

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, INC
Affidavit of Domestic Partnership

We, _____ and _____
(Print faculty/staff member's name) *(Print domestic partner's name)*

Hereby certify to Nova Southeastern University, Inc. (hereinafter "NSU") that we are domestic partners in accordance with the following criteria:

CRITERIA

1. We are each other's sole Domestic Partner with the intention to remain so indefinitely. Neither one of us is legally married to someone else nor a partner to another domestic partnership relationship;
2. We are in a relationship of mutual support, caring and commitment, which we consider to be the functional equivalent of marriage. We share joint responsibility for the household and basic living expenses.
3. We are not related by blood;
4. We are both 18 or older and competent to contract;
5. We have resided together for at least six (6) months and intend to reside together indefinitely;
6. We consent to this domestic partnership and said consent has not been obtained by force, duress, or fraud; and
7. We have duly registered our domestic partnership with Broward County or any other appropriate entity in compliance with any domestic partner ordinance, if applicable.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

By signing this statement, we further acknowledge that we have been informed that:

1. The benefits available to my domestic partner and partner's dependent children are subject to the policies and guidelines governing employee benefits. The plan documents, University policy and insurance contracts govern all questions of coverage.
2. NSU reserves the right to request proof that our partnership meets the joint residency and financial interdependency eligibility criteria. We agree to provide supporting documentation when requested to do so.
3. IRS regulations require that the "fair market value" of health insurance benefits extended domestic partners and their dependent children be treated as taxable income to the employee unless they qualify as tax dependents of the employee in accordance with IRS Section 152 (see attachment). Additionally, if Section 152 dependent status is not claimed, the employee's portion of premiums for such coverage must be paid for on an after tax basis. It is noted that Section 152 dependent status can only be claimed during the open enrollment period for tax treatment in the following tax year.
4. If there is any change in our status as Domestic Partners as certified in this Affidavit, including dissolution thereof, we will notify NSU within thirty (30) days of the effective date of such change. Upon dissolution of domestic partnership, a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership must be completed and uploaded to my employee file in the Benefits website. Domestic partner benefits status will be terminated as of the date of dissolution of domestic partnership.
5. No individual who has filed an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership may file another such affidavit to qualify for domestic partner benefits until at least twelve (12) months have elapsed following the date a Statement of Termination has been filed with the Benefits Administrator ending a previous partnership status.

6. The information provided in this Statement is for use by the University for the sole purpose of determining and maintaining eligibility for Domestic Partner benefits and ensuring proper administration thereof. We understand that this information will be held confidential and will not be subject to use or disclosure in connection with any other purpose except as required pursuant to a court order.
7. This signed affidavit may have potential legal implications, including the imposition of joint responsibility for our respective financial obligations. Any questions regarding the potential legal effects of signing this Affidavit should be discussed with an attorney.
8. Employees who make false statements about satisfying the eligibility criteria or fail to notify the University of a Change in status will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.
9. NSU reserves the right to change its rules, policies and practices on Domestic Partners at any time.
10. Our mailing address is _____
_____.
11. At least one of the following documents showing the same address for both Domestic Partners must be included with this Affidavit and uploaded to my employee file in the Benefits website:
 - Current mortgage, deed or lease
 - Current driver's license or other government-issued photograph identification
 - Most recent tax returns
 - Current utility bill
 - Current joint bank account
 - Current designation as a health care surrogate

CERTIFICATION

We declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Florida that the statements contained in the Declaration of Domestic Partnership above are true and correct.

Faculty/Staff Member Signature

Faculty/Staff Member Print Name

Date

Domestic Partner Signature

Domestic Partner Print Name

Date

WITNESSED BY NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ on this _____ day
of _____ the year of _____, before me, the undersigned authority, personally
appeared _____ and _____ personally
known to me or provided the following identification _____) and in my
presence, executed the forgoing Declaration of Domestic Partnership.

Notary Public