

- TO: Directors of Financial Aid Texas Public and Private/Independent Institutions of Higher Education
- FROM: DeChà Reid Senior Director, Financial Aid Services

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RE: 2023-24 Online Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) - File Layout

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will be launching the new online Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) in October 2022!

Beginning with the financial aid application cycle for academic year 2023-2024 and thereafter, the TASFA will be linked through the state's common admissions application website, ApplyTexas (both paper and electronic versions).

All institutions participating in state financial aid programs must accept the data generated by the completion of this online TASFA. Institutions may accept the paper TASFA from applicants who do not have access to the necessary technology to complete the online TASFA. Institutions can require an applicant to submit additional information to accompany the data received on the TASFA. Please note that the THECB approved an amendment to <u>Texas Administrative Code</u>, <u>Title 19</u>, <u>Section 22.6</u> during their <u>quarterly meeting</u> held on April 28, 2022. Approved amendments are in the process of being posted to the Texas Administrative Code and will be reflected by the end of May 2022.

Applicants who complete the online TASFA will have their data submitted electronically to the institutions they designate. TASFA files will be sent daily through a secure file transfer protocol (SFTP) using the THECB's online portal, <u>MOVEit DMZ</u>, to the institution's dedicated TASFA_Output folder.

In preparation for this new data transmission process, the enclosed TASFA File Layout can be used by institutions to determine how to best process incoming data with current software systems. It can also be found on the Student Financial Aid Programs webpage under <u>Program Resources</u>. A separate communication will be sent once test files are available for institutions to download in MOVEit DMZ from a dedicated **TASFA_Output** folder.

More information and training opportunities will be communicated to institutions in the coming months. <u>Archived webcasts</u> also have helpful updates that have been shared with institutions on the upcoming launch.

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

Enclosed: TASFA File Layout - FY 2024