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TO: Directors of Financial Aid
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FROM: DeChà Reid
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DATE: Sept. 1, 2020

RE: 2021-22 Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) for Institutional Use Only

The 2021-22 Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is available for institutional use **only**. This early release gives institutions time to:

- customize the TASFA and post it online for the Oct. 1 release to students
- provide the TASFA to vendors for software updates

The following changes were made to the 2021-22 TASFA based on recommendations by the Financial Aid Advisory Committee's TASFA Subcommittee and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB):

- Updated introduction to clarify that the application, like the FAFSA, is **free** to submit.
- Added Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) to better align with the FAFSA.
- Added taxes paid.
- Improved the explanation in the parenthesis on item 70 (now item 74) to better align with the FAFSA's verbiage.
- Added additional verbiage throughout the document to clarify that every question on the TASFA should be answered or marked "N/A."
- Added verbiage about SSS.gov as a resource for students who may be unfamiliar with the Selective Service requirement or the term "exempt."
- Added verbiage to direct students to the Financial Aid office if they have questions about the Selective Service Status form.

The THECB will not post the English and Spanish TASFA online for students until **Oct. 1, 2020**. At that time, both language versions will be available to students and their families on the College for All Texans and the Student Financial Aid Programs webpages.

If you have questions, email Financial Aid Services through [CONTACT US](#) (select "Financial Aid Question" as the Contact Reason).

Enclosed: TASFA 2021-22-English.pdf

- [TASFA 2021-22-English.pdf](#)