

FINANCIAL AID REQUIREMENT

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0256, beginning with students enrolled in 12th grade during the 2021-2022 school year, each student must do one of the following in order to graduate:

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)
- Submit a signed opt-out form

FAFSA

- Opens October 1st and is completely free
- Go to studentaid.gov
- Complete application with parent or guardian
- Select Community High School as high school attended
- Verify with counselor that FAFSA is complete (email or in person)

TAFSA

- For students who do not qualify for FAFSA (non-citizens classified as Texas residents)
- Traditional due date: January 15, 2022
- Apply through higher institution's financial aid office (application below or check with Financial Aid office for online application)
- Complete application with parent or guardian
- Verify with counselor that TAFSA is complete (email or in person)

OPT OUT

A student may opt out of the financial aid application graduation requirement if:

- a parent or guardian submits a signed form
- the student is 18 years of age or older and submits a signed form
- a school counselor authorizes the student to decline to complete and submit the application for good cause.

[Pick-up and turn in form to counseling office](#)

Sources: [TEA Law Code Link](#) : [FAFSA Link](#) : [TASFA Link \(Eng\)](#) : [TASFA Link \(Span\)](#) : [Opt Out \(Eng\)](#) : [Opt Out \(Span\)](#) : [Help Link](#)