

TASFA 2023-2024

TEXAS APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024



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The Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is a **free** application that collects information to help determine eligibility for state (or institutional) financial aid programs administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas.

Students classified as Texas residents who are not eligible to apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. To review the FAFSA filing requirements, visit studentaid.gov or contact the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend for the 2023-24 award year. The federal application covers federal and state financial aid opportunities. If you meet the FAFSA filing requirements, then you should submit a completed FAFSA.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE BOTH THE FAFSA AND TASFA.

The 2023-24 state financial aid priority application deadline for many institutions of higher education is **January 15, 2023**. It is important to complete and submit this application with all required documentation to the financial aid office **on or before Jan. 15** to be considered for the most financial aid possible.

To complete this application, answer each item within each 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 7-14**. If you have further questions about this form, contact the financial aid office at your institution.

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? _____ Or check 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 2023-24 school year?		<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> High School Equivalency Certificate (i.e., GED, HiSET, etc.) (Skip to questions 13c & 13d)		<input type="checkbox"/> Homeschooled (Skip to question 14) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2023-24 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 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 INCOME AND ASSETS

STUDENT MARITAL STATUS

<p>17. What is your current marital status as of today?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Married/ remarried <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced or widowed	<p>18. Month and year you were married, remarried, separated, divorced, or widowed.</p> Month: _____ Year: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p>19. What is your spouse's Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number? _____ Or check N/A</p>	

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 20-28.

<p>20. How much did you earn from working in 2021? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>	<p>21. How much did your spouse earn from working in 2021? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
<p>22. For 2021, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return? <input type="checkbox"/> Already completed <input type="checkbox"/> Will file <input type="checkbox"/> Not going to file (Skip to question 28)</p>	<p>23. What income tax return did you file or will file for 2021? <input type="checkbox"/> IRS 1040 <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign tax return, IRS 1040NR or IRS 1040NR-EZ <input type="checkbox"/> Tax return from Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory, or Freely Associated State</p>
<p>24. What is or will be your tax filing status for 2021? <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Married, filed joint return <input type="checkbox"/> Married, filed separate return <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Widow(er) <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>	<p>25. Did (or will) you file a Schedule 1 with your 2021 tax return? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know</p>
<p>26. What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2021? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 11 _____</p>	<p>27. Enter your (and spouse's) income tax for 2021. Income tax amount is the total of IRS Form 1040—line 22 minus Schedule 2—line 2. If negative, enter zero. _____</p>
<p>28. As of today, are you (or spouse) a dislocated worker (currently unemployed)? This question is unrelated to previous tax years and is asking about right now. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>	

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 29-33.

<p>29. As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? <i>Don't include student financial aid.</i></p>	
<p>30. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) investments, including real estate? <i>Don't include the home you live in.</i></p>	
<p>31. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) current businesses and/or investment farms? <i>Don't include a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.</i></p>	

32. STUDENT 2021 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<p>a. Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3—line 3.</p>	
<p>b. Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in your household.</p>	
<p>c. Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.</p>	
<p>d. 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.</p>	
<p>e. Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your adjusted gross income.</p>	
<p>f. Earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by a college.</p>	

33. STUDENT 2021 UNTAXED INCOME

a.	Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings).	
b.	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.	
c.	Child support received for any of your children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.	
d.	Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 2a.	
e.	Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from IRS Form 1040—(lines 4a + 5a) minus (lines 4b + 5b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.	
f.	Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.	
g.	Veterans noneducation benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.	
h.	Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, untaxed foreign income, etc. Also include the untaxed portions of health savings accounts from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1—line 13.	
i.	Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form. This includes money that you received from a parent or other person whose financial information is not reported on this form and that is not part of a legal child support agreement.	

FEDERAL BENEFITS PROGRAMS & HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Federal Benefits Programs

This information being collected below will be only 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 2022 or 2023, did you or anyone **in your household** (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.

34. Medicaid, including the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	35. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, also known as food stamps <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	36. Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	37. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – may use a different name in different states <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	38. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer
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HOUSEHOLD

If you answer **"NO"** to any question in **SECTION 2 (41-53) on the following page**, use these instructions to calculate your totals for questions 39 and 40.

- **Total number in household:** Include yourself (even if you don't live with your parents), your parents, and your parents' other children (even if they do not live with your parents) if your parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Include any other people if they now live with your parents, and your parents provide and will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.
- **Total number in college for 2023-24:** Always count yourself as a college student. **Do not include your parents.** Do not include siblings who are in U.S. military service academies. You may include others only if they will attend, at least half-time in 2023-24, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

If you answer **"YES"** to any question in **SECTION 2 (41-53) on the following page**, use these instructions to calculate your totals for questions 39 and 40.

- **Total number in household:** Include yourself (and spouse) and your children if you will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 (even if they do not live with you). Include any other people if they now live with you, and you provide and will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.
- **Total number in college for 2023-24:** Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include family members who are in U.S. military service academies. Include others only if they will attend, at least half-time in 2023-24, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

39. How many people are in your household? _____

40. How many people in your household will be college students between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024? _____

SECTION 2: STUDENT STATUS DETERMINATION

(See Notes for questions 41-53) Answer all questions.

41. Were you born before January 1, 2000?	[] Yes [] No
42. As of today, are you married?	[] Yes [] No
43. At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?	[] Yes [] No
44. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?	[] Yes [] No
45. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?	[] Yes [] No
46. Do you <i>now</i> have, or <i>will</i> you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024?	[] Yes [] No
47. 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, 2024?	[] Yes [] No
48. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?	[] Yes [] No
49. As determined by a court in your state of residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?	[] Yes [] No
50. 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
51. At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?	[] Yes [] No
52. At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?	[] Yes [] No
53. At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	[] Yes [] No

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**.

<p>54. As of today, what is the marital status of your legal parents?</p> <p>[] Married or Remarried [] Never Married [] Divorced or Separated [] Widowed [] Both parents live together unmarried</p>	<p>55. Month and year your parents were married, remarried, separated, divorced, or widowed:</p> <p>Month: _____ Year: _____ [] N/A (Never Married)</p>
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PARENT 1

56. Last Name		57. First Name	
58. Date of Birth		59. What is Parent 1's Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number _____ Or check N/A []	
60. Phone Number		61. Email Address	
62. Highest level of education completed: [] Middle School/Jr. High [] High School [] College or Beyond [] Other/Unknown			

PARENT 2 (IF APPLICABLE)

63. Last Name		64. First Name	
65. Date of Birth		66. What is your Parent 2's Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number? _____ Or check N/A []	
67. Phone Number		68. Email Address	
69. Highest level of education completed: [] Middle School/Jr. High [] High School [] College or Beyond [] Other/Unknown			

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 2021? _____	71. How much did Parent 2 earn from working in 2021? _____ (If applicable)
72. For 2021, 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 2021? [] 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 2021? [] Single [] Head of household [] Married – filed joint return [] Married – filed separate return [] Qualifying widow(er) [] Don't know	75. Did (or will) your parents file a Schedule 1 with their 2021 tax return? [] Yes [] No [] Don't know
76. Enter your parents' 2021 adjusted gross income from IRS Form 1040—line 11. _____	77. Enter your parents' 2021 income tax from IRS Form 1040—line 22 minus Schedule 2—line 2. 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 78-83.

78. As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? <i>Don't include student financial aid.</i>	
79. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate? <i>Don't include the home in which your parents live.</i>	
80. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms? <i>Don't include a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.</i>	
81. As of today, is either parent a dislocated worker (currently unemployed)? This question is unrelated to previous tax years and is asking about right now. [] Yes [] No [] Don't know	

82. PARENT 2021 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION (ENTER THE COMBINED AMOUNTS FOR YOUR PARENTS)

a. Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3—line 3.	
b. Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. <i>Don't include support for children in your parents' household.</i>	
c. Your parents' taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships	
d. 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.	
e. Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your parents' adjusted gross income. <i>Don't include untaxed combat pay.</i>	
f. Earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by a college.	

83. PARENT 2021 UNTAXED INCOME (ENTER THE COMBINED AMOUNTS FOR YOUR PARENTS)

a. Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings).	
b. 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.	
c. Child support received for any of your children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.	
d. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 2a.	
e. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from IRS Form 1040—(lines 4a + 5a) minus (lines 4b + 5b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.	
f. Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.	
g. Veterans noneducation benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.	
h. Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, untaxed foreign income, etc. Also include the untaxed portions of health savings accounts from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1—line 13.	

SECTION 4: 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.

What college do you plan to attend for 2023-24? (response optional) _____

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

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

SECTION 5: SIGNATURE

I certify 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 41-53) were answered "NO."*

Mark which parent signed above. Parent 1 Parent 2

Submitting the TASFA: This completed application should be sent directly to the institution that you plan to attend for the 2023-24 school year. Contact the institution's financial aid office to confirm how to submit your TASFA form (**see notes page**).