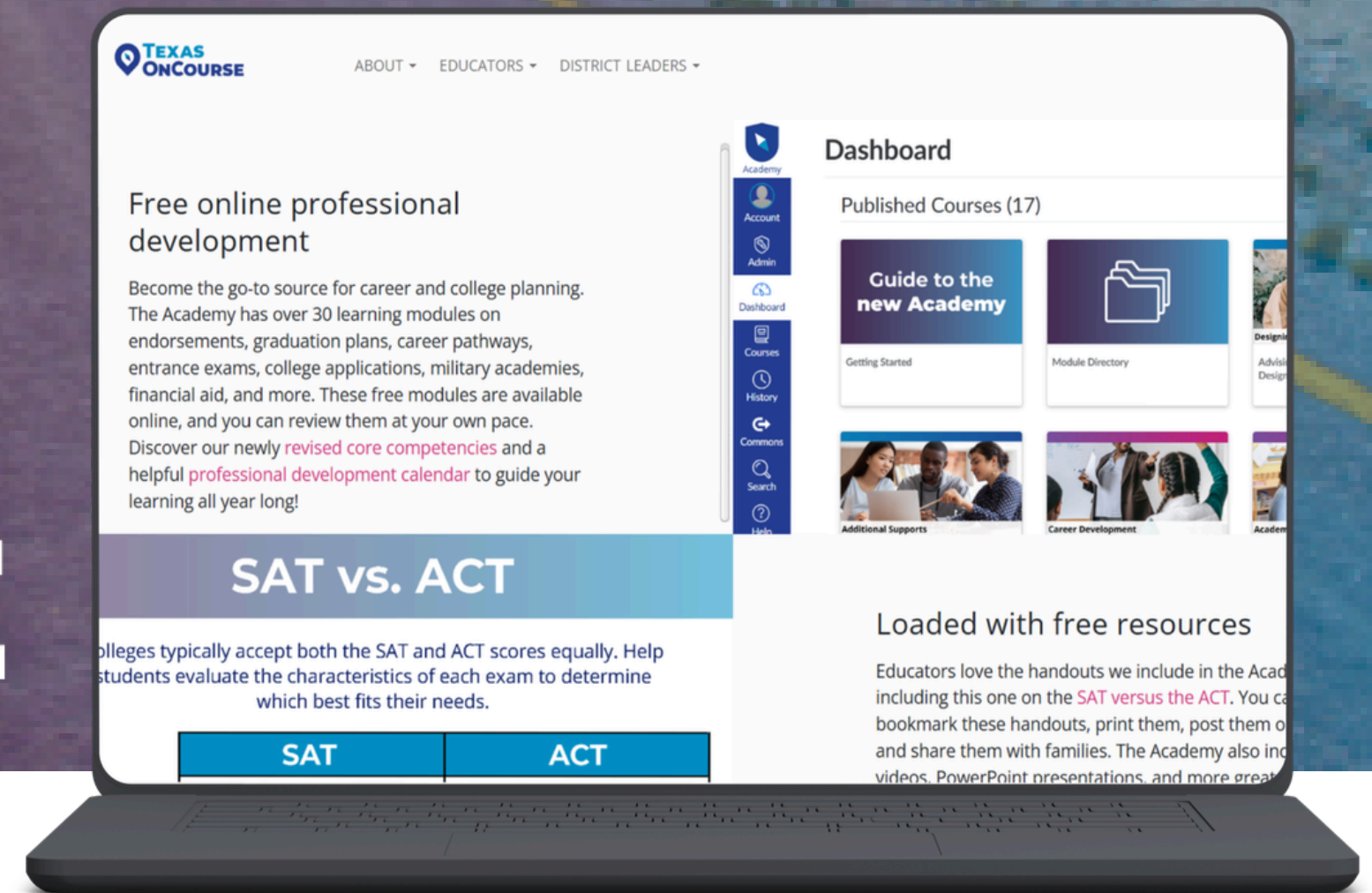




Applying for Financial Aid

Answers to frequently asked questions

My parents are divorced. My mom makes a lot more money than my dad, but I don't live with her. **Whose income should I report on my financial aid application?**

In this case, you'd report income information for the parent that provides the most financial support. Even if you live with your dad, your mom will be a required contributor if she is your primary financial provider.

I don't have a permanent address. My family was evicted from our apartment 1st year, and we're still living with friends and family until we find a more permanent solution. **How do I complete that on my application?**

For now, list the address where you're currently staying. When completing the application's Student Dependency Status section, make sure you correctly answer the questions related to homelessness. Students who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are considered independent and don't need to report parent income information. You should also let your school counselor know so they can help you get the documentation needed to verify your living situation.

My mother and I live with my brother and he pays for our living expenses. **Do I use my brother's financial aid information to complete my application?**

In the parental income section, report your mother's income and not your brother's. Here, you should only report income for a biological or adoptive parent.

You might need to include your brother's financial support as part of your untaxed annual income. However, only do this if your brother pays you directly (e.g., your brother gives you \$200 each month to pay for bills and rent).

My parents are not in the United States. They are not able to provide financial support. I live with relatives.
Whose information should I put on the TASFA?

In this situation, you should only include your own information. Do not put your relatives' information in the parent section of the TASFA since they are not your biological or adoptive parents. You will also need to explain the situation by submitting letters to any colleges or universities you consider attending. The colleges or universities may also request more information after you submit the TASFA.

My brother and sister live with my mom and dad. They both work. **Do I report their income on my application?**

Your siblings' income should not be reported on your application. Just report your parents' income and your own income.

I had a child last year. We live with my grandma and she takes care of us since I don't have a job yet. **How should I address this on my application?**

There are a couple of things you should do:

1. Include your child in your home's household size
2. In the student dependency status section, only say you support your child if you're providing more than half their support. Usually, this means food and shelter (rent or mortgage). In this case, it sounds like grandma provides most support because she doesn't charge you to live with her.