

FAFSA & TASFA

Information for Seniors

Seniors, beginning with your graduating class of 2022, **completing the FAFSA or TASFA application is a graduation requirement.**



What are FAFSA & TASFA?

FAFSA stands for: **F**ree **A**pplication for **F**ederal **S**tudent **A**id

TASFA stands for: **T**exas **A**pplication for **S**tate **F**inancial **A**id

Which application is right for me?

If you are a U.S. citizen and you have a social security number, you should complete the **FAFSA** application.

If you are not a U.S. citizen and you do not have a social security number but you are a Texas resident, you should complete the **TASFA** application.

When will these applications be available to me?

Both of these applications will be available for the 2022-2023 award year **on October 1, 2021.**

Where can I find these applications?

FAFSA: www.studentaid.gov

TASFA: www.collegeforalltexas.com*

*the **TASFA** application is completed on paper, if you need one please visit the College & Career lab to have one printed for you.



Other Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What if my parents make too much money for me to qualify for grants?

Answer: You still have to complete the FAFSA/TASFA application. Even if you don't qualify for grants, the application also allows for you to be considered for federal work study programs through your college/university.

2. What if I don't plan on going to college?

Answer: Since it is a graduation requirement, you must still complete the FAFSA/TASFA application. Also, you never know what kind of financial aid you may be eligible for.

3. What will I need in order to complete the FAFSA/TASFA application?

Answer: For **FAFSA** you will need documents such as your parents tax records, as well as your social security number. For **TASFA** you will need your parents' tax information but social security numbers are not required to complete the application.

4. Can I complete FAFSA/TASFA without my parent's information?

Answer: This is a tricky one but in most cases, no you cannot. However, there are a few special circumstances when it comes to these applications so if you have a question, please visit the College & Career lab (in the Ranger Center) for guidance.

5. Does my parents' citizenship or immigration status affect whether I will qualify for federal student aid?

Answer: No. In fact, the FAFSA application does not even ask about your parents' status.

