Navigate to https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/empowering-our-students/tasfa/ and scroll down until you see these options on the screen.

To access the Online TASFA, click the login button. If you have not yet created an account, you will be prompted to do so on the next screen.

If you are unsure of which financial aid application to choose, you should use this interactive decision guide.
After you click on Get Started, you will be directed to this screen.

Sign in with your email address and password, if you have previously created a TASFA account.

Click here if this is your first time accessing the TASFA.
If you select to sign up now, you will be prompted to enter your information to create an account.

Use a personal email address that is not your school district-issued email. You should also use an email address that is different from your parents'.

Passwords must be between 14 and 20 characters.

You will be asked to verify your email address before you can move on to the next steps of creating your account.
Once your account is created, log in and start your application.
Select the application that corresponds to the year that you will receive financial aid, not the current academic year.

Click the Start button to begin your application. If you have already started an application, this button will say “Resume”.

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. If you're not sure which application (TASFA or FAFSA) to complete, use the TASFA Decision Tool.

You do not need to complete both the FAFSA and TASFA.

Contact the college you plan to attend to confirm final deadlines since they can vary. Students should apply as soon as possible to maximize their state financial aid options since funding is limited.
Read through the instructions before you begin.

Instructions

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

Gather your W-2s, tax returns, and any other income-related information to complete the TASFA.

If your parent’s information is needed, you will also need these income items for your parent, and your parent will need to review and acknowledge the information entered on your application. To access the TASFA, your parent will need a valid email address that is different than yours. Please refer to the Parent Instructions below for more details.

Note: The Online TASFA is unavailable in Spanish. For information on Spanish options, click on the TASFA en español option in the top left menu.

REQUIRED QUESTIONS:

1. Most questions are **required** to submit your application. Please answer all questions accurately to avoid processing delays at the institution you plan to attend.
2. Items that are **optional**, such as your “College Student ID,” are identified as such in the answer field.
3. You may notice certain questions being skipped in the numbering sequence, which is okay! Certain questions will be displayed or hidden based on your answers.

NAVIGATION AND SAVING:

- Clicking the Save, Next, or Previous buttons will save your answers.
- Do not use your web browser’s BACK or FORWARD buttons since it could cause your data to be removed.

HELP:

Your answers will automatically save as you navigate through the application using these buttons.
In the first section, you will enter information about yourself.

This section includes questions about your demographics, education, and financial information.
Under Education Details, select your high school completion status from the following choices: high school diploma, home schooled, or GED.

If you indicate that you will graduate from a high school in Texas, a search box will appear that will allow you to select your school from a list. If you use the search bar and don't see your school's name, scroll through the list below. Some school names may be abbreviated.
If you select that you were born male, you must indicate your Selective Service 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 51.9085. For more information on Selective Service registration requirements, visit 51.9085.

15) Were you born male or female?  
○ Male  ○ Female

16) Student Selective Service Registration Status  
SELECT

If you select male, an additional question will appear and require that you indicate your Selective Service registration status. You are not required to provide proof of registration.
Pay attention to any warnings that appear in red.

If you leave a required question blank or enter an inappropriate response, warnings will appear to help you enter information correctly.
In the second section, you will answer questions to determine your dependency status, and if you must include parent information on your application.

Questions 44 and 45 will be prepopulated based on the information you provided in the student section.
If you are determined to be a dependent, you will be directed to answer questions about you parents and their finances.

Students that are determined to be independent will not see this section of questions.
In the fourth section, indicate if you or anyone in your household has received benefits from any of these federal programs.

You are not required to provide this information. Answering these questions could help determine if you are eligible for some financial aid options. If you do not wish to answer these questions, select Prefer not to answer.
Follow instructions to calculate your family size.

Count yourself when determining the number of people that will be in college. This number should not be 0.
Select up to 10 colleges per submission that you wish to receive your TASFA. When you select an institution, you will be prompted to select your housing plan, and may enter your college student ID, if you have one.
Review your application and correct any errors that you may have.

If you leave any required fields blank or enter a character that is not permitted in a field, you will be prompted to fix the errors before submitting.

Before you can submit your TASFA, your parent must review and acknowledge the application by using a secure link that they will receive via email.
After parents complete their portion of the TASFA, you will receive an email with instructions to log in, confirm your information, and submit your application.

Once the TASFA is submitted, follow up with each college or university to determine what additional documents may be required.

Click here to confirm the information in your application is correct.

Review the list of colleges or universities that will receive your TASFA.

Click submit.