

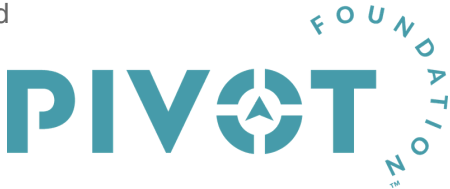
TASFA CHECKLIST

Your guide to preparing for and completing the Texas Application for State Financial Aid

Student Name: _____

High School: _____

Graduation Year: _____



STEP 1 — CONFIRM TASFA IS RIGHT FOR YOU

- Review the FAFSA first. If you complete the FAFSA, do **not** complete a TASFA.
- Confirm that you meet the requirements for Texas state financial aid, including Texas residency requirements.
- Contact the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend to confirm that TASFA is the appropriate application for you.

STEP 2 — CREATE YOUR TASFA ACCOUNT

- Create your Online TASFA account through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's secure portal.
- Check your email for important updates and your application ID.
- Keep your login information secure.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Student information
- Parent/guardian information, if required
- Spouse information, if applicable
- Student W-2s
- Parent/guardian W-2s, if applicable
- Student tax transcripts
- Parent/guardian tax transcripts, if applicable
- Student college ID, if available (optional)
- Additional documents requested by your college

TASFA Tax Year: _____

Student W-2 Year Needed: _____

Parent/Guardian W-2 Year: _____

COMPLETE YOUR TASFA

- Complete the Student section.
- Complete the Dependency section.
- Complete the Parent section, if applicable.
- Complete the Family Information section.
- Complete the College section.
- Review your information carefully before submitting.
- Submit your TASFA.

ONLINE OR PAPER?

Online TASFA: Colleges selected on the online application receive the submitted information electronically. Save or print a copy for your records.

Paper TASFA: The submission process varies by institution. Contact each college's financial aid office before mailing, uploading, or emailing your paper TASFA. **Do not send the paper TASFA to THECB.**

Important: Complete **either** the online TASFA or the paper TASFA. Do not complete both.

FAFSA OR TASFA?

Use this quick guide to understand which financial aid application may apply to you.

START HERE

Are you interested in financial aid for college?

Start by reviewing the FAFSA. The FAFSA can be used to determine eligibility for federal, state, and institutional financial aid. If you complete the FAFSA, you should **not** complete a TASFA.

FAFSA

Generally used by students who are eligible to complete the FAFSA and want to be considered for federal financial aid, as well as state and institutional aid.

- U.S. citizen/national or eligible noncitizen
- Social Security Number generally required
- Complete through StudentAid.gov

TASFA

May be used by students who do not complete the FAFSA and are seeking consideration for eligible Texas state financial aid.

- Texas residency requirements apply
- Check with your college to confirm TASFA is appropriate
- Complete through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board process

IMPORTANT

- Complete only the application that applies to you. If you complete the FAFSA, do not complete a TASFA.
- If you are unsure which application to complete, contact your high school counselor or the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.
- Do not falsify, guess, or intentionally provide inaccurate information. Review your answers carefully and provide accurate information.

AFTER YOU SUBMIT

- Save or print your TASFA confirmation/application information.
- Check your email for updates.
- Check with your college's financial aid office to confirm whether additional documentation is needed.
- Follow up with each college regarding your TASFA status.
- Keep copies of documents you submit.

REMEMBER

- TASFA is used for consideration for eligible Texas state financial aid.
- Check with your college about TASFA deadlines and any additional requirements.
- Keep your account information secure. Do not share your username or password.

Official TASFA information: highered.texas.gov/students-families/tasfa/

Official FAFSA: studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing