Forever Buckeye Ohio Residency **D (1) Classification**

The State of Ohio established a new provision called Forever Buckeye that extends the in-state tuition rate to Ohio high school graduates who had left Ohio but return to enroll in an Ohio public institution of higher education and establish a primary residence in Ohio by the first day of classes of the requested term.

The Forever Buckeye provision waives the required twelve (12) month period of establishing domicile in Ohio to qualify for the in-state tuition rate for students who:

1. were Ohio residents at the time of high school graduation,
2. graduated from a high school in Ohio (does not include home-schooled students or GED recipients),
3. have the current legal status to remain permanently in the United States, and
4. have established primary residence in Ohio as of the first day of classes for the requested term.

**How to apply for Forever Buckeye Ohio Residency**

Print and complete the Residency Application.

Attach the following documents:

- Copy of Ohio driver's license or Ohio identification card
- An official Ohio high school transcript or a verification of your graduation on the letterhead of your high school
  - Must be in envelope with unbroken seal if student hand delivers for review
  - If mailed by the institution, must be received prior to the first day of the term
- A copy of a lease, mortgage statement, deed, or housing contract documenting that you currently reside in Ohio
  - If living with someone, a **sworn statement** from the owner/tenant of the residence certifying that you reside at that residence and the date you began living there
- If you are not a U.S. born citizen, you must attach a copy of supporting documentation establishing your current immigration, visa status or proof of citizenship granted

Submit the application and supporting documentation **no later than the first day of the term**, to the Residency Drop Box located in the upper lobby of Madison Hall.

For Additional Residency Information: 614-287-5533, or residency@csc.edu

All supporting documentation will be verified. Columbus State may require additional documentation to make a determination regarding Forever Buckeye eligibility.