

# General Admission/Residency Requirements

## General Admission Policy

Lee College is an open admission lower-division undergraduate institution. All persons who have at least one of the qualifications listed below are welcome to enroll. Lee College does not discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, age, religion, national origin, or veteran status in its admission policies or practices.

1. Persons with diplomas from accredited high schools,
2. Persons with General Education Development (GED) certificates,
3. Transfer students with college-level hours earned at other accredited colleges or universities,
4. International students who meet college and state requirements.

Those who do not meet the qualifications listed above (including persons currently enrolled in accredited high schools) may apply for admission on an Individual Approval (IA) basis. (See Individual Approval Admission in the Lee College Catalog).

Admission to the College does not imply admission to programs such as the nursing programs or the honors program which have special admission requirements. Lee College reserves the right to restrict or limit the enrollment of any instructional program.

## Residency Classification

### Texas Residency

In order to be classified as a Texas resident, you must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and have resided in the state of Texas 12 months or more prior to registration. Residence in the state must be permanent, and not just for educational reasons. The Office of Admissions and Records reserves the right to request documentation to prove Texas residency. Documents may include but are not limited to: Texas high school transcript, employment records, Texas driver's license (cannot be temporary), Texas voter registration, lease agreement from a rental complex, property tax statement, utility or bank account statements.

Some non-citizens may be eligible for Texas residency. These include high school graduates, Texas GED earners, and persons with an approved application for permanent residency. See the Admissions office for details.

### Out-of-District Residency

Students classified as Texas residents are entitled to out-of-district tuition rates unless they live in the college's tax district; see **In-District Residency** next column.

### In-District Residency

In-state residents of the Lee College tax district qualify for in-district tuition. Geographically, the tax district is found in those portions of Harris and Chambers counties served by the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District. Persons who live in this district, whether they own and/or lease property, are eligible. The documents described above for use in establishing Texas residency may also be requested to document residence in the tax district.

### Ad Valorem – For Tax District Property Owners Residing Elsewhere in Texas

Texas residents who own property in the tax district, but live in Texas outside the district, can qualify for reduction of tuition to in-district rates. The property owner will be classified as out-of-district, but upon receipt of a paid tax bill for the prior year, tuition will be recalculated at the in-district rate. Dependents of property owners may also qualify. Status must be renewed annually. Inquire at the business office for more details.

### Service Area

Community colleges in Texas are assigned "service areas" by the state legislature. The intent is to give each community college district a "territory" it is to serve. The service area of Lee College extends from extreme eastern Harris County to most of Chambers County, and much of lower Liberty County. The cities of Baytown, Highlands, Mont Belvieu, Crosby, Huffman, Anahuac, Dayton, Liberty, Daisetta, Hardin and Winnie are included in the Lee College service area. There is not a special tuition rate for service area residents. Only in-district residents, as defined above, qualify for in-district tuition. Other residents of Texas are considered out-of-district for tuition purposes.

### Nonresidents

U.S. citizens and approved foreign nationals who moved to Texas less than 12 months prior to enrollment and who are taking steps to make Texas their permanent home will be subject to the nonresident rate until they have resided and can prove residence in Texas for a full 12 months prior to day of record in a term. Foreign nationals not permitted to establish domicile or residence in Texas will be charged the nonresident rate indefinitely.

## Emergency Closures Class Cancellations

For information regarding emergencies, temporary campus closures or class cancellations, log on to [www.lee.edu](http://www.lee.edu) or listen to local television and radio stations for the latest information. Any class days missed as a result of bad weather or emergency conditions will be rescheduled as appropriate.