

TASFA Checklist

How Do I know if I should Complete the FAFSA or TASFA

- Complete the FAFSA if you are a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen (e.g., permanent resident). The FAFSA is the application for federal and state financial aid. DO NOT COMPLETE BOTH THE FAFSA AND TASFA.
- Complete the **TASFA** if you are a non-citizen who qualifies for in-state tuition under Texas law (e.g., DACA recipients and certain undocumented students). The TASFA is the application for state financial aid in Texas.

What you Need for TASFA

Personal Information:

- Identification Documents: Such as your Texas driver's license or ID card. (if available)
- Alien Registration Number: If applicable, for non-citizens.

Residency Information:

• Texas Residency Documentation: Proof of residency. Notarized affidavit of Texas residency.

Tax Information:

- Federal Tax Returns: For the relevant tax year (e.g., 2023 tax return for the 2025-2026 TASFA)
 - Student: If you filed taxes.
 - Parent(s): If the student is dependent.
- W-2 Forms: For the relevant tax year (e.g., 2023).
- Untaxed Income records include child support, interest income, and veterans' non-education benefits.
- · Income Information: Any additional income earned, savings, investments, and other assets.

Financial Information:

- Current Bank Statements: These are for checking, saving, and any other financial accounts.
- Investment Records: If applicable, such as stocks, bonds, and real estate (excluding the home in which you live)
- Business and Farm Records: If you own a business or farm.
- Other Information:
- List of Schools: You're interested in attending (up to 10 schools). They will receive your TASFA information.
- Email Address: This is for both the student and parent (if applicable) for TASFA communications.

Helpful Tips

- Gather Documents Early: Having all your documents ready will make the TASFA process smoother.
- Check Eligibility Requirements: Ensure you meet the Texas residency requirements to qualify for state
- Submit TASFA Early: Many schools have TASFA deadlines, so be sure to submit your application as early as possible.
- Follow Up with Your Institution: After submission, always follow up with the financial aid office of the school you plan to attend to confirm if additional documentation is needed to determine your eligibility for financial aid.

For more resources and assistance, visit our website, <u>www.pivotfdn.org</u>, or contact your school's financial aid office.

