

TRICOUNTY RESIDENCY

Policy on residency for the Cooper River Bridge Run

As defined for purposes of awarding the Marcus Newberry Award for the Cooper River Bridge Run. This is a prize awarded annually to the top local male and female Tricounty resident.

Residency means you currently and legally (on the date of the Cooper River Bridge Run) reside in Charleston, Dorchester or Berkeley counties (hereafter referred to as “Tricounty”). Indicators of residency may include:

- renting, leasing, or owning property which you use as your primary residence
- possessing a current South Carolina driver’s license with a Tricounty address
- being registered to vote in the Tricounty

By themselves, none of the above indicators is sufficient evidence, as, for example, many people fail to surrender their South Carolina driver’s licenses even when required by the jurisdictions at which they currently live. U.S. citizenship is not required.

In any case, applicant should be able to show convincing indications of having lived in the Tricounty for:

- Currently (*on the date of the upcoming Bridge Run*), and at least 67% of the year back to the previous Bridge Run.
- Currently (*on the date of the upcoming Bridge Run*), and at least 90% of the year back to January 1st of the current year.

As a current student at a college, university, or technical school or as an active duty member of the armed forces, you meet the requirements of residency if you:

- are a student outside of the Tricounty age 23 or younger, and were a resident of the Tricounty prior to your current enrollment, and have a Tricounty mailing address, or
- are a student (of any age) from anywhere else who is currently residing at and enrolled fulltime in a Tricounty college, university or technical school, and have a Tricounty mailing address
- are an active duty member of the armed forces age 23 or younger stationed outside the Tricounty, and were a resident of the Tricounty prior to your current enlistment or
- are an active duty member (of any age) of the armed forces residing in the Tricounty during your current enlistment.

Applicants may request an exception to or clarification of this policy in writing (send to Elite Athlete Coordinator, PO Box 22089, Charleston, SC 29413) at least one month prior to the Bridge Run.

You may petition, in writing and at least 45 days in advance, exceptions to the above rules. Please include clear justifications for consideration.

Any challenges of specific athletes must be made verbally to the Elite Athlete Coordinator (currently Janis Newton) within one hour of the finish of the challenged athlete. In case of a disputed (and unresolved) challenge, the awarding of this specific prize may be delayed indefinitely (but no longer than one week) until convincing evidence is presented to a committee composed of the Race Director, the Elite Athlete Coordinator, and at least one member of the Executive Board. Any decision made by either the Elite Athlete Coordinator, or by this committee, is final.