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Memorandum

To: Public and Private/Independent Institutions of Higher Education

From: DeChà Reid,

Director III, SFAP Operations

Date: January 3, 2024

Subject: 2024-25 Paper Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) and

File Layout

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>.

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. The list of changes can be viewed here.

The 2024-25 Online TASFA will be available in spring 2024. As a reminder, all institutions participating in state financial aid programs must accept the data generated by the completion of the 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 paper or online.

In preparation for the data transmission process, the enclosed TASFA File Layout can be used by institutions to determine how to best process incoming data with their current software systems. It can also be found on the Student Financial Aid Programs webpage under Program Resources. A separate communication will be sent once test files are available for institutions.

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

Enclosed: 2024-25 TASFA File Layout