

**Declaration of Legal Presence in the United States  
For Students in Credit Programs at Piedmont Technical College**

The South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act (section 59-101-430 of the South Carolina Codes of Laws), prohibits those unlawfully present in the United States from attending a public institution of higher education in South Carolina and from receiving a public higher education benefit:

- An alien unlawfully present in the United States is not eligible to attend a public institution of higher learning in this State, as defined in Section 59-103-5. The trustees of a public institution of higher learning in this State shall develop and institute a process by which lawful presence in the United States is verified. In doing so, the institution personnel shall not attempt to independently verify the immigration status of any alien, but shall verify any alien's immigration status with the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Section 1373 ©.
- An alien unlawfully present in the United States is not eligible on the basis of residence for a public higher education benefit including, but not limited to, scholarships, financial aid, grants, or resident tuition.

Piedmont Technical College will require you to submit documentation that supports your claim for lawful presence. Any student who is found to be unlawfully present in the United States will be dismissed from the college.

**Note: Please do not send your completed form without your signature and required documentation as indicated.**

(Check One): \_\_\_\_\_ I am a United States Citizen  
\_\_\_\_\_ I am not a United States Citizen

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**DOCUMENTATION OPTIONS:** All students must be prepared to provide the required documentation outlined below as evidence of US legal presence. This form and appropriate documentation will be accepted in the Student Records Office, by email to [srecords@ptc.edu](mailto:srecords@ptc.edu), or by fax to (864) 941-8566.

**Please check the document type(s) used:**

- ☐ Current valid Government-Issued Photo ID: Unexpired Driver's License, DMV Issued State ID or DMV Issued Beginner's Permit  
State \_\_\_\_\_ DL# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_  
(NOTE: As of October 2008, the following states *do not verify legal presence* in the United States: Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Washington - We can only accept documents from these states with a US Birth Certificate.)
- ☐ US Birth Certificate: State: \_\_\_\_\_ and a current valid government-issued photo ID
- ☐ United States Passport: Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (USCIS issued Form N-560 or N-561) and a current valid government-issued photo ID
- ☐ Certification of Naturalization (USCIS issued Form N-550 or N-570) and a current valid government-issued photo ID
- ☐ Unexpired US Military ID: Unexpired US Military Dependent's ID: Unexpired US Military Driver's License; Unexpired US Military DD 214 (with a current valid government-issued photo ID)
- ☐ Permanent residents must provide one of the following and a current valid government-issued photo ID:
  - Permanent Residence Card issued since 1997: Resident Alien Card (I-551) issued before 1997: Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-551) issued before June 1978
  - Letter from USCIS documenting that permanent resident status has been approved
- ☐ Legal immigrant and non-immigrant foreign nationals must provide one of the following and a current valid government-issued photo ID:
  - Current/valid Visa or Passport
  - Current/valid Refugee, Asylee, or Parolee documentation
  - Current/valid Documents for Other Legal Statuses
  - Deferred Action Recipients: Employment Authorization Card or Approval Letter from USCIS (I797) and a valid U.S. Social Security Card.

By signing this statement, you attest and can prove that you are either a United States Citizen or a Non-United States Citizen lawfully present in the United States. In addition, Piedmont Technical College will require you to submit documentation that supports your claim for lawful presence. Any student who is found to be unlawfully present in the United States will be dismissed from the college. **Note: This form will not be accepted nor processed without documentation and your signature.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_