

FAFSA CHECKLIST

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a federal application that will determine a student's eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work-study programs.

Go to fafsa.gov to file your FAFSA online or visit your high school's inspirED GO Center for further help!

APPLICATION OPENS ON
December 1st

PRIORITY DEADLINE IS ON
January 15th

STUDENT

Date of Birth

Social Security Number / Alien Registration Number

Tax Returns, W-2s and other records of money earned

(Note: You will transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA by using the IRS Direct Data Exchange)

FSA ID to sign your application electronically (fafsa.gov)

FSA ID: _____ FSA Password: _____ Email: _____

PARENT

Date of Birth

Social Security Number / Alien Registration Number

Tax Returns, W-2s and other records of money earned

(Note: You will transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA by using the IRS Direct Data Exchange)

Month / Year of Marital Status

Additional Financial Information (if applicable)

Child Support paid or received

Current balances of cash, savings and checking accounts

Net worth of investments, businesses and farms

FSA ID to sign your application electronically (fafsa.gov)

FSA ID: _____ FSA Password: _____ Email: _____

TASFA CHECKLIST

The Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is an application for students who are ineligible for the FAFSA but are Texas residents and attended high school in Texas for at least three years.

Go to highered.texas.gov/tasfa to file your TASFA online or visit your high school's inspirED GO Center for further help!

THINGS TO NOTE:

- Not all colleges or universities accept the TASFA, so make sure your college of choice accepts the TASFA.
- Check with your college to determine if additional documentation will be needed.

APPLICATION OPENS ON
October 1st
PRIORITY DEADLINE IS ON
January 15th

STUDENT

Date of Birth

Tax Returns, W-2s and other records of money earned

THECB ID to sign your application electronically (highered.texas.gov/tasfa)

THECB ID: _____ THECB Password: _____ Email: _____

PARENT

Date of Birth

Tax Returns, W-2s and other records of money earned

Month / Year of Marital Status

Additional Financial Information (if applicable)

Child Support paid or received

Current balances of cash, savings and checking accounts

Net worth of investments, businesses and farms

THECB ID to sign your application electronically (highered.texas.gov/tasfa)

THECB ID: _____ THECB Password: _____ Email: _____

FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

Determine if you need to complete the FAFSA or TASFA.

- Create an FSA ID at fafsa.gov or a THECB account at higherred.texas.gov/tasfa

(Note: FSA ID is ONLY for FAFSA applicants, and THECB accounts are only for TASFA applicants. Parents will need to create an account as well if they have not created one in the past for a sibling.)

Username: _____ Email: _____ Password: _____

- Complete the FAFSA or TASFA using your tax return

- Understand your Award Letter

(Note: If accepting loans, make sure to follow steps from the financial aid office in order to receive those funds.)

Grants: _____

Scholarships: _____

Loans: _____

VERIFICATION (UPON REQUEST)

- Check with your College or University

- W-2
- IRS Form 1040
- Tax Exempt

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

Which colleges and careers are you interested in?

COLLEGES

_____ Applied? Yes No

_____ Applied? Yes No

_____ Applied? Yes No

_____ Applied? Yes No

CAREERS

DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

Official Transcript Submitted? Yes No

Test Scores Submitted? Yes No

Application & Fees Submitted? Yes No

(Note: Check with your counselor to see if you are eligible for a fee waiver.)

OTHER DOCUMENTS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO SUBMIT

- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Resume

TESTING CHECKLIST

ACT

Register and pay for the ACT at www.act.org.
(Note: Check with your counselor to see if you are eligible for a fee waiver.)

Study: academy.act.org

SAT

Register and pay for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org.
(Note: Check with your counselor to see if you are eligible for a fee waiver.)

Study: www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/digital-sat

TSIA2

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA2) determines whether a student is college ready. The test has three sections, writing, reading and math. You can take the TSIA2 at your local community college. Students may be exempt from taking the TSIA2 based on their ACT or SAT test scores.

TSI EXEMPTIONS

Test	Exemption Score
ACT	23 Combined (at least 19 on Math & 19 on English)
SAT	530 on Math & 480 on Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing

For a full list of exemptions, visit tinyurl.com/z468ogv

CAREER EXPLORATION CHECKLIST

Explore different careers and major choices by taking short quizzes to learn about the different options that fit you best!

CAREER & MAJOR EXPLORATION

- www.educationplanner.org/students
- www.educationplanner.org/students/career-planning/find-careers/career-clusters.shtml
- tccd.lightcastcc.com
- xello.world/en/
- bigfuture.collegeboard.org

PERSONALITY EXPLORATION

- www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test
- richardstep.com/dope-personality-type-quiz/dope-bird-4-personality-types-test-questions-online-version/

MILITARY EXPLORATION

- www.todaysmilitary.com

CAREER & MAJOR RESULTS

PERSONALITY RESULTS

MILITARY RESULTS

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