# Texas Education Freedom Accounts

In May 2025, the Texas State Legislature passed Senate Bill 2 establishing the Texas Education Freedom Accounts program (TEFA) to give parents the freedom to choose the best path for their children's education. The program will "provide parents of students in non-public Texas schools a publicly funded, government authorized savings account with restricted, but multiple, uses for their children's education." The program is set to begin in early 2026.

The Woodlands Christian Academy is in consultation with the Texas Private School Association (TPSA) and other schools across Texas and the country that operate school choice programs, continuing to learn more about implementing school choice in Texas. We will relay this information to our families as we gather more knowledge.

If you are interested in learning more, you can visit the TPSA website, texasprivateschools.org (https://texasprivateschools.org/families/school-choice/)

The Woodlands Christian Academy plans to accept Texas Education Freedom Account funds for the 2026-2027 school year, serving both current students and those newly admitted.

TWCA will maintain its admissions standards and process. TWCA will have no control over which students or families receive funding. All Texas Education Freedom Accounts funding decisions are made by the state of Texas.

The state of Texas has allocated a limited amount of funds for the 2026-2027 school year. It is likely that not all applicants will receive funding.

Senate Bill 2 (SB2) allows us to maintain total religious freedom and operational autonomy.

## TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT PRIORITIZATION CHART

| Household number | Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) yearly income | 200% of FPG yearly income | 500% of FPG yearly income |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | $15,650 | $31,300 | $78,250 |
| 2 | $21,150 | $42,300 | $133,750 |
| 3 | $26,650 | $53,300 | $133,250 |
| 4 | $32,150 | $64,300 | $160,750 |
| 5 | $37,650 | $75,300 | $188,250 |
| 6 | $43,150 | $83,920 | $215,750 |

# FAQ'S

**What is a Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA)?**

An Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) provides parents of students in non-public Texas schools a publicly funded, government-authorized savings account with restricted, but multiple, uses for their children's education. The TEFA program will be administered on behalf of Odyssey.

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**WILL TWCA ACCEPT TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT DOLLARS?**

Yes. TWCA will accept Texas Education Freedom Account funding for newly accepted and current students.

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**WHO DETERMINES WHICH STUDENTS ARE AWARDED STATE FUNDS?**

All Texas Education Freedom Accounts funding decisions are made by the State of Texas. TWCA does not determine which students or families receive funding and has no role in awarding state funds.

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**IF I RECEIVE STATE FUNDS, AM I GUARANTEED ENROLLMENT?**

No. TWCA's admissions process and the State's funds distribution are separate. TWCA has an admissions process before a prospective student is offered potential enrollment. To learn about TWCA's admission criteria and the application process, please visit https://www.twca.net/admissions

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**IS STATE FUNDING REPLACING NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID?**

Not necessarily. Families who meet the financial aid qualifications may still receive need-based financial aid; however, need-based financial aid and State TEFA funds cannot be stacked. If a student qualifies for TEFA, the TEFA award will replace any TWCA-provided financial aid, rather than being added on top of it.

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