other significant factors to consider (please refer to policy for more details):

- An individual must be at least 51% financially independent during the entire 12-month period, and that individual must not be claimed as an exemption under federal income tax regulations by someone filing an out-of-state federal tax return, commencing with the tax year in which the required 12-month residency period begins. Further, use of a 529 savings account is considered as supplemental support and is counted against the 51% financial independence.

- any actions inconsistent with or in contradiction of a claim of Montana residency may result in classification as out-of-state. Examples of such inconsistent or contradictory actions are participation in an exchange program affecting fee status, e.g., WUE or NSE, or receiving financial aid based on non-Montana residency, or maintaining legal ties in another state such as driver's license, vehicle registration, or voter registration.

- Property ownership is not indicative of residency. Owning and occupying a primary residence can be considered as part of a residency petition.

The determination of in-state or out-of-state status will also be based on the residency questionnaire. Carefully answer the questionnaire. Any incorrect or false responses may result in retroactive reclassification. If there are factors that will not be revealed by the responses called for in the questionnaire, feel free to provide a description of these factors. If seeking in-state status, document the responses (i.e., supply photocopies of driver's license, voter registration, car registration, etc.).

Reclassification is not automatic and will not occur unless an individual so petitions. Retro-active reclassification is not allowed. Students interested in petitioning for reclassification must submit a complete petition with any supporting documentation by the deadlines published on the Registrar's Office website.

For more information, an individual should contact the office in which he or she are applying for admission or in which he or she is already enrolled. Generally, the Office of Admissions, the Office of the Registrar, or the Graduate School will be able to assist the individual.