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Good evening: Shantiesha Howell, a citizen (born in the USA), has attended school in Broward County all her life. Having graduated from Everglades High School, Pembroke Pines, she was accepted at FIU to pursue a degree in nursing. She has been asked to and is required to pay thousands of dollars in out-of-state fees for the following reasons: Her parents are still domiciled in Jamaica so she was not protected under this clause while she was under 18 years old. Now that she is over 18, her driver's license is not yet a year old so now that she is independent of her parents, it is inadequate proof. Even though she can prove through Broward County School Records that she has been resident here and attending school since kindergarten, the state and county school records cannot be used to prove that this young adult is and was always resident here. How can domicile for student purposes not be proven by student records of attendance and achievement, but are acceptable for admission? She appealed, no one saw her, but she was advised by email that her appeal would not be heard? Can you please try to help her as she has classes tomorrow.

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