

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.