

U.S. citizenship is not a requirement for most of the state programs but being a resident of Texas is. Texas law authorizes persons classified as Texas residents to pay in-state tuition, a rate of tuition that is lower for those classified as nonresidents. Section 54.052 of the Texas Education Code outlines specific provisions for determining whether a student enrolling at a public institution of higher education qualifies for classification as a Texas resident. Section of the Texas Education Code defines the information required to establish Texas resident status for eligibility to pay in-state tuition and to receive state financial aid.

TAFSA students can compete for state funds from the following sources if they meet all of the requirements for each program:

- *Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG)*
- *TEXAS Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)*
- *Some State Exemption programs, in addition to any available institutional aid*
- *College Access Loan (CAL)*

TASFA – What the Financial Aid Office needs from you:

- 2021-2022 Paper TAFSA Application
- 2019 Year IRS Tax Return Transcript or Signed IRS Tax Return for both Parent and Student (if filed).
 - Go to www.irs.gov to have one mailed to your home or call 1-800-908-9946.
 - Individuals who need to file taxes but do not have a Social Security Number should apply for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) using a W-7 Tax Form.
 - If you and/or your parents did not earn enough income to file federal income taxes, you are still required to report earnings on lines 58 and 64 of the TASFA.
- Selective Service Verification - If you are a male between the ages of 18 and 25, you must register with the Selective Service. Attach a copy of the registration acknowledgement card or sign Selective Service Statement.
- Citizenship Documentation (Social Security Card/Work Permit).

TASFA – What the Admissions Office needs from you

- NCTC Application for Admissions.
- Final High School Transcript with Graduation Date or copy of GED.
- NCTC Residency Affidavit (Admissions Office) - Any student who is not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident must sign the affidavit concerning permanent residency.

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