The University of Texas at El Paso
Military Student Success Center
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Name: ___________________________  Student ID: 8 __ __ __ __ __ __
Last                                         First

Semester of enrollment: _____ Fall  _____ Spring  _____ Summer  _____ Year 20_____  

**Intent to Establish Residence in Texas**

According to Senate Bill 297, section 54.058 of the Texas Education Code has been amended, providing for certain veterans, their spouse, and dependent children (under the age of 25) to be entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents regardless of the length of time the person has resided in the state, given that entitled persons file with the institution a letter of intent to establish residency and reside in Texas while enrolled in the institution. This tuition waiver provision is provided for those individuals eligible for benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Section 3301 et seq.) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans.

I _________________________________ am the ☐ veteran  ☐ spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or ☐ dependent child of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and my intent is to establish my residence in Texas for tuition purposes as pursuant to Texas Education Code, Sec.54.058 (k) and (l), and I am eligible for benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Section 3301 et seq) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans. I understand that I will continue to be listed as a non-resident with a waiver to pay the resident tuition under this statute.

**Choice Act**

Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (“Choice Act”), require schools that have students using benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty at public institutions of higher learning charge qualifying Veterans and dependents tuition and fees at the rate for resident students for terms beginning after July 1, 2015.

“Qualifying Veteran” is defined in the Choice Act as:

- A Veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

- A spouse or child using transferred benefits who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within 3 years of the transferor’s discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

- A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the Service member’s death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

☐ I am under the Choice Act (Left active duty within 3 years of start of semester) ___ / ___ / ___

☐ I am NOT under the Choice Act (Left active duty more than 3 years ago). At the end of a year, once I have established my residence in Texas I will be required to submit the comprehensive residency questionnaire along with documentation for support of my residence in Texas.

All students utilizing either the Intent to Establish Residence in Texas or Choice Act options will file this form with the Military Student Success Center.

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Signature of student  Date

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Print student name