

***2022 - 2023 Declaration of Citizenship or Legal Presence in the United States***

The South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act (S.C. Code Ann. §59-101-430 (Westlaw 2008) 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. **By signing this statement, you attest that you are a US citizen, a legal permanent resident in the United States, or an alien lawfully present in the United States.** In addition, you will be required to submit documentation that supports your claim if you do not have a completed and processed Federal Application for Student Aid on file in the Financial Aid Office at OCtech. Any student providing false information may be subject to dismissal from the college. Any student who is found to be unlawfully present in the United States will be dismissed from the college.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Four of Social Security #    Student ID#

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to signing this statement of Citizenship or Legal Presence in the United States, you must also provide the Office of Financial Aid with one additional form of evidence to verify citizenship or legal status BEFORE you will be permitted to receive any institutional or state financial assistance at OCtech.

**U.S. Citizens must provide ONE of the following to the Office of Financial Aid prior to receiving any institutional, state, or federal financial assistance at OCtech:**

1. A SC Driver's License (issued after January 2002) OR
2. A U.S. birth certificate OR
3. U.S. Passport

**Non U.S. Citizens must provide ONE of the following to the Office of Financial Aid prior to receiving any institutional or state financial assistance at OCtech:**

1. Certificate of U.S. Citizenship via form N-560 or N-561 with Government issued photo ID OR
2. Certification of Naturalization N-550 or N-570 with Government issued photo ID.

**Non-citizen permanent residents must provide ONE of the following to the Office of Financial Aid prior to receiving any institutional or state financial assistance at OCtech:**

1. Resident Alien Card (I-551) issued before 1997 OR
2. Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-551) with photo issued before June 1978 OR
3. Permanent Residence Card with Photograph issued since 1997 OR Letter from USCIS documenting that permanent resident status has been approved.

**International student must be documented and approved through the SEVIS system. All other visa holders must be documented through SAVE.**

**Financial Aid Comments ~ Do Not Write Below this Line:**

*If signed in person, authorized institutional official has made a copy of government-issued ID received, and signed and dated the copy.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

List Citizenship Documentation Received

***Return this form and any attachments to the above address.***