

Welcome to FY 2019

2018-19 State Program Updates and Reminders

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Program Guidelines

The 2018-19 individual Program Guidelines are now available on the [SFAP Information Webpage](#), under Program Resources. A comprehensive document containing the guidelines for all programs will be available by August 31, 2018.

The guidelines have alert boxes that highlight new rules and processes, including:

- The addition of the selective service statement requirement
- New rules for administering the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP)
- College Access Loan (CAL) Increase Process

Elimination of Grant Reallocations



Beginning in the 2018-19 award year, institutions will have until the close of business on **August 1, 2019** to request grant program funds. The February reallocation process for the three state grant programs will no longer apply.



Electronic Funds Transfer Information

The Electronic Funds Transfer Information (formerly known as Wire Instructions) has been updated to provide clearer guidance on returning funds to the THECB. The document can be found by clicking Online Resources on the SFAP webpage, under "Forms".



Mark Your Calendar

As we begin the 2019 fiscal year, the Office of Student Financial Aid Programs (SFAP) would like to provide institutions with important updates and resources for the 2018-19 academic year. Information for state financial aid programs can be found on the [SFAP Information Webpage](#).



Comptroller Closure Notification

The Texas Comptroller's Office will be closed August 31 – September 4, 2018 in order to process end-of-year closeouts. The THECB will resume processing grant and loan program funds on September 5.

New State Priority Deadline

Beginning with the 2019-20 academic year and all years thereafter, all General Academic Teaching Institutions (GATIs) in Texas **must** publicize and use **January 15** as the state priority deadline. All other public and private/independent institutions are encouraged to use this deadline.



NOTE: The 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) will use **January 15, 2019** as the state priority deadline date.

Contact Information:

Institutions can contact Financial Aid Services on the toll-free line at (844) 792-2640 or [Contact Us](#) (Select the "Financial Aid Question" option in the drop-down selection under **Contact Reason**). As a reminder, the FAS phone line is dedicated to institutional staff only.

Student loan borrowers can contact Borrower Services at (800) 242-3062.

Students and parents can contact the Texas Financial Aid Information Center (TFAIC) at (888) 311-8881 for eligibility questions.

Institutional Calendar 2018-19

The 2018-19 institutional calendar provides important dates associated with state financial aid programs and is now available on the SFAP webpage, under "Stay Connected".



Requesting Funds 2018-19

Institutions participating in the Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS Grant), Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG), and Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG), Educational Aide Exemption (EAE), and Bilingual Education Scholarship programs are encouraged to submit Funds Request Forms and Top Ten Percent (Top 10%) Scholarship Funds Request Files now in order to facilitate processing funds for the new year. Instructions for the funds request processes can be found on the SFAP webpage, under "Program Resources".

ALERT NEW: Beginning fall 2018, institutions participating in the EAE and Bilingual Education Scholarship programs will no longer receive their total allocations at the start of the fall term. Institutions are now required to submit a Funds Request Form (FRF) to receive their EAE and Bilingual Education funds. The FRF and instructions for requesting funds can be found on the SFAP webpage, under "Program Resources".

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