TASFA 2026-2027

TEXAS APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

THECB Texas Higher Education COORDINATING BOARD

Each Texas high school student is required as a condition of graduation to complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) or opt out, as required by Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Section 28.0256. All students interested in applying for financial aid are encouraged to first review the FAFSA. Filling out the FAFSA allows a student to be considered for a broader range of financial aid options than filling out the TASFA. The FAFSA allows a student to be considered for federal, state, and institutional financial aid opportunities. If a student completes the FAFSA, the student **should not** complete a TASFA.

Students who do not complete a FAFSA may complete a TASFA to 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 7-13**. If you have further questions about this form, contact the 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 Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Last Name	2. First Name	3. Middle Initial

4. Date of Birth

5. What is your Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number? ________________ ☐ N/A

6. Your permanent mailing address number and street (include apt. number)

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)

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 TEC 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 register.
- ☐ I was born male and am under the age of 18, and not currently required to register.
- ☐ I was born male and am **REGISTERED** with the Selective Service.
- ☐ I was born male and am over age 18. I am not registered with the Selective Service, and I am not exempt.
- ☐ I was born male and am **EXEMPT** from registration because: (please briefly explain why you are exempt in the box below.)

STUDENT MARITAL STATUS

17. What is your marital status as of today? ☐ Single (never married) ☐ Separated ☐ Married (not separated) ☐ Divorced ☐ Remarried ☐ 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? ☐ Single ☐ Head of household ☐ Married filing jointly ☐ Married filing separately ☐ Qualifying surviving spouse	27. Did (or will) you file a Schedule A, B, D, E , F or H with your 2024 tax return? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
28. What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2024? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 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

30. As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? *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? *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? *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 the 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.	

STUDENT 2024 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND UNTAXED INCOME	
34. Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3—line 3 + Form 1040—29.	
35. Taxable college grant and scholarship aid **reported to the IRS as income**. *Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.*	
36. 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.	
37. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 2a.	
38. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040—line 4a minus 4b.	
39. IRA rollover into another IRA or qualified plan.	
40. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040—line 5a minus 5b.	
41. Pension rollover into an IRA or other qualified plan.	
42. Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040— line 31 of Schedule C.	
43. Foreign earned income exclusion from IRS Form 1040— line 8d of Schedule 1.	

SECTION 2: STUDENT STATUS DETERMINATION

Answer all questions 44-54. *See Notes for questions 44-54.*

44. Were you born before January 1, 2003?	☐ Yes ☐ No
45. As of today, are you married?	☐ Yes ☐ No
46. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?	☐ Yes ☐ No
47. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?	☐ Yes ☐ No
48. 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
49. 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
50. 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
51. As determined by a court in your state of residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?	☐ Yes ☐ No
52. Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	☐ Yes ☐ No
53. 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
54. If your answer to question 53 is "Yes," did any of the following determine that you were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless? Select all that apply.	☐ Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness. ☐ Your high school or school district homeless liaison or designee. ☐ Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant. ☐ Financial aid administrator (FAA). ☐ None of these apply.

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) never married, divorced, separated, etc.), review the *TASFA Notes* for clarification.

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

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

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

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

57. Did either of 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

PARENT 1

58. Last Name		59. First Name	
60. Date of Birth		61. What is your Parent 1's Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number? ____________________ ☐ N/A	
62. Phone Number		63. Email Address	

PARENT 2 (IF APPLICABLE)

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

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

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

72. 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)

73. 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 Freely Associated State

74. What is or will be your parents' tax filing status for 2024?

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Head of household
- ☐ Married filing jointly
- ☐ Married filing separately
- ☐ Qualifying surviving spouse

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

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

77. Enter your parents' 2024 income tax paid from 1040—line 24. If negative, enter a 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 your parents (if applicable). *See Notes for questions 78-91.*	
PARENT ASSETS	
78. As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? *Don't include student financial aid, retirement accounts, or investments.*	
79. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate? *Don't include the home in which your parents live. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.*	
80. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms? *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.*	
81. Child support your parents **received** for any of their children. **Don't include** foster care or adoption payments.	
PARENT 2024 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND UNTAXED INCOME (ENTER THE COMBINED AMOUNTS FOR YOUR PARENTS)	
82. Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3—line 3 + Form 1040—29.	
83. Your parents' taxable college grant and scholarship aid **reported to the IRS as income**. *Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.*	
84. 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.	
85. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 2a.	
86. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040—line 4a minus 4b.	
87. IRA rollover into another IRA or qualified plan.	
88. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040—line 5a minus 5b.	
89. Pension rollover into an IRA or other qualified plan.	
90. Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040— line 31 of Schedule C.	
91. Foreign earned income exclusion from IRS Form 1040— line 8d of Schedule 1.	

SECTION 4: FAMILY INFORMATION

FEDERAL BENEFITS RECEIVED

This information being collected 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.

92. 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
93. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, also known as food stamps	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer
94. Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer
95. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – may use a different name in different states	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer
96. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer
97. Earned Income Credit (EIC)	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer
98. 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 children (even if they live apart because of college enrollment), and other people living with your parent now. Include these dependent children and other people only if your parent will provide more than 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 parents.

If you answer "YES" to any question in SECTION 2 (44-54), use these instructions to calculate your totals for questions 99 and 100.

- **Total number in family:** Include yourself (and spouse), your dependent children (even if they live apart due to college enrollment), and other people living with you now. Include these dependent children and other people only if you will provide more than 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.

99. How many people are in your family? (see instructions above) _______

100. How many people in your family will be college students between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027? (see instructions above) ________

SECTION 5: COLLEGE INFORMATION

COLLEGE INFORMATION

If you plan to submit your TASFA to multiple institutions, answer the questions below for each copy you submit. Your housing status is based on your living situation at the college you plan to attend and may vary. Your college student ID, if you were provided one, is an optional item that will be used to match your application with your official student 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

I confirm that the information provided on this TASFA is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If eligible, I will use any student financial aid provided as a result of my submission to pay only the cost of attending a Texas institution of higher education. I understand that any false statements may void my eligibility for state (or institutional) financial aid. By signing this application, I also acknowledge and consent to the following:

- I understand that the information provided on this application will be used only for evaluation of eligibility for state (or institutional) financial aid and that I may need to provide additional information or documentation to the college or university to determine eligibility.
- 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 sent directly to the institution that you plan to attend for the 2026-27 school year. Contact the institution's financial aid office for additional instructions (see notes page).