TASFA

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What Is the TASFA

The Texas Application for State Financial Aid

TASFA Application collects data similar to the FAFSA and uses the same Federal Methodology to come up with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for the student.
Who Should Complete a TASFA

- Students who do not hold one of the following:
  - U.S. Citizenship
  - Permanent U.S. Resident with an Alien Remigration Card (I-551)
  - Conditional Permanent U.S. Resident with Visa type 1-551C
  - Eligible noncitizen with an Arrival/Departure Record (I-94) with one of the following:
    - Refugee
    - Asylum granted
    - Parolee (for a minimum of one year)
    - Cuban-Haitian entrant

- Parents’ undocumented status does not affect student’s eligibility.
  - *If none of these apply to the student but they are classified as a Texas Resident and are eligible to pay the Texas in-state tuition rate. They are eligible to complete a TASFA application (available in both English and Spanish)
  - *If the student is paying a Texas Resident tuition rate due to a waiver such as an in-state scholarship or an assistantship they cannot fill out a TASFA. Nonresidents paying the resident rate due to a waiver is still considered nonresidents.
TASFA- Where is it?

• You can find the TASFA application at: www.collegeforallt texans.com

• Click on Financial Aid and then click on types of Financial Aid. Then click on the version of the TASFA you need.

(Electronic TASFA is coming just watch the College for All Texans website for updates. Projected for 2022/2023. HB 2140)
TASFA Eligibility Requirements

House Bill 1403/Senate Bill 1528

Citizens, Permanent Residents and certain non-immigrant students can establish a claim to Texas residency.

• Lived in Texas the 3 years leading up to high school graduation or the receipt of a GED; and

• Resided in Texas the year prior to enrollment in an institution of higher education (which could overlap the 3 year period).

• Provided their institutions a signed affidavit indicating an intend to apply for permanent resident status as soon as able to do so.
What Should I Submit?

• Submit the TASFA to the school(s) that the student is applying to
  • Schools may process a FAFSA in Lieu of the TASFA.

• Residency Status Confirmation
  • At Texas Tech this is the SB1528 Residency Affidavit (this is for first time applicants only)
  • Other schools will use this or something similar.

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  • Could be different at all institutions. Texas Tech has created its own until the state come out with their version of the form.

• Submit Income Documentation
  • At Texas Tech we require either a tax return signed or the tax return transcript from 2 years prior
  • Check with the school the student is applying to see the specifics

**To meet priority the student needs to have everything turned in by January 15th.**
Process

1. Complete TASFA

2. Sign and send to Financial aid along with all required documents. Such as Tax Transcripts, selective service if male & affidavit.

3. Financial aid office manually enters in TASFA information and computes EFC for students.

4. Financial aid office awards students only Texas funding and institutional funds.
What if I’m not TASFA or FAFSA?

• Students who can't complete either a TASFA or FAFSA would be considered international students.
  • In this case I would direct the student to the institution international resources.
    • At Texas Tech this would be the International Cultural Center.
  • Financial Aid Eligibility
    • Some institutional scholarships
      • *At Texas Tech if the student receives at least $1,000 from the university, they are eligible for in state tuition.
    • External scholarships
    • Private loan with a US Cosigner.
GAME TIME

FAFSA
Question 1

**Question:** Your student’s parents are not citizens, but your student is a U.S. citizen. FAFSA or TASFA?

**Answer:** FAFSA
We’re not looking at the parent’s status, only the students.
Question 2

Question: Your student has an Alien Registration number (A# this is usually a 9 digit number).

FAFSA or TASFA?

Answer: FAFSA
These students will be considered eligible non-citizens and they have something established with Homeland Security.

*I would encourage you to have your student reach out to the school they are applying to make sure nothing else is needed.
Question 3

Question: Your student is a non-US citizen, but has been a Texas Resident for 2 years leading to high school graduation. FAFSA or TASFA?

Answer: Neither
Students must live in Texas for at least 3 years leading up to graduation or GED to be eligible to complete the TASFA.
Question 4

**Question:** Your student is undocumented, has met the residency requirement, and has a social security number. FAFSA or TASFA?

**Answer:** TASFA

They are not eligible for federal aid only state aid.

Some undocumented students might have social security number or TIN to be able to file taxes.
Question 5

**Question:** Your student lived in the US for 5 years then went back to their home country for 2 years and returned to the US for their Senior year of high school.

FAFSA or TASFA?

**Answer:** Neither
They must be living in the US for 3 years leading up to graduation.
Question 6

**Question:** Your student has filed an I-130 or I-140 (regardless of INS status) to petition for permanent US residency status. FAFSA or TASFA?

**Answer:** TASFA

They have petitioned, but haven’t been granted permanent US residency yet. Once they have, they would be eligible to complete the FAFSA.
Question 7

**Question:** Your students' older brother has been living with mom in the US and has completed the TASFA for the last 3 years. Younger brother has been living with dad in Mexico but moved to Texas his Junior year.

**FAFSA or TASFA?**

**Answer: Neither**

A sibling's status is not going to determine a student's eligibility and this student has not lived in Texas for the 3 years leading to high school graduation.
Question 8

Question: Your student is undocumented and has lived in Texas for 4 years. In the student's senior year of high school they dropped out and completed a GED.

FAFSA or TASFA?

Answer: TASFA
The student can either complete a GED or graduate from high school to be eligible to complete the TASFA.