Verification of Lawful Presence

Effective Fall Semester 2011, as mandated by state law, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG) requires Fort Valley State University to verify the lawful presence of all incoming students who pay in-state tuition. According to your current tuition classification, you are required to submit a legible copy of ONE of the following to prove your lawful presence in the United States:

- A certified US birth certificate showing the applicant was born in the US or a US territory. (Photocopies are not acceptable.)
- Copy of a current US passport.
- Copy of a current driver’s license issued by the state of Georgia after January 1, 2008.
- Copy of a US certificate of naturalization.
- Copy of a US certificate of citizenship.
- A US certificate of birth abroad issued by the Department of State or a consular report of birth abroad.
- A current, valid Permanent Resident Card (USCIS form I-151 or I-551).
- Current ID issued by the State of Georgia.
- Current Military ID (service member only, not dependent). The ID must be presented in person.
- Applicants who are naturalized citizens, immigrants or non-immigrants will be verified through Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) Program.

The required documentation must be submitted prior to the 1st day of class as scheduled on the academic calendar for the semester in which you will enroll. If we do not receive the required documentation, your tuition classification will be changed to out-of-state status. After registration you will be responsible for the out-of-state tuition balance.

All documents except the U.S. Birth Certificate can be submitted by the following methods:

- Emailing scanned copies to admissions@fvsu.edu.
- Fax (with cover page) to 478-825-6249
- Mail to the address at the top of the page.

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Fort Valley State University
1005 State University Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31031

If you have any questions, contact the Office of Admissions at (478) 825-6520 or by email at admissions@fvsu.edu.