

Important College Information

The Tennessee Eligibility Verification for Entitlement Act (EVEA) became effective on October 1, 2012. The EVEA requires state public institutions of higher education to verify that persons seeking a “state public benefit” are either a “United States citizen” or “lawfully present” in the United States.

For students claiming U.S. citizenship the student will need to provide a copy of one (1) of the following documents:

- A valid regular Tennessee driver’s license or Identification (ID Only) License. A temporary Driver License, Temporary Identification License, or Out of State License is NOT acceptable.
- An official birth certificate issued by a U.S. state, jurisdiction, or territory, except for Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010;
- A U.S. government–issued certified birth certificate;
- A valid, unexpired U.S. passport;
- A U.S. certificate of birth abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545);
- A report of birth abroad of a citizen of the U.S. (FS-240);
- A certificate of citizenship (N560 or N561);
- A certificate of naturalization (N550, N570, or N578);
- A U.S. citizen identification card (I-97, I-179)

Students claiming to be a “qualified alien” who is “lawfully present” in the United States, must verify their Alien Registration Number (A#) or I-94 Admissions Number by:

- U.S. permanent residents (individuals with an I-151, I-551, or I551C permanent resident card); and
- Individuals who have an Arrival/Departure Record (I-94) showing one on the following designations:
 - Refugee;
 - Asylum granted;
 - Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending);
 - Conditional Entrant (Valid only if issued before April 1, 1980);
 - Victims of Human Trafficking (T-2, T-3, or T-4 visa); or
 - Parolee (who meets certain conditions)

OR

Presenting two (2) forms of documentation establishing lawful presence in the United States.

- Valid regular Tennessee driver’s license. A temporary Driver License, Temporary Identification License, or Out of State License is NOT acceptable.
- Valid, unexpired Foreign Passport with visa stamped “Processed for I-551”;
- Permanent Resident Re-Entry Permit (I-327);
- Refugee Travel Document (I-571);
- Employment Authorization Document (Form I-766);
- Valid, unexpired Foreign Passport with valid visa;

If none of the above documentation can be provided, please contact the Admissions office 931-393-1520.