

# FINANCIAL AID 2026-2027

## INTRODUCTION

This guide presents an overview of the federal financial aid process, which has been streamlined in recent years. To qualify for any federal aid [grant or loan], families must complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, any time after October 1 of the student's senior year in high school. The Texas priority deadline for submission is January 15, 2026.

Due to the volatility of the federal budget, some of the information we offer here may change. Please stay in touch with your high school counselor and the financial aid officer at a college in which you are interested throughout this process.

This guide is arranged in the following format:

- Overview of Financial Aid
- Submitting the FAFSA
- Tips on Completing the FAFSA
- Resources, Terms, Comparing Financial Aid Awards

In addition, there is an addendum for Texas residents about the state TASFA Program and other state financial aid information.

## OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL AID

A student's financial need is determined by the following equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & \text{Cost of Attendance} & \\ - & \text{SAI [Student Aid Index]} & \\ - & \text{OFA [Other Financial Assistance]} & \\ = & \text{Financial Need} & \end{array}$$

The Cost of Attendance is the total amount it will cost a family for a student to go to college for an academic year (varies by school). It takes into consideration tuition and fees, room and board, books, supplies, transportation, childcare, costs associated with a disability, and miscellaneous expenses. The college sets this figure. The Student Aid Index is an index determined by formulas established by Congress and the individual college that indicate how much of a family's financial resources should be available to help pay for school.

After the FAFSA has been totally completed and submitted with identifying, demographic, and financial information that the student and parent[s] provide, the financial aid administrator at each college entered in the application receives the FAFSA results and creates a financial aid package [or award] for each student. Using available resources, the aid administrator gives each student the best possible combination of *gift aid* (scholarship and grant monies which do not have to be repaid) and *self-help* (loans and work study programs) monies to meet the student's need. These monies may be from federal, state, and campus sources and may differ depending on admission date. (Scholarships may not be available after the college admission priority deadline). Financial aid offers are sent only after the student is admitted.

Students are typically given a timeframe in which to respond to each school's offer. Colleges and universities try to mail their award letters in a timely fashion, so that families can consider the actual cost of attendance before students have to choose their college.

The best contact person each family has while applying for financial aid is the financial aid officer at each college in which a student is interested. They are the experts; reach out to them for information and support.

## FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

While the list here does not represent an exhaustive list of all federal financial aid programs, we have highlighted those programs most popular with our families. Students and parents demonstrate eligibility for these programs by completing the FAFSA.

**FEDERAL PELL GRANT:** A federal program, which awards a set amount to families with exceptional needs. Key eligibility changes for 2026-2027 include the Student Aid Index (SAI) calculation, which will now exclude family-owned businesses and farms, and a new threshold for Pell eligibility based on a maximum SAI of \$14,790. The 2026-27 maximum Pell Grant amount has not been finalized but could be around \$5,710, a significant decrease from the 2025-26 award of \$7,395, due to potential cuts in the U.S. Department of Education's budget and changes from the One Big Beautiful Bill that will impact eligibility and calculations for the 2026-2027 academic year. You will need to check [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) for official updates on the maximum Pell Grant amount and its calculation methods in early 2026.

**FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG):** Undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need and who haven't earned a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree.

**FEDERAL DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOAN:** A need-based, low-interest loan program. There is a fixed interest rate of 6.39% for loans disbursed between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026. Interest rates may change for the 2026–2027 school year. For the 2026-27 school year, the maximum annual subsidized loan amount for undergraduate students will depend on their year in school and dependency status, but the annual limits will remain the same as previous years.

Maximum annual loan amounts\* are:

Freshmen	\$3,500
Sophomore	\$4,500
Juniors, Seniors (per year)	\$5,500
Subsequent Undergrad Years	\$5,500

\*In addition, students may borrow an additional \$2,000 for each grade level as an unsubsidized loan. [See below for information on these loans.] These limits apply to a combination of both subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans. Maximum total debt from Stafford loans for an undergraduate degree is \$31,000 [but only \$23,000 can be in subsidized loans.]

With a subsidized loan, the government pays the interest on the student's behalf while the student is in school and during any authorized deferment periods. Students repay the Federal Subsidized Loan back over a period of 10 to 25 years monthly.

Students demonstrate eligibility for this program by completing the FAFSA.

**FEDERAL DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN:** A non-need-based, low-interest loan program. Only available to students who are not eligible for a full subsidized Federal Stafford Loan.

The interest rate as of July 1, 2025, is 7.94 % for the life of the loan. Interest rates may change for the 2026-2027 school year. Maximum loan amounts are the same as above for dependent students. Interest begins shortly after funds are disbursed but can be added to the principal balance of the loan. Repayment of the balance begins 6 months after the student leaves school or graduates. Students repay the unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan back over a period of 10 to 25 years monthly.

Students apply for this program by completing a FAFSA to demonstrate ineligibility for a full subsidized Federal Stafford Loan.

More information on subsidized and unsubsidized loans can be found at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>

**FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOAN for PARENTS:** Loan for parents of dependent undergraduate students, not based on financial need. Parents may borrow up to the cost of attendance at the school minus any other financial aid the student receives. The amount a parent may borrow is subject to a credit check. These are conventional loans, with repayment beginning within 60 days; parents have from 10 to 25 years to repay these loans. However,

parents may request a deferment of repayment while their student is in college and repayment begins six months after the student leaves college. During that time, interest accrues on the loan.

The current interest rate is fixed at 8.94% for loans disbursed between July 1, 2025 and June 20, 2026. Interest rates may change for the 2026-20267 school year.

Parents must file a FAFSA to determine if the family is eligible for any other aid. More information on Direct PLUS Loans visit <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus>

**FEDERAL WORK STUDY:** Students work a set number of hours, usually 10-12, each week on campus. The money is either deducted from a student's bill or is paid directly to the student for miscellaneous expenses. The Federal Work-Study Program emphasizes employment in civic education and work related to the course of study whenever possible. The total work-study award depends on application date, level of financial need, and the school's funding level.

## FINANCIAL AID FORMS

All federal and state aid programs utilize the same federal core methodology to determine a family's eligibility for financial aid. Families need to file a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to determine eligibility. Since public universities have only federal dollars to spend, if your child is planning to attend a public university, you need only file the FAFSA.

The federal core methodology does not factor in home equity, medical deductions, or elementary and secondary tuition paid for students other than the aid applicant. Today's financial aid process is very much income-driven; assets do not matter as much as your family's annual income.

A number of private schools still consider the value of the above or additional factors when disbursing campus dollars (any monies directly available from the school itself and not funded from the federal or state governments). Therefore, schools may require families to register with the College Scholarship Service, which is the financial aid division of the College Board to complete the **CSS PROFILE** form. Not all schools require this form, so please call or email the school's admission or financial aid office! CSS Profile registration forms are available through the College Board web page at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>.

Schools may also require families to fill out an **institutional** form (written by the institution) that will provide them with additional information not available on the FAFSA. Please contact the school to secure a form, if necessary.

Check with individual colleges to find their FAFSA filling deadline.

## SUBMITTING THE FAFSA

<https://fafsa.gov>

**Bookmark this website!** This government site contains all the information you need to understand the federal financial process.

**FAFSA** – application for federal, state, and institutional aid available to US citizens, permanent residents, and certain eligible noncitizens

### GET A FEDERAL STUDENT AID [FSA] ID!

This is your FAFSA username and password and is the first step in the financial aid process. Families cannot complete a FAFSA without this ID. Both students and parent[s] need their own unique FSA ID. Log on to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> and follow the prompts to create your account. Students and parents need to provide an email address, cell phone number, a unique username and password, Social Security number, date of birth, and mailing address. After this information is submitted, filers will be asked to verify their email address and cell phone number using Multi-Factor Authorization to verify their identity and receive their secure code.

Each person sharing financial information on the FAFSA is considered a **contributor** and must secure an individual FSA ID. Only one parent in a two-parent household needs a FSA ID [with one exception – see Parent Information below.]

The FSA ID can be used immediately upon its creation; there is no longer a three-day waiting period. Additionally, the FSA ID is a permanent item; there is no need to re-apply for an ID every year, so keep this information in a safe place.

### HOW TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA

Documents needed to complete the form(s) are:

- \* Student and Parent Social Security Number (can be found on Social Security card)
- \* Student's W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- \* 2024 bank statements
- \* 2024 business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records
- \* Student's alien registration card (if not a U.S. citizen).

The FAFSA uses tax information from the prior-prior year, so information from 2024 federal tax returns will be used to calculate eligibility for financial aid for students entering college in fall 2026.

### Direct Data Exchange [FA-DDX]

Today, the FAFSA process connects each filer's federal tax information directly to the federal government using direct data exchange. Every contributor to the FAFSA **must** consent and approve to have their federal tax information transferred directly into the FAFSA form via direct data exchange. If anyone refuses to do so, the student **will not be eligible** for any federal financial aid.

To provide greater security, your federal tax information will not populate into your copy of the FAFSA, but colleges will see all the financial information that has been transferred.

If a parent contributor does not have a Social Security number (SSN), they will need to **manually** enter all their financial information.

There is a more detailed discussion under Parent Information below.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

It is important to note that contributors may only see the information they provide. Students cannot see parental information and parents cannot access student information. Once an individual declares what kind of

contributor they are [student, parent, stepparent], the information requested pertains only to that individual. To avoid potential conflicts, only one family member should be completing the FAFSA at any given time.

We urge students to be the first contributors to the FAFSA. The student section opens with several introductory slides explaining how to complete the form. There is also a lengthy and detailed explanation of the direct data exchange process, and the student is asked to consent and approve the transfer of IRS information to their FAFSA. Students must also submit just the name and email of at least one parent. FAFSA will then generate a random code that is shared with the parent. This code links the student and parent sections. Once parents click on this link, they can begin their section; FAFSA will then send that person an email invitation with instructions on how to complete their portion of the FAFSA.

Next, students are asked demographic information about their state of residence, gender, race, high school, and parental educational background. Students are then asked several questions that determine their dependent or independent status. If students answer “yes” to any of the questions about their marital, military, or parental status as well as any history with foster care, legal guardianship, or homelessness, then they are considered independent. Many high school seniors are dependent because they answer “no” to all the questions; dependent students must provide information about their parent(s). The section below on Parent Information defines which parent(s) need to complete the FAFSA.

Students may list up to 20 colleges to receive information from the FAFSA. Last, students will electronically sign their FAFSA form with another reminder that a parent must complete the FAFSA as well.

## PARENT INFORMATION

Here are some guidelines to clarify which parent[s] needs to complete the FAFSA. There is an excellent discussion about this topic on the [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) website, and a “tool” that helps determine which parent[s] should participate in a student’s FAFSA.

**Simply put, who completes the FAFSA depends in large measure on parental tax information from 2024.** <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents>

Here is a breakdown:

- If there are two adults living together, are legally married and filed their tax return jointly, then only one parent needs to complete the FAFSA. However, the dates of birth for both parents are required.

- If parents are married and they filed their taxes separately, then both parents need to complete the FAFSA. Each parent needs to secure a FSA ID and be a contributor.

- If there are two adults living together but **not** legally married, then only the biological parent provides FAFSA information.

- If both biological parents are living together but are not legally married, then both parents must provide information for the FAFSA.

- If the legal parent is widowed or was never married, answer the questions about that parent.

- If parents are divorced or separated and don’t live together, financial information about the parent providing most of the financial support over the last twelve months is required. In-kind support [such as food, housing, misc.] is considered in that calculation. If each parent provides equal support for the student, then the parent with the greater income and assets completes the FAFSA. If that parent is remarried, then income information about the stepparent is also required.

- If parental status has changed since they filed their 2024 taxes, that change will need to be reflected on the FAFSA. For example, if parents were legally married in 2024 but are no longer married, then the spouse’s income from 2024 will need to be subtracted. The college’s Financial Aid Office can offer assistance.

As they begin the FAFSA, parents receive the same introductory information about the FAFSA as the student. They also must consent and approve to have their federal tax data directly exchanged by the IRS via direct data exchange.

Parents also complete information about demographic items, marital status, finances and family size. “Family size” is defined as the number of people claimed by the parent on their tax return and can be updated if that figure is incorrect.

The FAFSA no longer considers the number of children in college when calculating family need. If a family will have multiple children in college, they should ask the financial aid officer to consider this information when determining your eligibility for aid.

### **FAFSA SUBMISSION SUMMARY**

After filing the FAFSA, filers will receive this summary which will provide an overview of their eligibility for aid and list their SAI, or Student Aid Index. Colleges use this index to help determine a family's financial need and is not the actual dollar amount they will be expected to pay for college.

After receiving the student's FAFSA results, colleges will respond by sending the student a financial aid award letter. This letter will detail each type of financial aid that has been awarded – grant, loan and/or work study – and students will have the ability to accept or decline each type of aid awarded. Students need to sign and return this form in a timely fashion; failure to do so may negatively impact that award!

If, after a family has received an award letter from a college, they wish to appeal the award, the student needs to initiate the appeal process with the financial aid office at that college. Families will be required to submit information about any drastic changes in family income, large unanticipated healthcare costs, or other family factors that affect your ability to pay.

## SUCCESSFUL FAFSA COMPLETION TIPS

Below are some “lessons learned” from Jerry Cebrzynski, a nationally recognized financial aid expert:

- Create the FSA ID ahead of time, one for the student, one for a parent. It can take a few days to “authenticate” these usernames and passwords before being able to use them to complete the FAFSA.
- Students need to complete their section first, and confirm that it has been processed, before the parent contributor completes their section. Parent[s] click on the link in the email invitation to complete the parent section.
- Print or screenshot a copy of the Personal Information page for each contributor. Each contributor must enter this same information **exactly** as entered for each family FAFSA filer. When a student invites a contributor to their FAFSA form, any detail that deviates from the information provided by the student could lead to errors. That’s why we urge students to be the original contributor for the FAFSA process and have the parent(s) copy the personal information exactly as it appears on the student’s form. Seemingly trivial deviations (such as writing “Rd.” instead of “Road” in an address) could cause issues.
- Other helpful hints about completing the FAFSA:
  - Google Chrome browser provides the most consistent performance.
  - Using a tablet device will cause display and interaction issues.
  - The preferred view is desktop and will provide the most consistent experience.
  - Do not use auto-complete to enter any information.
  - A blank space at the end of the email address or the username or password can gum up the works!

**STATE PRIORITY DEADLINE:** January 15 – In Texas, this is the state priority deadline of the current academic year. It is important to complete and submit your application with all required documentation to the financial aid office on or before this date to be considered for the most financial aid possible.

**FEDERAL DEADLINE:** June 30 – The federal filing deadline and absolute last day to send your financial aid application is June 30 of the school year you’re requesting aid.

**TIP: The sooner you apply, the better your chances of getting aid. Money is limited, and colleges can run out of funding.**

## **FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES**

These two websites provide a treasure trove of information about the financial aid process:

<https://studentaid.gov/>

This website is devoted to the entire college search and selection process. In addition to providing excellent information about the financial aid process, this site also includes information on how to select a college and even a savings chart to help families of younger children determine future costs of college attendance. Bookmark this site.

<http://www.finaid.org> The Financial Aid Information Page

Sponsored by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. This page provides links to many services of information about student financial aid. Also included is a “Scholarship Scam Alert”, which is information about scholarship scams and how to avoid them.

## **FINANCIAL AID TERMS TO KNOW**

**CONTRIBUTOR** Each person whose financial information is required to complete the FAFSA is considered a contributor. The student is the main contributor; at least one parent must also be a contributor.

**FAFSA SUBMISSION SUMMARY** [formerly the SAR] The FAFSA Submission Summary received from the federal government informs filers of your eligibility for financial aid and lists your SAI.

**SAI** The Student Aid Index is calculated after submission of the FAFSA. Typically, it takes three to five days for the colleges to receive the FAFSA results with the SAI. This index is what colleges use to determine a family’s financial strength and eligibility for all types of aid. The SAI is not the dollar amount a family will be expected to pay.

**UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES** The government defines unusual circumstances as “scenarios that prevent a student from supplying parent information and may result in a financial aid office overriding the student’s dependency status.”

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES** Special circumstances are defined as “financial situations in which a financial aid administrator may determine that professional judgment is warranted.”

**PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT** Whenever unusual or special circumstances severely impact the family’s ability to pay for college, financial aid directors may exercise professional judgment to assist families. If family income has been severely compromised, or a family has experienced significant *non-discretionary* living expenses, please reach out to the financial aid director at the college to see if they can help. By regulation, colleges must take your special circumstances into consideration. Most colleges are proactive about this.

**DIRECT DATA EXCHANGE** Direct data exchange allows the federal government to access each contributor’s IRS tax information. Each contributor must consent and approve to have federal tax information data transferred directly into the FAFSA.

**VERIFICATION** The process of matching information on financial aid form with other documentation to determine accuracy of information supplied on financial aid form. Because of direct data exchange, there should be far fewer families selected for verification. Most of these are to clarify or confirm identity. Verification is not an IRS tax audit! Breathe...

**NET PRICE CALCULATOR:** Federal law requires every college to provide an online “Net Price Calculator” [NPC] to help families of prospective first-time students estimate their individual net cost of attending a particular college. These NPCs can be found either on a college’s admission or financial aid webpage. The NPC takes into consideration both need and merit aid, so families will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire about their academic and financial histories to give a more focused, individualized estimate of total cost.

The purpose of the Net Price Calculator is to provide an online, college-specific estimator, calculating approximately the average grant/scholarship available to a family like yours. Average student loan and work-study eligibility are also provided. Please note that this estimated award is not a promise, a guarantee, or an actual aid offer.

## COMPARING FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

After college and universities receive the FAFSA Submission Summary, a financial aid award will be mailed to the family. Comparing the awards is very important to determine what the “bottom line” will be at each institution. Follow these general tips to compare your award letters:

- Look for the “bottom line” - your “net cost” to attend each institution. Don’t be dazzled by the amount of money a particular college offers - focus on how the awards affect the costs you must pay. A \$5,000 award may cover your need completely at one school, while a \$10,000 award at another could leave you short.
- Look at the combination of awards in each financial aid package. Your aid offer will probably include a mix of several types and sources of aid - “gift aid” (grants and scholarships that do not have to be repaid) and “self help” (jobs a school offers you so you can earn part of your award and/or loans that must be repaid).
- Finally, look for special conditions or requirements stated in the financial aid package. For example, many institutions require scholarship recipients to maintain a certain grade-point average before their award is renewed. Other institutions may require continued enrollment in an academic program.
- Once you choose a school and have been awarded financial aid, follow the instructions in your award letter. You may be asked to provide more information or select a lender for a student or parent loan. Complete any forms that come with the award letter, sign the letter, and return it by the due date. Be sure to notify other schools that accepted you that you will not attend, so any funds you may have been awarded can be given to students who will attend.
- Don’t forget that, in the end, the best college for your student is the one that fits the best. We caution you not to make cost the only factor that drives your child’s college decision. Just because a particular college will cost you the least doesn’t necessarily mean that it is the best school for your child.

**If you receive financial aid packages from multiple colleges, <https://www.uaspire.org/calculator> can help you see which is the best offer.**

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**Guiding Source:** Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education <https://studentaid.gov/>

## **INFORMATION FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS ONLY**

Source - <https://www.mytexasfuture.org/>

### **STATE OF TEXAS FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**

The Texas Comptroller's office lists a host of scholarship and funding programs for Texas families. Information on programs sponsored by the State of Texas can be found at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/education/msp/funding/aid/state-programs/>.

These include:

#### **Bordering States Waiver**

- [College Access Loans \(CAL\)](#)
- [Good Neighbor Scholarship Program \(GNSP\)](#)
- [License Plate Insignia Scholarship \(LPI\)](#)
- [Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program](#)
- [Texas College Work-Study Program \(TCWSP\)](#)
- [Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program \(TEOG\)](#)
- [Texas Public Education Grant \(TPEG\)](#)
- [Texas Tuition and/or Fee Exemptions](#)
- [Top 10% Rule](#)
- [Toward Excellence, Access & Success \(TEXAS\) Grant Program](#)
- [Tuition Equalization Grant \(TEG\)](#)

**TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD** has a list of federal and state grants and scholarships. In Texas, some colleges offer grants that cover your full tuition and living expenses. Visit their site at <https://www.hhloans.com/types-of-financial-aid/>

**Explore:** [Texas Tuition Guarantee Chart from Trellis Strategies](#) to get more information on Texas 4-year public colleges offering free tuition  
<https://prodtheboccontentsascu1.blob.core.windows.net/txoc-academy/texas-onaourse/CollegeFinances/Tuition%20Guarantee%20Programs.pdf>

**Exemptions and waivers:** In Texas, there are various programs that exempt or waive tuition, fees, and other expenses related to attending college. Exemptions allow special groups of Texas residents or nonresidents to enroll and pay a reduced amount of tuition or fees. Waivers allow special groups of nonresidents to enroll and pay the Texas resident tuition or fee rate. Each program will have its own set of eligibility requirements. Find out more about types of financial aid, exemptions, and waivers by clicking on the + next to exemptions and waivers on this page <https://www.hhloans.com/types-of-financial-aid/>

**TASFA:** [Texas Application for State Financial Aid \(TASFA\)](#) Application for state and institutional aid available to Texas residents who did not complete the FAFSA

**Read more:** [FAFSA vs TASFA](#)

<https://www.mytexasfuture.org/middle-high-school/explore-financial-aid/apply-for-financial-aid/fafsa-vs-tasfa/>

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

Students that do not qualify to complete a FAFSA and meet the following provisions may complete the TASFA to qualify for state and institutional aid.

- Graduate from a public or private high school, or receive a high school equivalency, in Texas; and
- Reside in Texas for at least three years (36 months) leading up to high school graduation or receiving a high school equivalency; and
- Reside in Texas for 12 consecutive months right before the semester the student enrolls in college; and
- Provide the institution with a [\*\*notarized affidavit\*\*](#) stating that the student will submit an application to become a US permanent resident as soon as they are eligible to do so; and  
<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/blank-forms-templates/revised-affidavit-2025/>
- Must be lawfully present in the U.S. to be considered a [\*\*Texas resident\*\*](#)  
<https://www.highered.texas.gov/texas-residency/>

Have the following information available when completing the TASFA to simplify the application process. Not all items will apply to all students and circumstances. Unless otherwise noted, all income information should be from the prior-prior year. For example, if you're applying for financial aid during the 2026–2027 school year, you should use 2024 tax information.

- Personal identification information (individual taxpayer identification number, if applicable)
- Tax and income records (copy of prior-prior year federal tax return, W2s and other wage statements, records of taxable and nontaxable income received)
- Current bank account statements, including records of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other investments

To complete the TASFA, visit [\*\*THECB's TASFA landing page\*\*](#) to submit the application electronically or download the paper version. Although the online TASFA will be sent electronically, you'll still submit other documentation directly to the financial aid office. <https://www.highered.texas.gov/students-families/tasfa/>

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Colleges and universities and individual departments within them have their own set of scholarships that can be merit or need based.

- **merit based aid:** scholarships earned by the student either performance based or talent based
- **need based aid:** scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study awarded using a family's ability to pay

Visit <https://www.texasgearup.com/public/files/Scholarships.pdf> for more information and links to Texas university scholarships.

The CFISD website has a great collection of general scholarships with links to apply.  
[www.cfisd.net/scholarships](http://www.cfisd.net/scholarships)

Scholarship resources, databases, and platforms can be found below.

<https://www.cfisd.net/parents-students01/guidance-counseling/additional-guidance-resources/student-resources/scholarships>

Other search engines:

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

[www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com)

Parents' employers and major corporations are potential sources of scholarships. Ex. - Whataburger, McDonalds, Nike, Coca-Cola, Walmart, Dell, Google, Microsoft, Amazon, Wells Fargo Bank, etc.

Local Scholarships can come from local foundations, elementary schools, local organizations - shared by counselors through Schoology posts and the JVHS counselor website

<https://sites.google.com/view/jvhscounseling/home?pli=1>