

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q *Why do I need a certificate of residence (COR)?*
- A Because without it, you will be billed as a non-resident which means a higher tuition rate.
- Q *Do I need to apply for a new COR for each semester?*
- A No. Certificates of residence are valid for one school year beginning with the Fall Semester. All certificates expire on August 31st of each school year.
- Q *I attend more than one community college. Do I need to get a COR for each college I attend?*
- A Yes. COR's are school-specific. You will need to obtain one for each school you attend.
- Q *Can I get a COR for a class I took last semester?*
- A No. Suffolk County will not issue certificates retroactively. The deadline is thirty (30) days after the official start date of the semester.
- Q *I have been a New York State resident for at least one (1) year, but I have lived in Suffolk County for less than six (6) months. Do I qualify for a COR?*
- A Yes. Your COR will be prorated for the amount of time you have lived in Suffolk County. You must include on your affidavit/application your current and previous addresses and the length of time at each address.
- Q *Can I apply for a COR in person?*
- A No. Application/affidavits are accepted by mail only.
- Q *Where can I get a blank COR affidavit/application form?*
- A Forms may be downloaded at www.suffolkcountyny.gov. On the home page under "Government", click on "Comptroller" or it may also be found under "How Do I?". You may also obtain the affidavit/application form from the school you are attending. Most schools will be able to provide you with the Suffolk County version or a similar version of the affidavit/application form; however, we recommend that you download the form provided on the Suffolk County website.