

FAFSA Graduation Requirement

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0256, beginning with students enrolled in **12th grade** during the 2021-2022 school year and thereafter, each student must do one of the following in order to graduate:

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA); or
- Submit a signed opt-out form.

FAFSA Simplification Act, the 2024-25

The Act requires that schools transition from the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to the Student Aid Index (SAI) beginning in the 2024-25 Award Year. The SAI is a number that determines each student's eligibility for certain types of federal student aid

FAFSA will be reduced to just 36 questions from 108, including detailed financial information, and it will be easier to import income data from tax records.

Students and Families

Resource	Delivery Date
Preparing for 2024–25 FAFSA Outreach Campaign A communications campaign, including videos, directed to students and families highlights what they should do to prepare for the new FAFSA form. The campaign also will provide key facts about what to expect from the new FAFSA process, including how to create an FSA ID, features of the 2024–25 FAFSA form, and Federal Pell Grant eligibility.	Summer 2023
Financial Aid Estimator and Preview Tools Online tools for students and families will provide an early estimate of their Student Aid Index and potential eligibility, as well as visual previews of the new FAFSA form.	Summer through Fall 2023
FAFSA Information Updates on StudentAid.gov Ongoing updates to FAFSA information and help resources will be posted to StudentAid.gov.	Summer through Fall 2023
2024–25 FAFSA Available	December 2023

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