




# Financial Aid Checklist

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# 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 [www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa) to file your FAFSA online or visit your high school's inspirED GO Center for further help!

APPLICATION OPENS ON  
**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

PRIORITY DEADLINE IS ON  
**January 15<sup>th</sup>**

## STUDENT

Date of Birth

Social Security Number/Alien Registration Number

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

(Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA by using the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#))

FSA ID to sign your application electronically ([studentaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm](http://studentaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm))

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 may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA by using the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#))

Month/Year of Marital Status

Additional Financial Information (if applicable)

Child Support paid or received

Combat Pay, Worker's Compensation or Disability (excluding SSI)

Veteran's Non-Education Benefits

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# 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.

Remember to **MAIL IN YOUR APPLICATION** to the college or university you wish to attend, so start early!

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## FINANCIAL AID

Printed TASFA application ([bit.ly/Printed-TASFA-App](http://bit.ly/Printed-TASFA-App))

Tax Return, W-2 and any other records of money earned

## DOCUMENTS FOR COLLEGE

Tax Transcript (mailed in with TASFA application; one per school)

You can request your transcript at [www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript)

Notarized SB-1528 Affidavit from college

Proof of Selective Service Registration if male and 18 or older

Visit [www.sss.gov/Home/Registration](http://www.sss.gov/Home/Registration) to check for registration

If you are not 18, you should send the card the day you turn 18

Statement of Student Eligibility from college (college will provide this form)

# FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

Determine if you need to complete the FAFSA or TASFA. **Applications are available on October 1st.**

Create a FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm](https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm)

*A parent will need to create a FSA ID as well if they have not created one in the past for a sibling.*

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the FAFSA or TASFA by using your tax return

*TASFA applicants will print out their application and tax return and mail it to every school they are applying to.*

Understand your Award Letter

*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

- W2
- 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

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## DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

Official Transcript	Submitted?	Yes	No
Test Scores	Submitted?	Yes	No
Application & Fees	Submitted?	Yes	No

## OTHER DOCUMENTS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO SUBMIT:

- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- SAT Subject Tests
- Resume

*Check with your counselor to see if you are eligible for a fee waiver.*

# TESTING CHECKLIST

## ACT

Register and pay for the ACT at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Study at [academy.act.org](http://academy.act.org)  
Check with your counselor to see if you are eligible for a fee waiver.

## SAT

Register and pay for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Study at [www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat)  
Check with your counselor to see if you are eligible for a fee waiver.

## TSI

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

## 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 [bit.ly/TSI-Exempt](http://bit.ly/TSI-Exempt)

# CAREER EXPLORATION CHECKLIST

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

## RESOURCES:

### CAREER & MAJOR EXPLORATION

- [www.educationplanner.org/students/index.shtml](http://www.educationplanner.org/students/index.shtml)
- [www.educationplanner.org/students/career-planning/find-careers/career-clusters.shtml](http://www.educationplanner.org/students/career-planning/find-careers/career-clusters.shtml)
- [tccd.emsicc.com](http://tccd.emsicc.com)
- [xello.world/en/](http://xello.world/en/)

### PERSONALITY EXPLORATION

- [www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test](http://www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test)
- [richardstep.com/dope-personality-type-quiz/dope-bird-4-personality-types-test-questions-online-version/](http://richardstep.com/dope-personality-type-quiz/dope-bird-4-personality-types-test-questions-online-version/)

### MILITARY EXPLORATION

- [www.todaysmilitary.com](http://www.todaysmilitary.com)

## CAREER & MAJOR RESULTS

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## PERSONALITY RESULTS

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## MILITARY RESULTS

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