

## Verification of Lawful Presence by Non-Citizens and Permanent Residents

All Winthrop University students must present proof of citizenship or lawful presence in the U.S. before enrolling. This policy has been adopted by the University in order to comply with section 59-101-430 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, which requires that lawful presence in the U.S. is verified before enrollment at any public institution of higher education. Those unlawfully present in the U.S. are prohibited from receiving a public higher education benefit including scholarships, financial aid, grants, or resident tuition.

The International Center will verify the lawful presence of all non-citizens and permanent residents admitted to Winthrop University. All F1 and J1 visa holders will be verified through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) at the beginning of each fall and spring semester during SEVIS Registration. All other non-immigrants and permanent residents will be verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program prior to initial enrollment at Winthrop and then yearly at the beginning of each fall semester for the duration of their enrollment at Winthrop University.

Except for F1 or J1 visa holders, if you are a non-citizen or permanent resident lawfully present in the U.S. and admitted to Winthrop University, you must complete and submit this form along with the documentation required below. The documentation you provide will be used to verify lawful presence within SAVE. Failure to provide this information and documentation will result in an enrollment hold being placed on your student account until your lawful presence is verified.

## Please print CLEARLY. Please indicate your name as it appears in your passport

Last Name (Family Name)	First Name	Middle Name
Student's Personal E-mail Address (Required)	Date of Birth - Month/Day/Year	Current Immigration Status – Ex. H4, L2, Perm Res, DACA, etc.
Student Signature	Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship

## Additional Documents (please choose from list below):

□ I-551 (Permanent Resident Card)	□ I-94 (Arrival Departure Record)
□ I-766 (Employment Authorization Document)	□ I-94 Unexpired Foreign Passport
□ I-94 (Arrival Departure Record) in Unexpired Foreign Passport	□ Other:

Please note: the University can accept photocopies or scans of documents. However, we reserve the right to request to see the certified original documents in the event we have any questions as to the validity of the documents or if the information provided is unreadable. In submitting additional documents, include a clear scan or photocopy of both the <u>front</u> and <u>back</u> of each document.

To learn more about this law (SC Code of Law Section 59-101-430) go to www.sc.gov. Thank you for your patience in helping us meet this legal requirement.

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