

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0256, each student in 12th grade must do one of the following to graduate:

FAFSA

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs. This includes grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans. Some colleges may require this for their own scholarships and financial aid offers.

Eligibility:

- be a U.S. citizen
- have a valid Social Security Number
- be a U.S. national, U.S. permanent resident, or an individual who has an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the USCIS
- have a T-1 visa

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

TASFA

Students who are classified by the institution as a [Texas Resident](#) who cannot apply for federal financial aid, using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), are encouraged to complete the TASFA. To see if you qualify for the FAFSA, please visit www.studentaid.gov. You can also use the TASFA Decision form to see if you should fill out the FAFSA instead.

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/students-families/tasfa/tasfa-decision/>

Do not complete both the FAFSA and TASFA

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Opt-Out

Students who are not applying for financial aid or will not complete either the FAFSA or TASFA will turn in the Opt-out form.

Students who turn in an Opt-out form can still complete a FAFSA or TASFA application at a later time.

DOCUMENTING COMPLETION

Seniors must provide documentation to show they have completed this graduation requirement.

FAFSA - 1. The confirmation screen that appears when they submit the application **OR** 2. The confirmation email that is sent to them after they submit their application.

TASFA – Speak to Ms. Cassidy in the counseling office.

Opt-out form – Forms are to be turned in to the counseling office.

Use the QR code to fill out the Google form after you submit your application.

