2024-25 Paper Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) Changes

The 2024-25 paper Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is now available, in English and Spanish, on the <u>TASFA webpage</u> and the Student Financial Aid Programs webpage under <u>Program Resources</u>. The Online TASFA will not be available until early 2024.

The following changes were made to the 2024-25 paper TASFA based on recommendations by the Financial Aid Advisory Committee's TASFA Subcommittee and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:

- **Removed** the following questions on untaxed income and additional student/parent information to align with the FAFSA:
 - o Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans.
 - Child support paid.
 - Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.
 - Combat pay or special combat pay.
 - o Earnings from work under a cooperative education program.
 - Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others.
 - Veterans noneducation benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.
 - Other untaxed income not reported such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, and untaxed foreign income not earned from work.
 - Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills).
 - Dislocated worker Student and Parent section.
- Added the following questions:
 - Spouse last and first name (#19 and #20).
 - o Pensions and rollovers Student and Parent section (#39, #41, #90, and #92).
 - Net Profit loss Student and Parent section (#42 and #93).
 - o Foreign earned income exclusion Student and Parent section (#43 and #94).
- Updated the wording for the following questions:
 - o Choices for student and parent marital status (#17 and #57).
 - Choices for student and parent filing status (#26 and #77).
 - Dependent and dependent children in dependency section (#49 and #50).
 - Determining student as an unaccompanied youth as homeless (#54, #55, and #56).
 - Federal benefits received by adding coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP), Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC), and Federal Housing Assistance (#95, #100, and #101).
 - Child Support Assests-Student and Parent section (#33 and #84).
- Created a new section:
 - Federal benefits and household information were moved to a new "Family Information" section now located after the Parent section. Terminology and instructions in this section were updated to align with the FAFSA (#95 through #101).

For questions, please contact Financial Aid Services at 844-792-2640 or submit an online inquiry through <u>CONTACT US</u> (select "Financial Aid Question" as the Contact Reason).