

FAQs continued . . .

- **Is a volunteer at a school district eligible to participate?**
 - No. The applicant must be employed with a school or school district.
- **If an applicant obtains on school year of fulltime "Educational Aide" experience outside of Texas, does the experience count toward the eligibility requirements?**
 - No. EAE program rules require that the applicant obtain their "Educational Aide" experience at a public school district in Texas.
- **If an applicant paid out-of-pocket for tuition and fees, can he or she still receive the exemption?**
 - Yes. If for some unforeseen circumstance the applicant's EAE award is delayed, the institution can reimburse the applicant for the cost of resident tuition and required fees, other than laboratory and class fees.
- **Who is exempt from student teaching?**
 - Applicants who are awarded Educational Aide Exemption before obtaining a bachelor's degree that meet the eligibility requirements will not be required to participate in any field experience or internship consisting of student teaching to receive a teaching certificate.
 - Applicants who obtained a bachelor's degree prior to receiving their first Educational Aide Exemption award is not eligible for a student teaching exemption.
- **Are school bus drivers eligible to participate?**
 - Yes. Any applicant employed in some capacity by a school district in Texas can apply, including a school bus driver, as long as the applicant has the required "Educational Aide" work experience and is enrolled in eligible courses.

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TEXAS A&M
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Educational Aide Exemption
Program

2016-2017

Program Purpose

To encourage certain Educational Aides to complete full teacher certification by providing need-based exemptions from the payment of tuition and certain mandatory fees at Texas public institutions of higher education.

How to Apply

- Complete admission application www.applytexas.org,
- Complete the 2016-2017 FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov or TASFA paper application,
- Submit the completed Educational Aide Exemption Form to the Financial Aid Office.

Application may be picked up at the Office of Financial Aid or online at:

<http://www.tamui.edu/affairs/financial/forms.shtml>



Eligibility Requirements

- Be a Resident of Texas,
- Be registered for the Selective Service or be exempt from this requirement,
- Be employed in some capacity by a public school district in Texas during the full term for which the student receives the award unless granted a hardship,
- Submit FAFSA/TASFA by first class day and show financial need,
- Have been employed by a public school district in Texas working full-time working in a classroom directly with the students in a teaching capacity as:
 - An Educational Aide for at least one school year of the past five school years preceding the term or semester for which the student is awarded their initial exemption, or
 - A substitute teacher for 180 days of the past five school years preceding the term or semester for which the student is awarded their initial exemption.
- Meet satisfactory academic progress policy requirements established by the college or university,
- Be enrolled in courses required for teacher certification in one or more areas that the Texas Education Agency has determined to be experiencing a critical shortage of teachers at public schools in Texas in accordance with Texas Administrative Code, 21.1083 (6).

FAQs

- **What subjects are eligible for this exemption?**
 - Bilingual/ English as a Second Language Elementary and Secondary Levels
 - Career and Technical Education
 - Computer Science/ Technology Applications
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Special Education
- **Are there a certain number of hours in which the applicant must be enrolled?**
 - No. The EAR award amount is based on the tuition and required fees for the hours the applicant is enrolled in.
- **If an applicant did not make satisfactory academic progress policy in the fall, is he or she eligible for the spring term?**
 - No. Applicants must meet the academic progress standards of the institution to be eligible for future terms.
- **Do all applicants receive the exemption?**
 - No. Educational Aide Exemptions are awarded based on a applicant's eligibility, the availability of funds and school participation in the EAR program.
- **Is an applicant who is unemployed but used to work in the school district eligible to participate in the program?**
 - No. The applicant must be employed by a Texas public school district for the full term in which the exemption is received.
- **Can the application be used as employment verification for more than one term?**
 - No. The application can be used as employment verification for one term. Recipients awarded for both fall and spring terms cannot be paid a spring award by the institution until verification of employment is received for the spring term. Summer employment verification is based on a stand-alone summer application.