

San Jacinto College Financial Aid



Topics Covered

- Financial Aid Options at San Jac
- Which Application to Submit
- FAFSA Changes & Preparations
- TASFA Preparation
- Things To Know
- Outreach & Campus Contact Information



Types of Financial Aid

Financial aid is money used to help pay for college which helps makes college more affordable.

Types of aid:

- Free Money (do not repay)
 - Scholarships
 - Grants
- Work for money
 - Work-study
- Loans (must repay)



Source of Financial Aid

Federal Government

State Government

College (Institutional Aid)

Private/Third-Party Sources

Each institution has their own guidelines with some overlap.



- No payment is required to apply
- Scholarships may have specific requirements to be eligible
- Some scholarships are essay free

Department Scholarships

The different academic departments at San Jac offer their own scholarships. Current and incoming students are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Search scholarship opportunities

Fall application cycle: February 15 - July 30

Fall priority deadline: April 15

Spring application cycle: September 1 - October 30

Last Step Scholarship

Did you have to put your education on hold? You may be eligible for the Last Step Scholarship. This covers tuition, books, and materials, so you can take that last step to finish your education.

Private Scholarships

You are able to receive scholarships from private companies, people, organizations, and more. Find a list of resources to help you search for scholarships.

Already have a scholarship award? Get more information on what your donor needs to do next for us to process the scholarship.

Federal Grant Programs

Pell Grant

- Applied toward educational expenses
- Awarded based on financial need determined from FAFSA/TASFA
- Must be enrolled & making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Disbursement based on enrollment intensity
- Maximum award is \$3,697/semester for 2025-26 aid year

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

- Offered to students with extreme financial need determined by FAFSA/TASFA
- Must be enrolled and making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Award is a set dollar amount for all students
- Maximum award is \$500/semester

State Grants

Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Initiative (TEOGI)

- Texas resident
- Registered with Selective Service
- Must show financial need determined by FAFSA/TASFA
- Must be enrolled in at least 6-hours
- Must be enrolled at an eligible 2-year institution
- Must have attempted **less than 30 semester hours**
- Have not earned an associates or bachelor degree
- Must not have convicted of a felony or crime of substance abuse
- Funds are limited with maximum award of \$2,886/semester

Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG)

- Texas resident, non-resident or foreign student
- Registered with Selective Service
- Must show financial need determined by FAFSA/TASFA
- Funds are limited with maximum award of \$500/semester

What is Work-Study?

- Part-time employment for students with financial need determined by the FAFSA or TASFA
- Allows students to earn money for educational expenses
- Encourages work related to student's course of study and development of transferable skills

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be enrolled in at least 6-hours for state aid and 3-hours for federal aid
- Must have financial need determined by the FAFSA or TASFA
- Must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Meet with Financial Office, if interested

Student & Parent Loan Info

Direct Loans - current interest rate 6.39%

- Direct Subsidized (Need Based)
 - Interest covered by the government while enrolled in at least 6-hours
 - Allowed 6 months grace period before loan repayment is due

Direct Unsubsidized – current interest rate 6.39%

- Interest accrues as soon as loan is disbursed
- Interest continues to accumulate if there is a balance owed
- Allowed 6 months grace period before loan repayment is due

Direct Parent PLUS Loans - current interest rate is 8.94%

- Option for Parents to assist student with educational expenses
- Credit check required for parent applying

Note: Repayment period begins the day after 6-month grace period ends.

- Applications used to determine eligibility of financial aid
- Only 1 application should be submitted every year
EXAMPLE: One application is good for 3 semesters, Fall, Spring and Summer

| Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for: | Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) for: |
|--|--|
| Citizens Eligible Non-Citizens Permanent Residents | Dual Credit Students Undocumented Students Foreign Students Continuing Professional Development (CPD) |

FAFSA Preparation and Process

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

FAFSA Simplification Act

Symbolizes an important modification of the processes and structures utilized for federal student aid beginning in the 2024–2025 award year.

Major Changes:

- Streamlined FAFSA form by reducing number of questions
- Student's family size is more aligned with information reported on tax returns
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is replaced with the Student Aid Index (SAI)
- Expanded access to Pell Grant eligibility for more students
- Less complicated Professional Judgement process (i.e., Special & Unusual Circumstances)

<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/article/fafsa-simplification-act>

2026-27 FAFSA CHANGES

- Direct Data Exchange allows for an individual's Federal Tax Information (FTI) to be directly transferred from the IRS to the FAFSA
- IRS transfers information to populate FAFSA income questions eliminates the need for manual entries and errors
- Consent is required by ALL Contributors on FAFSA (Student, Parent(s)/Stepparent(s), and/or Spouse)
- FSA ID



[What's Changed for the 2024-25 FAFSA® Form? - YouTube](#)

FAFSA Contributors

Contributor refers to anyone who is required to provide information, consent and approval, and a signature on the FAFSA form .

- Student
- Student's spouse
- Biological or adoptive parent
- Stepparent

Contributors are determined by:

- Dependency status
- Tax filing status
- Marital status



[Who Is a Contributor on the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form?](#)

If consent and approval are not provided by all Contributors, student's aid will not be calculated and the student will not be eligible for federal student aid.

Create FSA ID

Create separate Username and Password for each Contributor

- Student
- Student's spouse
- Biological or adoptive parent
- Stepparent

Parent(s) will use same FSA ID in multiple situations:

- Parent of multiple Dependents
- Parent is a Student
- Spouse of a Student

As of 2024-25 FAFSA, everyone must have FSA ID to complete the FAFSA

- Contributors with and without a social security number
- Only the owner creates the FSA ID
- Contributors without social security number (SSN) will manually enter financial information



[How to Create an Account and Username \(FSA ID\)](#)

Documents Needed for 2026-27 FAFSA

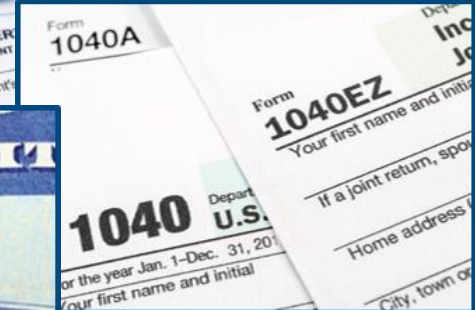
Documents

- Social Security Card
- 2024- 1040 Tax Return (if worked/filed)
- 2024 - Wage and Income (W-2) (if worked/filed)

*Documents not acceptable

- Work authorization or permit
- Visas from other countries
- ITIN

* Parents will need documents, if applicable



Federal Student Aid – FAFSA Documents

Dependent vs. Independent

Parent information is needed for every student considered a Dependent unless there is an Unusual or Special Circumstance.

Speak with a Financial Aid Administrator for further information, if Parent information is unavailable.

| Dependent Students - will report parent and student information on FAFSA/TASFA | Independent Students - will report their own information (and spouses if they're married) on FAFSA/TASFA |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under 24 years of age• No children that they support 51% or more• Not married | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24 years of age or older• Have children that they support 51% or more• Married |

Federal Student Aid - Dependency Status

Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)

Who should complete the TASFA?

| Dual Credit | Undocumented | Foreign | Continuing Education |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <p>High school students enrolled in college credit courses</p> | <p>Students who graduated from a Texas high school</p> <p>Lived in Texas 36 months prior to high school graduation</p> <p>Seeking permanent residency</p> | <p>Full time student living in Texas on a Student Visa</p> <p>Denoted as F-1 status</p> | <p>Formal instruction and skills</p> |

Application documents 2026-27:

- TAFSA Cover Page & TASFA
- 2024 - 1040 Tax Return (if worked/filed)
- 2024 - Wage and Income (W-2) (if worked/filed)
- ITIN number will be needed, if applicable

Available in English and Spanish

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/empowering-our-students/tasfa/>

The Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is a **free** application that collects information to help determine eligibility for state (or institutional) financial aid programs administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas.

Students classified as Texas residents who are not eligible to apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. To review the FAFSA filing requirements, visit studentaid.gov or contact the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend for the 2025-26 award year. The federal application covers federal and state financial aid opportunities. If you meet the FAFSA filing requirements, then you should submit a completed FAFSA.

DO NOT COMPLETE BOTH THE FAFSA AND TASFA.

The 2025-26 state financial aid priority application deadline for many institutions of higher education is **February 15, 2025**. It is important to complete and submit this application with all required documentation to the financial aid office **on or before February 15** to be considered for the most financial aid possible.

To complete this application, answer each item within each applicable section. If a question does not apply to you, answer N/A for not applicable. For clarification on certain items, refer to the **TASFA Notes on pages 7-12**. If you have further questions about this form, contact the financial aid office at your institution. More information on the TASFA can be found at <https://www.highered.texas.gov/students-families/tasfa/>.

Note: Personal information collected on the TASFA is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

| SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| DEMOGRAPHICS | | | |
| 1. Last Name | | 2. First Name | 3. Middle Initial |
| 4. Date of Birth | 5. What is your Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | | |
| 6. Your permanent mailing address number and street (include apt. number) | | | |
| 7. City | 8. State | 9. ZIP Code | 10. Phone Number |
| 11. Your Email Address | | | |
| EDUCATION DETAILS | | | |
| 12. What will your high school (HS) completion status be when you begin college in the 2025-26 school year? | | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeschooled (Skip to question 14) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Equivalency Certificate (i.e., GED, HiSET, etc.) (Skip to questions 13c & 13d) | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these (Skip to question 14) |
| 13a. High School Name (If applicable) | | | |
| 13b. High School City (If applicable) | | 13c. HS State (If applicable) | 13d. HS ZIP code (If applicable) |
| 14. Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2025-26 school year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| SELECTIVE SERVICE STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION STATUS | | | |
| An individual born male must complete the Selective Service Statement of Registration Status below, in accordance with Texas Education Code, Title 3, Section 51.9095. For more information on Selective Service registration, visit sss.gov . | | | |
| 15. Were you born male or female? <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | | |
| 16. Please mark one option below: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was born female and not required to register. | <input type="checkbox"/> I was born male and am EXEMPT from registration because: (please briefly explain why you are exempt in the box below.) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was born male and am under the age of 18, and not currently required to register. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was born male and am REGISTERED with the Selective Service. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was born male and am over age 18. I am not registered with the Selective Service, and I am not exempt. | | | |

Things Students Should Know...

Common Errors

- Trying to create an FSA ID using **personal email and phone number** that has previously been claimed. This will delay being able to submit the FAFSA
- Omitting or not inputting Parent information on FAFSA/TASFA when Parent(s) lives out of state/country.
- Input a name that is different than the name on the social security card (be consistent with long, multiple or hyphenated names). Name must be the same.
- Inputting the wrong Parent(s)/Stepparent information on the FAFSA/TASFA. The correct Contributor is the one who provided most of the support for student.
- Not clear on Parent's marital status (EX. Are parents Married, Separated, or Divorced).
- Omitting or not inputting Student's social security number on the admissions application. This will delay processing financial aid.

FAFSA/TASFA submission Myths

Omit parent information only because the student pays part of most of their bills or is 18 years old. Dependency status is clarified in an earlier slide (#16), but can also be explained by speaking with Financial Aid. You can schedule an appointment [Here](#)

Taking on filing the FAFSA or TASFA is all there is to it. Follow up with Financial Aid Services to make sure your help is in place. You can schedule an appointment [Here](#)

Assuming no aid will be available if the FAFSA or TASFA is filed after the deadline. Financial aid may still be awarded, but it may not be in effect before the payment deadline. You can schedule an appointment [Here](#)

Assuming missing parent information means no financial aid is available. It is recommended that you speak to the Financial Aid Service for clarification on [Unusual or Special Circumstances situations](#). You can schedule an appointment [Here](#)

*Conditions may apply. Check with financial aid for more details.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Checkpoints implemented to ensure students are progressing toward program completion as a requirement for financial aid.

Minimum requirements:

- GPA 2.0 (Grade Point Average)
- Completion rate of 67% or higher for all hours attempted
 - Dual Credit: Dual credit hours are included
 - Transfer hours are included
- Maximum time frame component (150% of hours needed to complete program/degree)
 - SJC certification programs vary depending on the length of the program
 - SJC Two-year college 90 hours.
 - SJC Four-year college 180 hours.

Check SAP Status in SOS

Students - Financial Aid



Financial Aid Dashboard

Award offer, award history, college financing plan, etc.

Financial Aid

Award Year: Aid Year 2018 - 2019

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SAP Status ⓘ

| Effective Term | SAP Status |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Spring Semester 2023-Credit | Suspension-Max Hrs Attempted |
| Summer Semester 2019-Credit | Suspension-Max Hrs Attempted |
| Summer Semester 2018-Credit | Suspension-Max Hrs Attempted |
| Spring Semester 2018-Credit | Suspension-Max Hrs Attempted |
| Fall Semester 2017-Credit | Suspension-Max Hrs Attempted |
| Summer Semester 2017-Credit | Making Satisfactory Progress |

Campus Financial Aid Outreach

Central Campus
Natalia Mendez

[N. Mendez Flowcode](#)

North Campus
Paola Martinez

[P. Martinez Flowcode](#)

South Campus
Margarita Lerma

[M. Lerma Flowcode](#)

STEM Programs
Francis Torres

[F. Torres Flowcode](#)

Campus Contact Information

| Central Campus | Generation Park | North Campus | South Campus |
|---|--|--|--|
| Building 27, Room C-27.1307 281-998-6150 | Building 2, Room G-2.101 281-998-6150 | Building 6, Room S-6.150 281-998-6150 | Building 6, Room S-6.180 281-998-6150 |
| Fall/Spring Hours | Fall/Spring Hours | Fall/Spring Hours | Fall/Spring Hours |
| Mon-Thurs: 8:00am - 6pm Fri: 8am – 12pm | Mon-Wed: 8:00am - 5pm Thurs: 8:00am-6pm Fri: 8am – 12pm | Mon-Thurs: 8:00am - 6pm Fri: 8am – 12pm | Mon-Thurs: 8:00am - 6pm Fri: 8am – 12pm |
| Summer Hours | Summer Hours | Summer Hours | Summer Hours |
| Mon-Thurs: 7:30am - 6pm Fri: 8am – 12pm | Mon-Thurs: 7:30am - 5:30pm Thurs: 7:30am - 6pm Fri: 8am – 12pm | Mon-Thurs: 7:30am - 6pm Fri: 8am – 12pm | Mon-Thurs: 7:30am - 6pm Fri: 8am – 12pm |

An appointment can be scheduled [Here](#)

Questions?



Next Events

NEED HELP WITH COMPLETING FAFSA/TASFA?



IN PERSON

WHEN:

OCTOBER 16, 2025
3 - 6 PM

NOVEMBER 12, 2025
3 - 6 PM

DECEMBER 17, 2025
3 - 6 PM

WHERE:

STUDENT SERVICES
COMPUTER LAB

CENTRAL C27.1702
NORTH N6.104
SOUTH S6.150

VIRTUAL

NOVEMBER 20, 2025
4:30 - 6 PM



[Register here](#)

Recommended Documents:

- Social Security Cards
- 2023 Tax Returns and W2s
- FSA ID for student and parent
- School Code 003609