# TASFA 2026-2027

## TEXAS APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

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Each Texas high school student is required as ... on of graduation to complete either the FAFSA or TASFA or opt out, as required by Texas Education Code Secti... id are encouraged to first review the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Filling out the F... of financial aid options than filling out the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA). The FAFS... stitutional financial aid opportunities. If a student completes the FAFSA, the student **should not** comp...

Make sure you fill out the correct TASFA. The year refers to the academic year that you need to receive aid.

Stud... be considered for state financial aid programs. Remember that failing to fill out a FAFSA means that the student will not be considered for any federal financial aid programs.

State financial aid programs require that a student is a Texas resident.

The 2026-27 state financial aid priority application deadline for many institutions of higher education is **January 15, 2026**. It is important to complete and submit this application with all required documentation to the financial aid office **on or before January 15** to be considered for the most financial aid possible.

To complete this application, answer the items within each applicable section. If a question does not apply to you, answer N/A for *not applicable*. For clarification on certain items, refer to the **TASFA Notes on pages 7-12**. If you have further questions about this form, conta... financial aid office at your institution. More information on the TASFA can be found at https://www.highered.texas.gov/students-families/tasfa/.

**Note:** Personal information collected on the TASFA is protected under the Family Educa...

Submit the TASFA and supporting documentation by the state's priority deadline to be considered for the maximum award amount.

## SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

1. Last Name ... Name

4. Date of Bi... ty Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Deferred Action for ... number? ____________________ [ ] N/A

Use an email address you check regularly and will keep after graduating from high school.

6. Your perm... apt. number)

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| 7. City | 8. State | 9. ZIP Code | 10. Phone Number |

11. Your Email Address

**EDUCATION DETAILS**

12. What will your high school (HS) completion status be when you begin college in the 2026-27 school year?
[ ] High School Diploma
[ ] High School Equivalency Certificate (i.e., GED, HiSET, etc.) (Skip to questions 13c & 13d)
[ ] Homeschooled (Skip to question 14)
[ ] None of these (Skip to question 14)

13a. High School Name (If applicable)

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| 13b. High School City (If applicable) | 13c. HS State (If applicable) | 13d. HS ZIP code (If applicable) |

14. Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2026-27 school year? [ ] Yes [ ] No

**SELECTIVE SERVICE STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION STATUS**

An individual born male must complete the Selective Service Statement of Registration Status below, in accordance with Texas Education Code, Title 3, Section 51.9095. For more information on Selective Service registration, visit sss.gov.

15. Were you born male or female? [ ] Male [ ] Female

16. Please mark one option below:

____ I was born female and not required to regist...

____ I was born male and am under the age of 18, an...

____ I was born male and am **REGISTERED** with the Se...

____ I was born male and am over age 18. I am not registered with the Selective Service, and I am not exempt.

...**EMPT** from registration because: ...are exempt in the box below.)

If you select that you were born male, you must indicate your selective service registration status. You are not required to provide proof of registration.

## STUDENT MARITAL STATUS

17. What is your marital status as of today?
    - [ ] Single (never married)
    - [ ] Married (not separated)
    - [ ] Remarried
    - [ ] Separated
    - [ ] Divorced
    - [ ] Widowed

18. Month and year you were married, remarried, separated, divorced, or widowed.
    Month: ________ Year: ____________ [ ] N/A

19. Spouse's Last Name _______________________ [ ] N/A

20. Spouse's First Name _______________________ [ ] N/A

21. What is your spouse's Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number? _________________ [ ] N/A

## STUDENT EARNINGS AND TAX INFORMATION

The financial aid office may require documentation, such as W-2s, tax returns, or tax transcripts. *See Notes for questions 22-29.*

22. How much did you earn from working in 2024?
    ____________________________ [ ] N/A

23. How much did your spouse earn from working in 2024?
    ____________________________ [ ] N/A

24. For 2024, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?
    - [ ] Already completed
    - [ ] Will file
    - [ ] Not going to file (Skip to question 30)

25. What income tax return did you file or will file for 2024?
    - [ ] IRS 1040
    - [ ] Foreign tax return, IRS 1040NR or IRS 1040NR-EZ
    - [ ] Tax return from Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory, or Freely Associated State

26. What is or will be your tax filing status for 2024?
    - [ ] [illegible]
    - [ ] [illegible]
    - [ ] [illegible]

27. Did (or will) you file a Schedule A, B, D, E , F or H with your 2024 tax return?

Enter an answer for **every** question. Leaving a question blank may result in a delay in processing your TASFA.

28. What was your (and sp[illegible]ss income for 2024?
    Adjusted gross income is on IR[illegible]orm 1040—line 11. _________________

29. Enter your (and spouse's) income tax paid for 2024 from 1040—line 24.
    If negative, enter zero. _________________

**DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS.** If the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, enter "0." Report whole dollar yearly amounts with no cents. Enter the combined amounts for you (and your spouse if applicable). *See Notes for questions 30-43.*

## STUDENT ASSETS

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| 30. | As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?<br>*Don't include student financial aid, retirement accounts, or investments.* | |
| 31. | As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) investments, including real estate?<br>Don't include the home you live in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them. | |
| 32. | As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) current businesses and/or investment farms?<br>Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them. Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where your family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses. | |
| 33. | Child support **received** for any of your children. **Don't include** foster care or adoption payments. | |

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| 34. | |
| 35. Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3—line 3 + Form 1040—29. | |
| 36. Taxable college grant and scholarship aid **reported to the IRS as income**.<br>Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships. | |
| 37. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1—total of lines 16 + 20. | |
| 38. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 2a. | |
| 39. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040—line 4a minus 4b. | |
| 40. IRA rollover into another IRA or qualified plan. | |
| 41. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040—line 5a minus 5b. | |
| 42. Pension rollover into an IRA or other qualified plan. | |
| 43. Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040— line 31 of Schedule C. | |
| 44. Foreign earned income exclusion from IRS Form 1040— line 8d of Schedule 1. | |

## SECTION 2: STUDENT STATUS DETERMINATION

Answer questions 44-53. *See Notes for additional information.*

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| 45. **Were you born before January 1, 2003?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| 46. **As of today, are you married?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| 47. **Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| 48. **Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| 49. **Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| 50. **Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2027?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| 51. **At any time since you turned age 13, were you an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent), were you in foster care, or were you a ward of the court?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| 52. **As determined by a court in your state of residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| 53. **Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of<br>legal residence?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| 54. **At any time on or after July 1, 2025, were you an unaccompanied student and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?** | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| 55. **If your answer to question 53 is "Yes," did an**<br>**following determine that you were homeless o**<br>**becoming homeless? Select all that apply.** | elter, street outreach<br>ram serving those<br><br>designee.<br>l TRIO or GEAR UP program |

If you are homeless or at risk of homelessness, answer yes to this question. Talk to your counselor or homeless liaison as soon as possible, and they can get you the documentation needed to verify your living status.

## SECTION 3: PARENT INFORMATION

**STOP:** If you answered "**YES**" to any of the questions in **SECTION 2**, parental information is **NOT** required. Proceed to **SECTION 4**.

If you answered "**NO**" to **all the questions in SECTION 2**, you **must include** parental information, even if you do not live with your legal parents (biological, adoptive, or as determined by the state [for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate]).

Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, widowed stepparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings are **not** considered parents on this form, unless they have legally adopted you. If your legal parents are married to each other, or are not married to each other and **live together**, answer the questions about both of them.

If you are in a single-parent home (e.g., parent(s) was never married, divorced, separated, etc.), review the *TASFA Notes* for clarification.

56. As of today, what is the marital status of your legal parents?

[ ] Single (never married)
[ ] Married (not separated)
[ ] Remarried
[ ] Unmarried and both legal parents living together
[ ] Separated
[ ] Divorced
[ ] Widowed

57. Month and year your parents were married, remarried, separated, divorced, or widowed:

Month: ________ Year:____________ [ ] N/A (Never Married)

58. Did either your parents attend or complete college?

[ ] Neither parent attended college
[ ] One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college
[ ] One or both parents completed college
[ ] Don't know

Answer this question carefully. Institutions may have scholarships for students who are the first in their family to attend college.

**PARENT 1**

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| 59. Last Name | | 60. First Name | |
| 61. Date of Birth | | 62. What is your Parent 1's Socia… Number (ITIN), Deferred Acti… [ ] N/A | |
| 63. Phone Number | | 64. Email Address | |

**PARENT 2** (IF APPLICABLE)

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| 65. Last Name | | 66. First Name | |
| 67. Date of Birth | | 68. What is your Parent 2's Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number? ____________________ [ ] N/A | |
| 69. Phone Number | | 70. Email Address | |

**PARENT EARNINGS AND TAX INFORMATION**

The financial aid office may require documentation, such as W-2s, tax returns, or tax transcripts. *See Notes for questions 70-77.*

71. How much did Parent 1 earn from working in 2024? _______________

72. How much did Parent 2 earn from working in 2024? _______________ (If applicable)

73. For 2024, have your parents completed an IRS income or another tax return?

[ ] Already completed
[ ] Will file
[ ] Not going to file (skip to question 78)

74. What income tax return did your parents file or will file for 2024?

[ ] IRS 1040
[ ] Foreign tax return, IRS 1040NR or IRS 1040NR-EZ
[ ] Tax return from Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory, or

Most institutions will require that you submit verification of income, which may include copies of tax return transcripts, W-2s, or other documentation.

75. What is or will be your parents' tax filing status for 2…

[ ] Single
[ ] Head of household
[ ] Married filing jointly
[ ] Married filing separately
[ ] Qualifying surviving spouse

…D, E, F or H with their 2024

77. Enter your parents' 2024 adjusted gross income from IRS Form 1040—line 11. ______________________

78. Enter your parents' 2024 income tax paid from 1040—line 24. If negative, enter a zero. ______________________

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| **DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS.**<br>If the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, enter "0." Report whole dollar yearly amounts with no cents. Enter the combined amounts for your parents (if applicable). *See Notes for questions 78-91.* | |
| **PARENT ASSETS** | |
| 79. As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?<br>*Don't include student financial aid, retirement accounts, or investments.* | |
| 80. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate?<br>Don't include the home in which your parents live. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them. | |
| 81. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms?<br>Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them. Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where your family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses. | |
| 82. Child support **received** for any of your children. **Don't include** foster care or adoption payments. | |
| **PARENT 2024 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND UNTAXED INCOME** (ENTER THE COMBINED AMOUNTS FOR YOUR PARENTS) | |
| 83. Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3—line 3 + Form 1040—29. | |
| 84. Your parents' taxable college grant and scholarship aid **reported to the IRS as income**.<br>Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships. | |
| 85. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1—total of lines 16 + 20. | |
| 86. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 2a. | |
| 87. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040—line 4a minus 4b. | |
| 88. IRA rollover into another IRA or qualified plan. | |
| 89. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040—line 5a minus 5b. | |
| 90. Pension rollover into an IRA or other qualified plan. | |
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| 92. Foreign earned income exclusion from IRS Form 1040— line 8d of Schedule 1. | |

In this section, indicate if anyone in your household receives benefits from any of these federal programs.

## SECTION 4: FAMILY INFORMATION

**FEDERAL BENEFITS RECEIVED**

The information below will be used to help determine eligibility for certain state financial aid options. Information disclosed about federal benefits received is protected from unauthorized distribution to third parties under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

At any time during 2024 or 2025, did you or anyone **in your family** (including your spouse or parents, if applicable) receive benefits from any of the federal programs listed? Mark all that apply with Yes, No or Prefer not to answer.

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| 93. Medicaid, including the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP) | [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Prefer not to answer |
| 94. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, also known as food stamps | [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Prefer not to answer |
| 95. Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program | [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Prefer not to answer |
| 96. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – may use a different name in different states | [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Prefer not to answer |
| 97. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) | [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Prefer not to answer |
| 98. Earned Income Credit (EIC) | [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Prefer not to answer |
| 99. Federal Housing Assistance | [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Prefer not to answer |

**FAMILY SIZE**

**If you answer "NO" to all questions in SECTION 2 (44-54), use these instructions to calculate your totals for questions 99 and 100.**

- **Total number in family:** Include your parent (and spouse), yourself, your parent's dependent childre[...] enrollment), and other people living with your parent now. Include these dependent children and oth[...] half of their support between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.
- Total number in college for 2026-27: Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your [...]

**If you answer "YES" to any question in SECTION 2 (44-54), use these instructions to calculate your t[...]**

- **Total number in family:** Include yourself (and spouse), your dependent children (even if they live ap[...]g with you now. Include these dependent children and other people only if you will provide more than [...] 30, 2027.
- **Total number in college for 2026-27:** Always count yourself as a college student.

Follow instructions to calculate the family size. Count yourself when determining the number of people that will be in college. This number should not be 0.

99. How many pe[...] ______

100. How many p[...]en July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027? (see instructions above) ________

Submit a copy of the Paper TASFA and all required supporting documents to each college or university you are considering attending.

## SECTION [...]ON

**COLLEGE INFOR[...]**

If you plan to sub[...]estions below for each copy you submit. Your housing status is based on your living situation at the co[...]udent ID, if you were provided one, is an optional item that will be used to match your application with your official s[...] record if you enroll at a college.

101. What college do you plan to attend for 2026-27? (response optional) ________________________________________

102. Where do you plan to live when you attend college? (response required) [ ] On-campus [ ] Off-campus [ ] With parents or relative

103. What is your college student ID#, if you were provided one? (response optional) ________________________________________

## SECTION 6: SIGNATURE

Entering a student ID will help the institution to match the TASFA to your campus files.

I confirm that the information provided on this TASFA is true and correct to the best of my kno[...]ncial aid provided as a result of my submission to pay only the cost of attending a Texas institution of higher educatio[...]ay void my eligibility for state (or institutional) financial aid. By signing this application, I also acknowledge and consent[...]

- I understand that the information provided on this application will be used only for [...]nal) financial aid and that I may need to provide additional information or documentation to the college or uni[...]
- Once my application has been submitted, I must contact the college or university directly to discuss next steps to update or correct information on my submitted TASFA.

Student Signature ________________________________ Date ________________

Parent Signature ________________________________ Date ________________

*One parent signature is required if all questions in **SECTION 2** (question 44-54) were answered "**NO**."*

Mark which parent signed above. [ ] Parent 1 [ ] Parent 2

Submitting the TASFA: Your completed application should be se[...]Contact the institution's financial aid office for additional instructions (see no[...]

If you are a dependent student, at least one parent must sign the TASFA, even if they live in another city, state, or country. Another family member may not sign in their place. Be sure to give yourself enough time to get the signature if you must email or mail the form to your parent.