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
- Have a valid Social Security number
- U.S. Permanent Resident with a Form I-551; Permanent Residents Card ("Green Card")
- T 1 nonimmigrant status

What you will need to complete the FAFSA:

- **2023-2024** FAFSA Application
- Social Security Number (U.S. Citizens)
- Alien Registration Number (Permanent Residents)
- Federal Tax information or tax returns 2021 tax returns
- Record of untaxed income
- Savings, cash, checking account balances
- Investments other than your home you live in
- 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.
 - o You can complete the FAFSA before submitting a college application!
 - You may list up to 10 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
- Complete 2023-2024 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.

Who is Eligible to Apply for TASFA?

- Non-U.S. Citizens, Undocumented
- Attended 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 you will need to complete the TASFA?

- Parents W2
- 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.
 - o collegeforalltexans.com
 - \circ Print off a copy of the TASFA.
- Mail necessary items to the college/university where you have applied or plan to apply.
 - Must mail 2023–2024 TAFA Application
 - ∘ Copies of W-2
 - o 2020 Tax Return
 - Selective Service Card (Males only) www.sss.gov
 - o Notarized and signed Affidavit of Intent

Steps to Complete FAFSA Application

Step 1: Apply for your FSA ID

https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing

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. If you are providing information about your parents on the FAFSA form, **ONE** of your parents will need an FSA ID to sign the FAFSA form as well. You will have your FSA ID and your parent will have their own FSA ID.

Step 2: Complete your online FAFSA application (2023-2024)

https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

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

The 2023-2024 FAFSA application opens on **October 1**. Please complete the FAFSA before the **priority deadline of January 15**.

Step 3: Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) & Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)

Once you have completed the FAFSA, you will be notified by email within 3–5 business days with your Student Aid Report. You may review through the Federal Student Aid website. The SAR will be sent to each college that you listed on your FAFSA. It will also include your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please review for any errors. If corrections need to be made, please login 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 the the financial aid office. You will be notified by email if your file is incomplete.

Step 5: Submit Dulles HS FAFSA Completion Form & Upload Documentation (Graduation Requirement)

State of Texas requires all seniors to complete the FAFSA as a graduation requirement. Your school will have an online Microsoft Form to complete for verification. You will need to **submit a copy of your Student Aid Report on the online form**. Please complete as soon as your receive your SAR. For more information, please reach out to your CCRA.

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 by the colleges financial aid office. The notification will include your Financial Aid package. This can be view on your student portal for each college. For more information regarding your Financial Aid Package, please reach out to the colleges financial aid office directly.

<u>Choosing to Opt-Out?</u> Please visit your College and Career Advisor for an opt-out form.

Questions?

Please contact your College and Career Advisor or the Financial Aid office of the college/university you are applying to.