

CT STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

I-485 PERMANENT RESIDENT DECISION FORM FOR F-1 STUDENTS

F-1 students who have filed the Form I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status with USCIS and have a pending application status must notify their DSO at CT State by completing this form and providing confirmation (USCIS Receipt Notice). Once the I-485 is filed, it may take months or years before you receive the adjudication from USCIS. As long as you comply with the F-1 visa

regulations, your SEVIS record will not be terminated. While your I-485 application is pending with USCIS (PR pending), you may choose to maintain your F-1 status or not, as shown in the two options below (please consult a qualified immigration attorney):

I-485 Pending Option 1: Maintaining F-1 Status

Although maintaining student status is no longer required once you file the immigrant application and receive the I-485 receipt notice (PR pending), there is a practical benefit to maintaining your legal F-1 status in case the adjudication result is negative. By choosing this option you will have a backup plan if your PR applications fails. All this requires for you is to continue full-time enrollment, maintain and follow the regulations pertaining to your F-1 status.

I-485 Pending Option 2: Not Maintaining F-1 Status

If you have filed the immigrant application and received the I-485 receipt (PR pending) and you do not continue full-time enrollment, your DSO must terminate your SEVIS record. When your SEVIS record is terminated, you are completely counting on your PR to be approved. You have no backup plan.

NOTE: As soon as you receive your permanent residency card (green card) or have an I-551 stamp in your passport, please submit a copy to your DSO so we can have your CT State record changed to reflect your change of status.

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE OPTIONS, AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR DSO

Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

SEVIS ID#: _____

Phone: _____

☐ **OPTION 1: I WANT TO MAINTAIN MY F-1 STUDENT STATUS** - I filed the I-485 application and voluntarily choose to comply with F1 regulations and maintain my F-1 status. This will provide me with a backup plan if my PR application fails and means I will still have an active SEVIS record. I understand I can switch to Option 2 if I do not want to maintain enrollment at CT State or fail to maintain F1 status.

☐ **OPTION 2: I DO NOT WANT TO MAINTAIN MY F-1 STUDENT STATUS** – I filed the I-485 application and do not wish to continue to study full-time under F-1 status. I understand that my F-1 record in SEVIS will be terminated.

Signature _____

Date _____