

# 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

**2019-20 TASFA**  
**Texas Application for State Financial Aid** July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

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To complete this application, each item within the applicable sections must be answered. **For clarification on specific items, please reference the TASFA Notes. If you have further questions, contact the financial aid office at your institution.**

The Texas state priority deadline for many institutions of higher education is **January 15, 2019** for the 2019-20 award year. It is recommended that applicants complete and submit this application and any other required documentation to the financial aid office prior to the state priority deadline date.

**STEP ONE: STUDENT INFORMATION (See Notes for questions 5-6)**

1. Last Name	2. First Name	3. M.I.
4. Date of Birth	5. Social Security Number or DACA # or Not Applicable	6. College Student ID #
7. Permanent Mailing Address		
8. City	9. State	10. Zip Code
11. Phone Number		
12. Email Address		
Alternate Email:		
13. What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2019-2020 school year? High school diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Homeschooled <input type="checkbox"/> General Educational Development (GED) certificate <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Skip to Question 14)</small> <small>(Skip to question 14)</small>		
14. High School Name <small>(If applicable)</small>	16. State <small>(If applicable)</small>	17. Date of Graduation <small>(HS or GED)</small>
15. High School City <small>(If applicable)</small>		
18. Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2019-20 school year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
19. What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2019-20 school year?		
20. What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2019-20 school year?		
Never attended college <small>(No college credits)</small>	1st bachelor's degree	
1st year undergraduate <small>(Up to 30 college credits towards degree)</small>	2nd bachelor's degree	
2nd year undergraduate/sophomore <small>(30-60 college credits towards degree)</small>	Associate degree <small>(occupational, technical program, general education or transfer program)</small>	
3rd year undergraduate/junior <small>(60-90 college credits towards degree)</small>	Certificate or diploma	
4th year undergraduate/senior <small>(90-120 college credits towards degree)</small>	Teaching credential <small>(non-degree program)</small>	
5th year/other undergraduate <small>(120 or more college credits towards degree)</small>	Graduate or professional degree	
1st year graduate/professional	Other/undecided	
Continuing graduate/professional or beyond		

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# Who Should Complete a TASFA

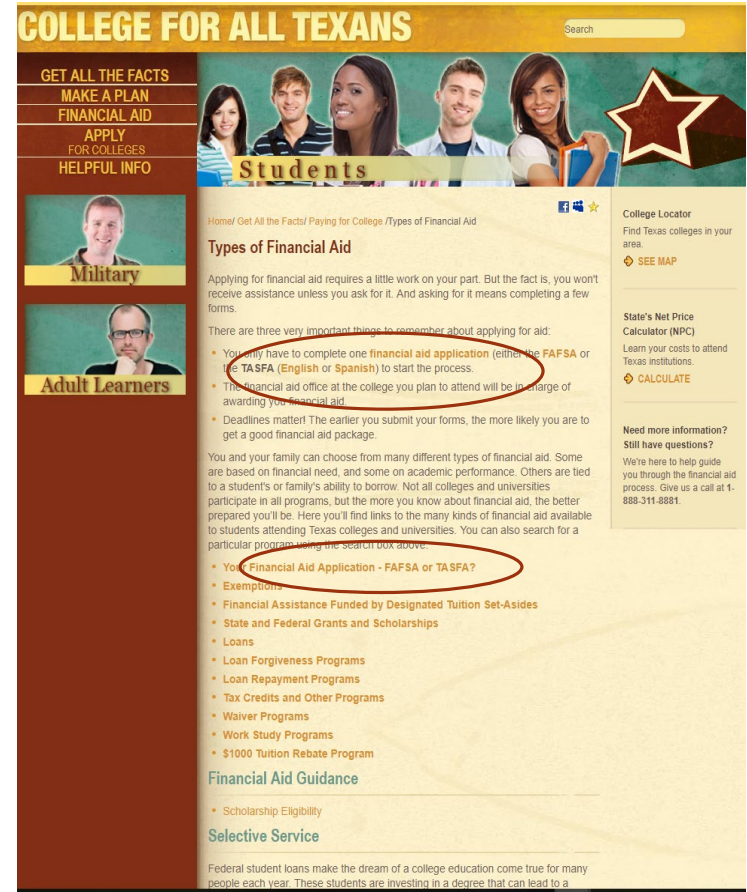
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- Students who do not hold one of the following:
  - U.S. Citizenship
  - Permanent U.S. Resident with an Alien Remigration Card (I-551)
  - Conditional Permanent U.S. Resident with Visa type 1-551C
  - Eligible noncitizen with an Arrival/Departure 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.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.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.

AFFIDAVIT  
Senate Bill 1528

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_

known to me, who being by me duly sworn upon his/her oath, deposed and said:

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_, I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and have personal know/edge of the facts stated herein and they are all true and correct.
2. I graduated or will graduate from a Texas high school or received my GED certificate in Texas.
3. I resided in Texas for three years leading up to graduation from high school or receiving my GED certificate.
4. I have resided or will have resided in Texas for the 12 months prior to the census date of the Semester in which I will enroll in \_\_\_\_\_ (college/university).
5. I have filed or will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity that I am eligible to do so.

In witness whereof, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student ID)

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_  
to certify which witness my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

# 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.
- **Selective Service Registration (Males Only)**
- **Selective Service Status Confirmation ( Males Only)**
  - 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 15<sup>th</sup>.***



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Student Financial Aid & Scholarships

RETURN TO: Student Financial Aid & Scholarships  
P.O. Box 45011, Lubbock, TX 79409-5011  
Student Financial Center | 301 West Hall  
finaid.advisor@ttu.edu | 806.742.0880 (Fax)

## Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) Checklist

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ R# \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_  
Classification: ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate ☐ Law

If you are eligible for Texas residency status under House Bill 1403 or Senate Bill 1528, use this checklist to aid you in gathering all the necessary requirements for submission of the TASFA.

Submit the TASFA and supporting documentation by **January 15** each year if you are applying for any of the following types of financial assistance:

- Undergraduate Students: TTU Scholarships, TEXAS Grant, College Access Loan (CAL), Private Education Loan (with credit-worthy, U.S. resident co-signer)
- Graduate Students: College Access Loan (CAL), Private Education Loan (with credit-worthy, U.S. resident co-signer)

### Requirements:

- ☐ **Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)**  
Signed and completed fully (no blanks).
- ☐ **SB 1528 Residency Affidavit** (first-time applicants only)
- ☐ **Selective Service Registration** (male students only)  
All male U.S. citizens and male immigrants, who are 18 through 25, are required by law to register with Selective Service.
- ☐ **Income Documentation**  
2017 Tax Return (signed) or 2017 Tax Return Transcript for student and parent(s). Form W-2 and/or signed statement of earnings may be provided in lieu of Tax Return or Transcript if taxes were not filed.

### Check all that apply:

- ☐ I have submitted a TTU University Scholarship Application and I am submitting the TASFA as a requirement for consideration.
- ☐ I have been approved for the College Access Loan (CAL) and I am submitting the TASFA as a requirement to process my loan.
- ☐ I am transferring to TTU and received Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) or Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success Grant (TEXAS Grant) at my previous institution.

# Process

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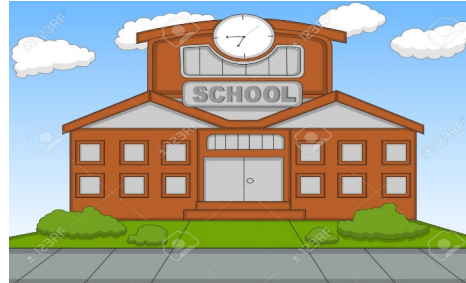
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**STEP ONE: STUDENT INFORMATION (See Notes for questions 1-4)**

1. Last Name	2. First Name	3. Middle Name
4. Date of Birth	5. Social Security Number or DACA # or Not Applicable	6. College Student ID #
7. Permanent Mailing Address	8. City	9. State
10. Zip Code	11. Phone Number	12. Email Address
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Complete TASFA



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



Financial aid office awards students only Texas funding and institutional funds.



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

# What if I'm not TASFA or FAFSA?

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- 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 recourses.
    - 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

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**FAFSA**  
**TAFSA**

# Question 1

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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.