Financial Aid Fort Bend ISD

FAFSA | Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The FAFSA is the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid and provides grants, student loans, and work-study funds each year to assist with paying for a two- or four-year college/university.

Who is eligible for Federal Aid?

- U.S. Citizen or U.S. national
- Eligible noncitizen (permanent resident: I-551 or I-551C, certain I-94 individuals)
- Have a valid Social Security number
- T - 1 nonimmigrant status

What will student need to complete the FAFSA:

- Social Security number (US Citizens)
- Parents' social security number if student is considered Dependent Alien
- Registration Number (Permanent Residents)
- Federal Tax information or tax returns - 2024 tax returns, including W-2
- Record of untaxed income (child support, interest income, veterans noneducation benefits - both student and parents)
- Savings, cash, checking account balances (both student and parents)
- List of schools you are interested in attending
  - Applying to college or think you MAY apply for a specific college, list it on your FAFSA form.
  - You can complete the FAFSA before submitting a college application!
  - You may list up to 20 colleges on your FAFSA; each school will automatically receive your FAFSA results electronically.

FAFSA Filing Options:

- You may submit the application online through the www.fafsa.ed.gov website
- Download the myStudentAid mobile app available through the App Store or Google Play
- Complete 2026-2027 FAFSA PDF (note: must be printed and mailed for processing)

TASFA | Texas Application for State Financial Aid

The TASFA is the Texas Application for State financial aid and is used to determine financial aid eligibility for students who are classified as a Texas resident but are NOT eligible to complete the FAFSA. TASFA opens October 1, 2025.

Who is eligible to Apply for TASFA?

- Non-U.S. Citizen, Undocumented
- Attend a Texas high school for 36 consecutive months and graduate from a Texas high school
- Plans to attend a college / university in Texas
- Sign an Affidavit of Intent to become a permanent resident. Must be notarized

What will you need to complete the TASFA?

- Student and Parents W2
- Student and Parent Tax Return
- Verification Worksheet provided by the college/university. You may need to contact the college financial aid office.
- Notarized Affidavit of Intent to become a permanent resident.

How do I submit the TASFA?

- Complete the TASFA application.
- Paper form (English and Spanish): collegeforalltexans.com
- Print a copy of your completed TASFA and sign
- Complete and Submit Online form (English only): Online TASFA
- Mail necessary items to the college/university where you have applied or plan to apply. Must mail 2026-2027 TASFA Application
- Copies of W-2
- 2024 Tax Return
- Selective Service Card (Males only) www.sss.gov
- Notarized and signed Affidavit of Intent

Steps to Complete FAFSA Application

Step1: Apply for your FSAID - Allow three business days
https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch

The FSA ID is a username and password used to complete the FAFSA each year. The FSA ID is your legal signature to "sign" your FAFSA. Enter your name and social security number EXACTLY as they appear on your Social Security Card.
If you are determined a Dependent student, at least **ONE** of your parents will need an FSA ID to complete the parent part. You will have your FSA ID, and your contributors will have their own FSA ID.

Step 2: Complete your online FAFSA application
Login to your FSA account. Click FAFSA Form from the menu, and select Complete the FAFSA Form.
https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa?field_directory_admissions_couns_value=LA

Need further assistance with the FAFSA? Visit the link for help:
https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out

Class of 2026 will complete the 2026-2027 FAFSA application which opens October 1, 2025. Please complete the FAFSA before the Texas priority deadline of January 15, 2026.

Step 3: Review your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) & Student Aid Index (SAI)
Once you have completed the FAFSA, you will be notified by email within 3-5 business days with your FAFSA Submission Summary. You may review it through the Federal Student Aid website. The FSS will be sent to each college that you listed on your FAFSA. It will also include your Student Aid Index (formerly called Expected Family Contribution/EFC). Please review for any errors. If corrections need to be made, please log in using your FSA ID.

Step 4: Submit additional items to Financial Aid Office (ONLY if requested)
You may be selected for verification and may need to provide additional documentation to your college. Provide the requested information to the financial aid office. You will be notified by email if your file is incomplete.

Step 5: Submit FAFSA Completion to your High School
(State of Texas High School Graduation Requirement)
The State of Texas requires all seniors to complete the FAFSA as a graduation requirement. Submit your verification in SchooLinks on your College Financing page.
Acceptable verification: Screenshot of your completion email. Must show your name, confirmation date, and confirmation number. Please complete this process as soon as you receive your FSS. For more information, reach out to your CCR Advisor.

Step 6: Continue to Check Status
Continue to apply for college after completing the FAFSA. Students must be fully admitted to Colleges/Universities before receiving financial aid.

Step 7: Accept Aid Offers
Once you have been fully admitted to a college/university, you will receive notification of federal funds from the college's financial aid office. The notification will include your Financial Aid package. This can be viewed on your student portal for each college. For more information regarding your Financial Aid package, please reach out to the college financial aid office directly.

Resources

Student facing SchooLinks video
(*showing how to upload FAFSA completion*)
FBISD Financial Aid Presentation
December 6, 2023
SchooLinks Submission Options
for Texas Graduation Requirement
Financial Aid Opt Out Form
English version
Financial Aid Opt Out Form
Spanish version

FAFSA Terms to know:

Student Aid Index (SAI) - replaces EFC; will determine student aid eligibility.
Contributor - a parent, step-parent, student, or spouse of the student who is providing information to the FAFSA
Consent - Required from all contributors in order for the IRS to share tax data directly to the FAFSA.
Direct Data Exchange (DDX) - previously known as IRS Data Retrieval; imports tax data directly from the IRS to your FAFSA
FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) - a summary of your completed FAFSA information. This replaces the Student Aid Report (SAR) used in previous years

Questions?
Please contact your CCR Advisor or the Financial Aid office of the college/university you are applying to.