requirement, including international students, undocumented students, and students possessing visas which preclude them from establishing California residence, will be classified as “nonresidents” and are subject to nonresident tuition.

The law governing residence determination for tuition purposes may be found in the California Education Code and in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. A copy of the statutes and regulations is available for review in the Dean of Student Services Office or in the Admissions and Records Office.