Financial Aid Application Opt-Out Form

Financial aid applications inform postsecondary institutions' decisions about student eligibility for federal, state, and institutional funds. Financial aid awards can help students pay for their educational expenses after high school.

Each high school senior in a Texas public school district or open enrollment charter school must complete and submit a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) or a Texas application for state financial aid (TASFA) as a state requirement for graduation. Texas Education Code §28.0256 allows a student to opt out of the financial aid application graduation requirement by submitting a signed form that authorizes the parent or student to decline.

To authorize a student to opt out of the financial aid application graduation requirement, the Financial Aid Application Opt-Out Form must be signed by parent and student or in a special circumstance, your school counselor.

OPTION I: A student and the student's parent or guardian.

OPTION II: A school counselor, for good cause as determined by the school counselor and the student.

Student Printed Name:	**Date of Birth:**
District/Charter School:	**Campus:**

Submitting a Financial Aid Application Opt-Out Form does not prohibit a student from completing and submitting a financial aid application at any time in the future.

OPTION I: STUDENT AUTHORIZATION AND PARENT AUTHORIZATION

Student Signature	**Date:**
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:	**Date:**
Parent/Legal Guardian Print Name:	

OPTION II: COUNSELOR AUTHORIZATION

My signature below certifies that reasonable efforts to fulfill obligations to the student have been made, but for good cause, I have authorized the student to decline to complete and submit the financial aid application.

School Counselor Signature:	**Date:**
School Counselor Printed Name:	

With my counselor's authorization, I decline to complete and submit a financial aid application.

Student Signature:	**Date:**