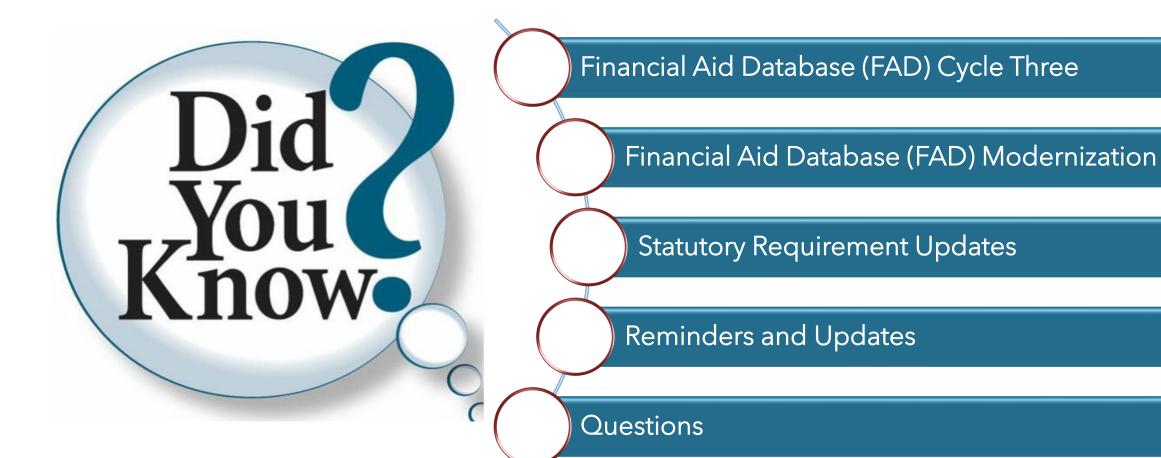
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

State Financial Aid Programs Webcast

October 19, 2021

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION



FAD Cycle Three Reconciliation

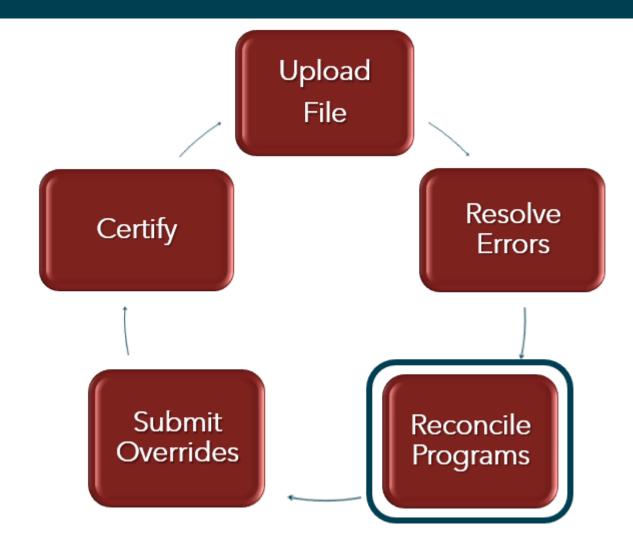
FAD Reminders

- Cycle Three opened on Oct. 6, 2021
- Deadline to certify is Dec. 17, 2021
- Reconciliation is required for all programs including GEER
- Student loan details are available in MOVEit DMZ for reconciliation



NOTE: For additional guidance on the FADs Reconciliation process, please refer to the November 2020 archived monthly webcast under <u>Stay Connected</u> as an available resource.

FAD Process - Cycle Three



Reconciling State Aid Programs

THECB program totals are derived from:

Funds requested by Aug. 2 through the online Grant Payment Portal

- Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG)
- Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)
- Toward Excellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant

Funds requested by Aug. 2 using the funds request forms

- Educational Aide Exemption (EAE)
- Bilingual Education Program

Funds disbursed as of Aug. 31

- College Access Loan (CAL)
- Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP)

Allocation disbursed minus refunds as of Aug. 31

Texas College Work-Study (TCWS)

Totals from Financial Report due Sept. 8 through the online WSMP portal

Work-Study Student Mentorship Program (WSMP)

Totals from cumulative monthly reports as of Jun.30

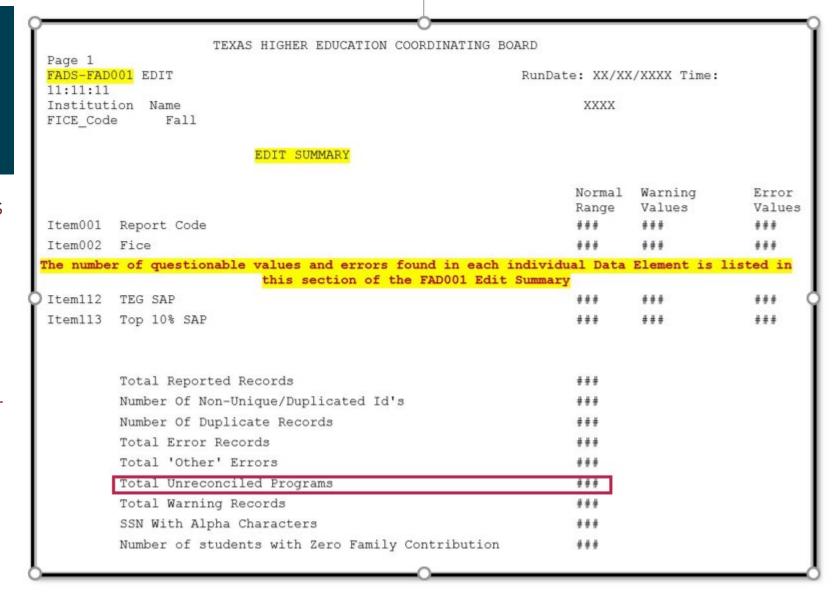
• Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) for TEXAS Grant, TEOG, TEG programs.

Note: Emergency Funds are not reported through FADS

Step 1: Review Edit Summary

Verify if any reconciliation issues have been identified in the Edit Summary on the FAD001.

- Under the Edit summary, the total number of unreconciled programs can be found.
- If the number listed is greater than 0, proceed to step 2.



Step 2: Review the Reconciliation Report

- State financial aid program totals reported in the file that do not reconcile with THECB totals will list *Reconcile in the last column of the report.
- If the institution amount reported is incorrect, update and resubmit the FAD file.
- If the THECB amount reported is incorrect, then proceed to step 3.

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Reconciliation Report - Reporting Cycle 3, 2021

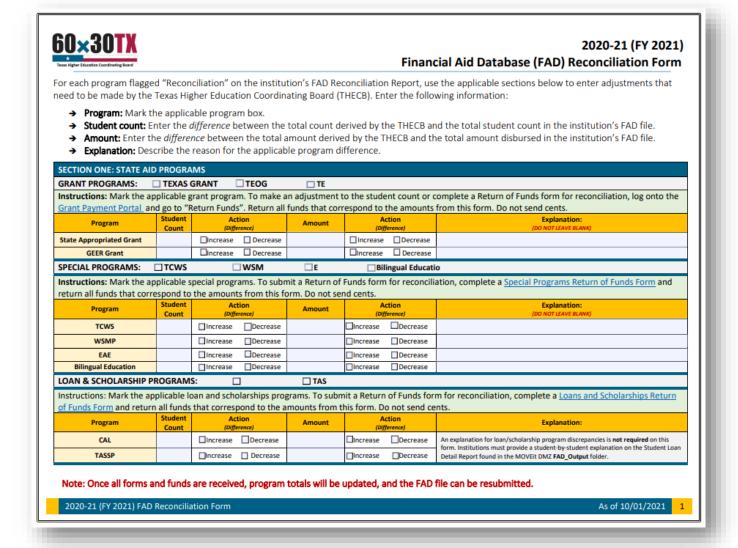
Item Number	Program Name	THECB Count of Students	THECB Amount Reported	Institution Count of Students	Institution Amount Reported	
67	Other State Grants and Scholarships	N/A	N/A	0	0	
68	TEXAS Grant State and GEER Total	0	0	0	0	
	TEXAS Grant State Appropriation	0	0	N/A	N/A	
	TEXAS Grant GEER	0	0	N/A	N/A	
69	TEOG State and GEER Total	390	804,758	353	804,758	*Reconcile
	TEOG State Appropriation	334	729,194	N/A	N/A	
	TEOG GEER	56	75,564	N/A	N/A	
73	Federal Work-Study	N/A	N/A	87	224,208	
74	Texas College Work-Study	0	0	0	0	
75	Need-Based Inst WS	N/A	N/A	0	0	
76	Americorps	N/A	N/A	16	26,839	
77	HB3015 WS	N/A	N/A	0	0	
78	Texas College Work-Study Mentorship Program	9	18,483	0	0	*Reconcile
79	Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program	0	0	0	0	

Step 3: Reconciliation Form

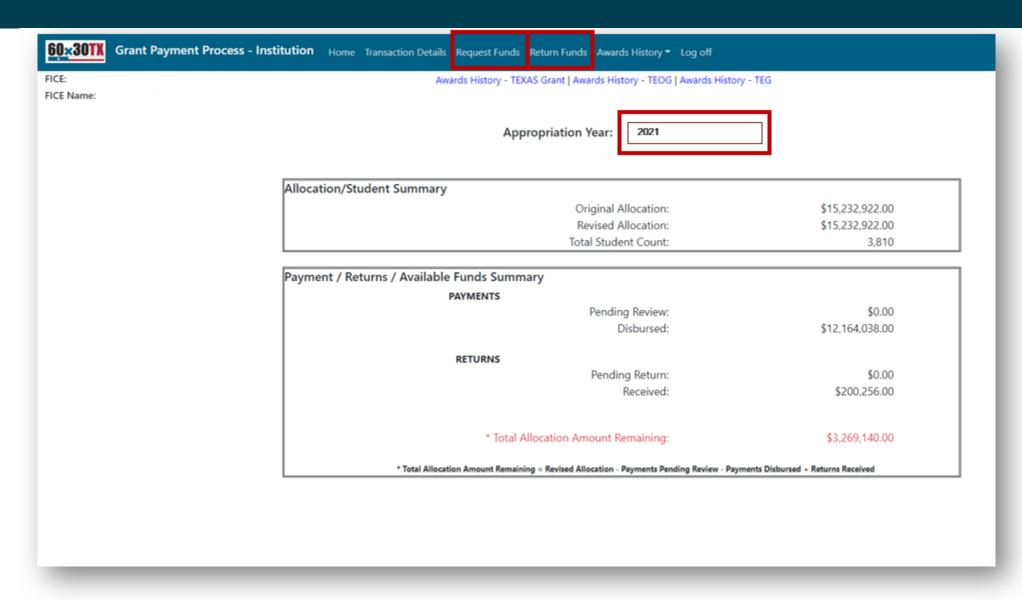
Submit a FAD Reconciliation Form for each program flagged *Reconcile on the Reconciliation Report.

- Enter the adjustment being made to student count or disbursed amount.
- Provide an explanation for the reason(s) data is being changed.
- If a refund is required, submit a Return of Funds Form, then proceed to step 4.

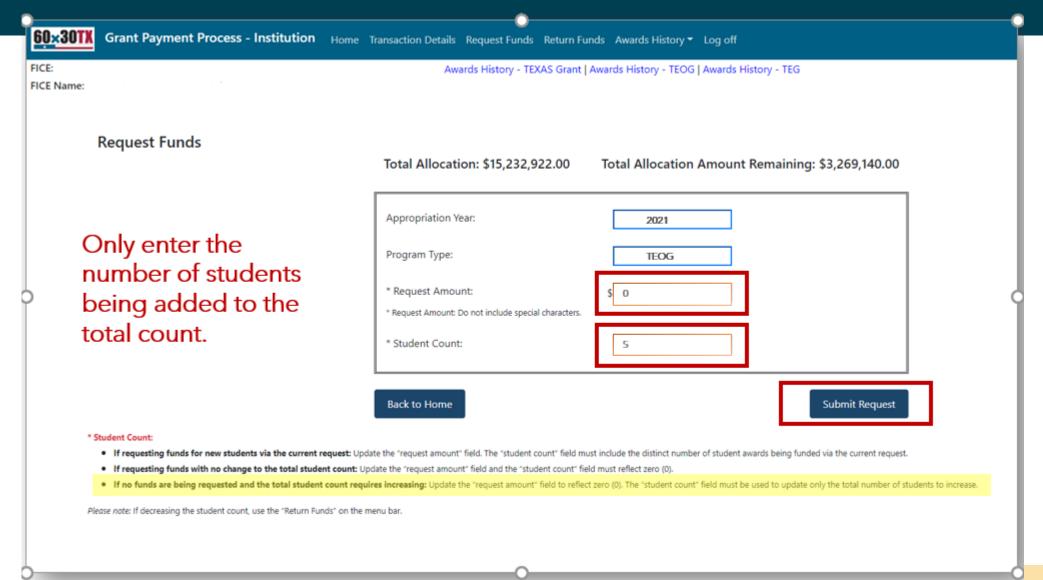
FAD Reconciliation Updates will be processed after funds are received.



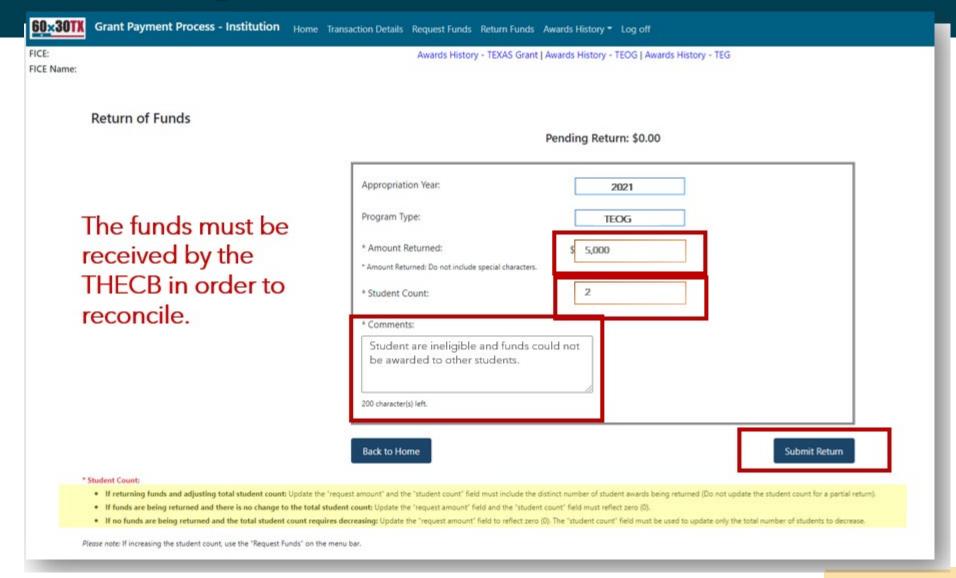
Grant Reconciliation



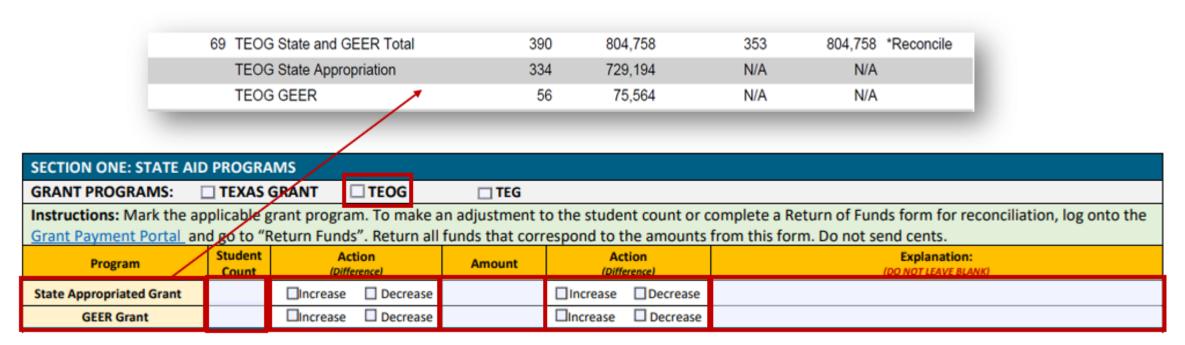
Increasing Grant Student Count



Reducing Student Count or Amount



Grant Program Reconciliation Form



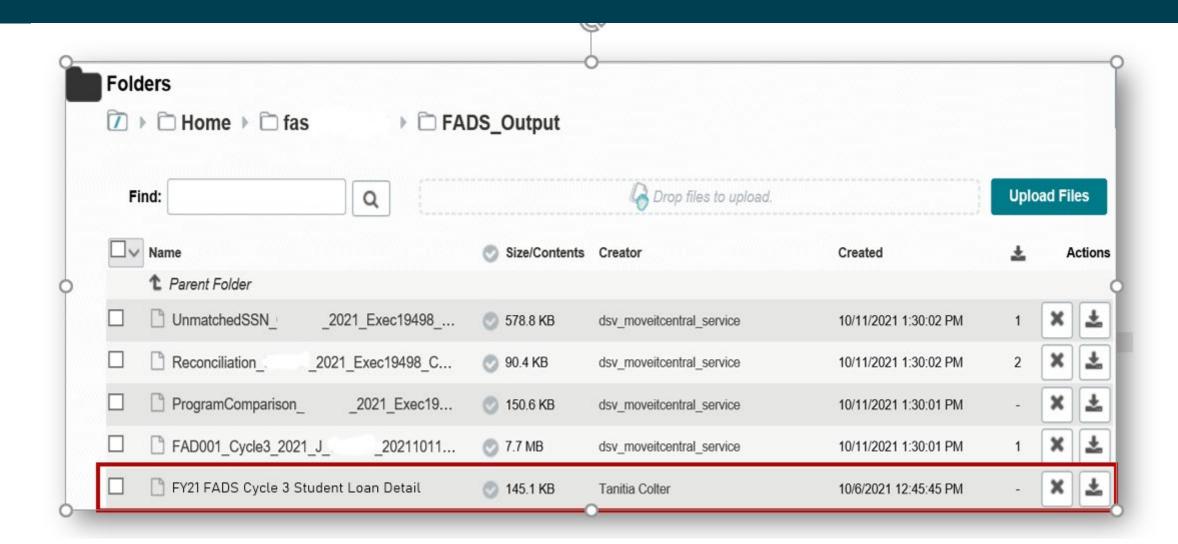
Program: Mark the applicable program box.

Student count: Enter the difference between the total count derived by the THECB and the total student count in the institution's FAD file.

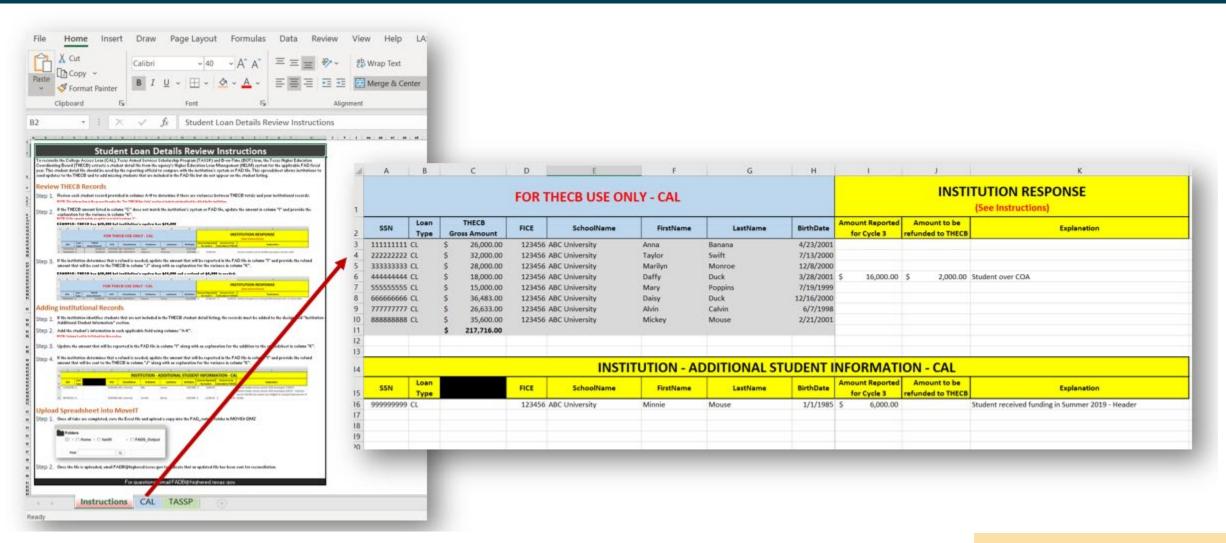
Amount: Enter the difference between the total amount derived by the THECB and the total amount disbursed in the institution's FAD file.

Explanation: Describe the reason for the applicable program difference.

CAL and TASSP Reconciliation



Student Loan Details Spreadsheet



Loan Reconciliation Process

LOAN & SCHOLARSHIP PE	ROGRAM	S: [CAL	□TASSP			
	nstructions: Mark the applicable loan and scholarships programs. To submit a Return of Funds form for reconciliation, complete a Loans and Scholarships Return for Funds Form and return all funds that correspond to the amounts from this form. Do not send cents.						
Program	Student Count		tion erence)	Amount	ount Action (Difference)		Explanation:
CAL		□Increase	Decrease		□Increase	Decrease	An explanation for loan/scholarship program discrepancies is not required on this
TASSP		ncrease	☐ Decrease		□Increase □Decrease		form. Institutions must provide a student-by-student explanation on the Student Loan Detail Report found in the MOVEit DMZ FAD_Output folder.

Program: Mark the applicable program box.

Student count: Enter the *difference* between the total count derived by the THECB and the total student count in the institution's FAD file.

Amount: Enter the *difference* between the total amount derived by the THECB and the total amount disbursed in the institution's FAD file.

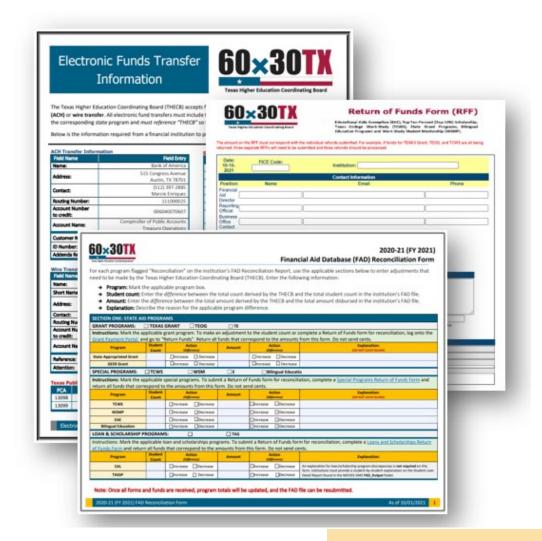
Explanation: Use the spreadsheet to communicate discrepancies.

Returning Funds Reminders

When returning funds for reconciliation, each of these items will be needed:

- Funds (EFT or mail check)
- Return of Funds Form
- Reconciliation Form

NOTE: Please ensure the funds are sent back by the Business Office in addition to completing the RFF, GPP portal update, and reconciliation form.



Step 4: Resubmit FAD file

Resubmit the FAD report when a **Reconciliation Update** notification is received.

- Once the FAD file is resubmitted, the errors showing on the Edit Report will be removed.
- An error-free notification will be sent to validate/certify the FAD report.

Remember, you must resubmit your file for the errors to be removed from your edit report.

From: Mailbot

To: fad-mail@Institution.edu

Cc: FADB < FADB@THECB.state.tx.us>

Subject: **** **** 00#### Reconciliation Updated for Financial Aid Database Report

This is a notification that your institution's state financial aid program totals have been updated and your programs are now fully reconciled for the reporting cycle and year indicated below.

Please resubmit your entire FAD file in order to have the program totals updated on your reconciliation report. Once your file is processed and there are no errors, you will receive an email to validate through CBPass.

If you have any questions, please contact FADB@thecb.state.tx.us.

Reporting Cycle: #

Reporting Year: XXXX

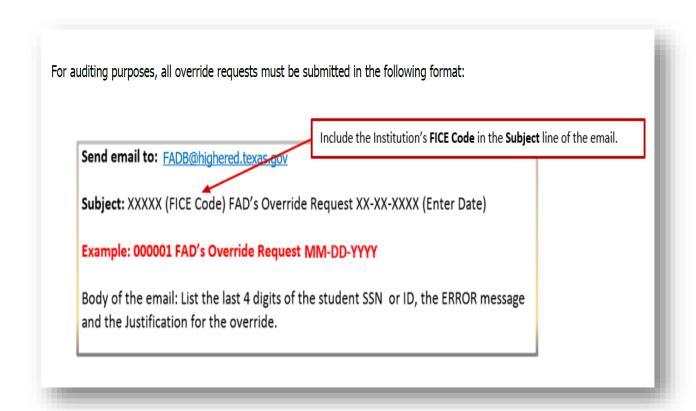
**THIS IS AN AUTOMATED MESSAGE. PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL ADDRESS. **

Overriding FAD Edit Report Errors

Override request are approved on a caseby-case basis for errors that cannot be cleared by an exception code, justification, or hardship.

Override requests must be submitted via email to <u>FADB@highered.texas.gov</u>.

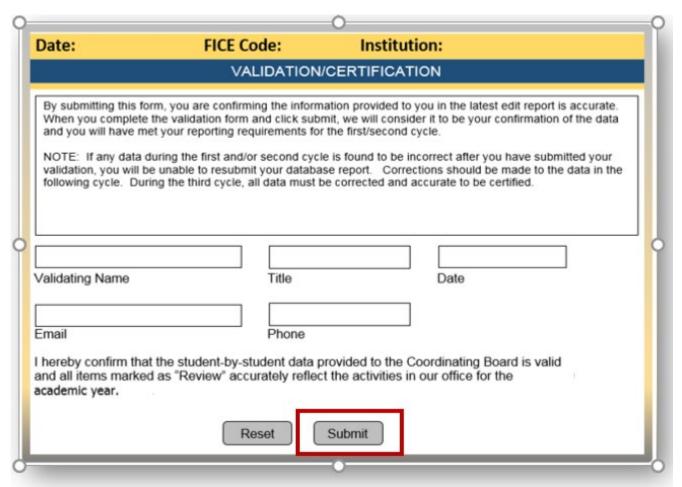
Overrides will not be processed until all other errors are resolved.



Certification Process

A Validation/Certification Notification is automatically sent to the institution's designated email address after a FAD report file is processed and no errors are found. This notification includes a link to CBPASS, where the institution's designated official can login and Validate/Certify the reporting cycle data.



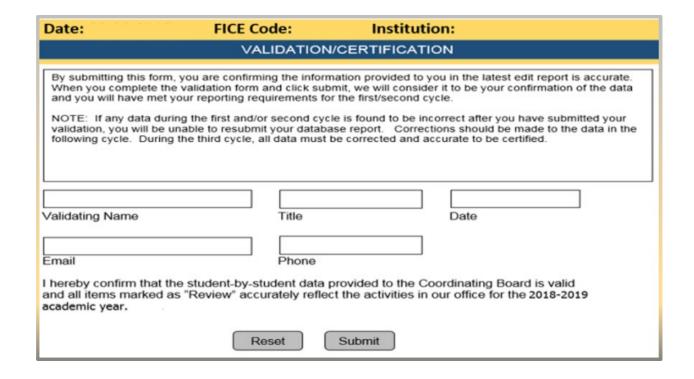


Financial Aid Database (FAD) Modernization

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Current Process

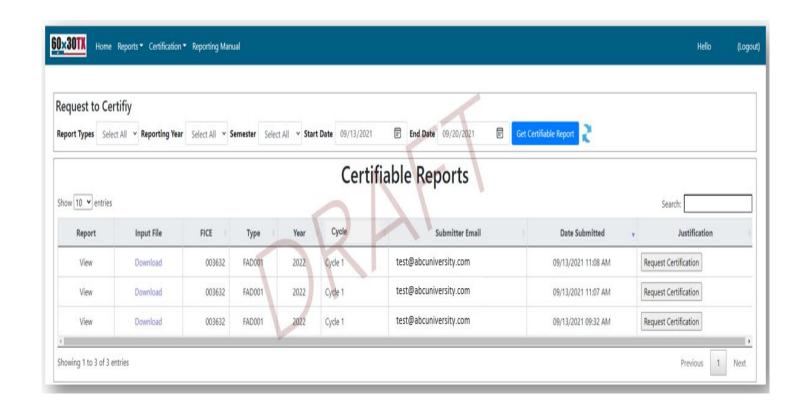
- Upload a file and retrieve reports through MOVEit DMZ
- Required to send an email for overrides
- Validation and Certification is done through CBPass



Financial Aid Database (FAD) Modernization

Future Process

- Platform similar to CBPass which is going to reduce overall processing time.
- The same location will be used to do the following:
 - Upload file and view all reports in the same location
 - Reports will have enhancements such as format (e.g., excel)
 - Overrides will be submitted online which will eliminate the use of emails
 - Validation and Certification will be requested and completed through the new portal.



Statutory Requirements Updates

Selective Service Status Statement

Memo was sent Sept. 29, 2021 to communicate:

- Selective Service Status Statement is required to confirm either registration or exemption under <u>TEC</u>, <u>Section 51.9095</u>.
- Update This requirement applies to state-funded financial aid and "federal funds or gifts and grants accepted by this state."

Selective Service Status Statement

A statement is **required** for the following:

- State appropriated funds
 - Examples: TEXAS Grant, TEOG, TEG, EAE, CAL, TCWS, WSMP, TASSP, Bilingual Education
- Federal funds that pass through the state Treasury or Governor's office
 - Example: GEER
- Institutional Aid
 - Examples: Programs funded by tuition set asides, exemptions, or waivers

Proof is No Longer Required

To reduce administrative burden:

- Institutions will no longer be required to collect "proof" of registration or exemption from students.
- Institutions are not required to verify the accuracy of the statement against external databases or other resources if there is no conflicting information.

	lents must file a Selective Service Statement of Registration Status with the more information about the Selective Service System, visit sss.gov .			
I was born female and not required to register. I was born male and am under the age of 18 and not currently required to register. I was born male and am REGISTERED with the Selective Service. I was born male and am over the age of 18. I am not registered with Selective Service and I am not exempt from registration with Selective Service.	I was born male and am EXEMPT from registration because: (please brie explain why you are exempt in the box below.)			
,, hereby certify that the Selective Service status statement provided above is true and accurate.				

Action Needed by Institutions

Institutions must determine the **best method** to collect the required Selective Service Status Statement.

Any of the following can be used to meet the statutory statement requirement:

- THECB Selective Service Status Statement
- Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) until 2023-24
- Print out from SSS.gov website

Institutions can implement now but will not be required until 2022-23 award year.

Statement of Student Eligibility

Memo was sent Sept. 29, 2021 to communicate:

The eligibility requirement found under Texas Education Code that include the phrase:

"a person is not eligible to receive a grant under this subchapter if the person has been convicted of a felony or an offense under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act)..."

This relates to convictions of *any* felony, as well as convictions of any offense under Chapter 481. The phrase is not limited to controlled substance felonies.

Reference: Toward Excellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant under Sections <u>56.304</u> and <u>56.305</u> and Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) under Sections <u>56.404</u> and <u>56.405</u>.

Action Needed by Institutions

- Institutions that collect statements for the TEXAS
 Grant and TEOG program need to revise any
 language that limits this requirement to offenses only
 related to controlled substance offenses to also
 include all felony convictions.
- Institutions are only required to collect the statement and are not required to verify the accuracy of that statement against external databases or other resources if there is no conflicting information.

	Statement of	Student Eligibility	
lave you ever been convicted of	' a felony?		
Yes	_No		
Have you ever been convicted of	f an offense under Chapter 4	81, Health and Safety Code (Texas Cont	rolled Substances Act), or
		ed substance as defined by Chapter 481	
Yes	_No		
hereby certify that the informa	tion provided in this stateme	nt is true and correct to the best of my	knowledge. I understand
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iso understand that it my respo	nsibility to inform the financ	ial aid office if my status concerning this	statement of eligibility
hanges at any time while attend	sing this institution.		
Student Full Name:		Date:	
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tudent Signature:			
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Institutions can implement now but will not be required until 2022-23 award year.

Reminders and Updates

Reminders

Bilingual Education Program Report - Nov. 5, 2021

 Deadline for participating programs to submit the FY 2021 Bilingual Education Program End-of-Year (EOY) Report.

State Campus-Based Programs Report - Nov. 19, 2021

- Deadline for public and private institutions to submit data on License Plate Insignia (LPI), Student Deposit Scholarship (SDS) and Texas Public Educational Grant (TPEG).
- Deadline to submit any applicable refunds for SDS or TPEG.
- Deadline for public institutions to submit a copy of the TPEG Guidelines.

State Campus-Based Report FY 2021 include a copy of their FY 2021 TPEG guidelines with their submission (which must include an "As-Of Instructions Complete the following steps to submit this report Step 1. Save a completed copy of the e-signed PDF State Campus-Based Report FY 2021 - http Step 2. Complete all fields on the form below Step 3. Upload your completed report and TPEG guidelines (if applicable). Step 4. Click "submit" to send your submission. The deadline for this report is Nov. 19, 2021 Institution Name 1 File Upload (multiple files allowable) 1. Upload the signed copy of the State Campus-Based Report (PDF) 2. Upload a current copy of your institution's TPEG Guidelines, if applicable (which must include an "As-Of" date) Drag and drop files here or browse files Name of Reporting Official

Updates

Annual User Access Review Postponed

• The annual review will take place in spring 2022. Please make sure to continue submitting any accounts that need to be added, updated or removed to ensure security.

Net Price Calculator 2020-21 *Coming 2022*

• The annual Net Price Calculator upload will take place in spring 2022 to align with the release of the federal template that is provided.

Institutional Calendar - Fall Edition Revised

• The dates were updated to reflect the revised deadlines dates or postponements. Please replace prior copies.



Student Financial Aid Programs 2021-22 (FY 2022) Institutional Calendar

Fall 2021

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First official day of the state fiscal year 2021-22 (FY 2022)
First official day of the state fiscal year 2021-22 (FY 2022)
THECB Closed – Labor Day
Monthly Webcast
Deadline for Legislators to submit FY 2022 TASSP nominations

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Date	Description
10/01 (Fri)	2022-23 (FY 2023) TASFA available to students
10/06 (Wed)	First day to submit 2020-21 (FY 2021) FAD Cycle Three
10/19 (Tue)	Monthly Webcast
10/29 (Fri)	Deadline to submit 2020-21 (FY 2021) State Campus-Based Report Extended to Nov. 19, 2021
10/29 (Fri)	Deadline to submit FY 2021 (2020-21) Bilingual Education Program End-of-Year Report Extended to Nov. 5, 2021

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Date	Description
11/5 (Fri)	Deadline for institutions to certify TASSP Application
11/11 (Thurs)	THECB Closed – Veterans Day
11/19 (Fri)	Deadline to submit User Access Annual Review Postponed until Spring 2022
11/24 - 11/26	THECB Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2021						
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Date	Description
12/17 (Fri)	Deadline to certify 2020-21 (FY 2021) FAD Cycle Three
12/24 - 12/25	THECB Closed – Christmas Holiday
12/31 (Fri)	THECB Closed- New Year's Eve
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Note: Deadlines dates are subject to change.

For questions, contact Financial Aid Services at 844-792-2640 or through CONTACT US (select "Financial Aid Question" as the Contact Reason).

Deadline	Alert	Agency Closure		Limit	ed Staff
TASFA	Texas Application for State Final	ncial Aid FA	D Financ	ial Aid Da	tabase Report

As of 10/15/2021

Contacting Student Financial Aid Programs

The following phone lines are available for borrower and the public:

- Borrower Services
 - o Student Borrowers (Cosigners): (800) 242-3062
- Texas Financial Aid Information Center
 - o Public Line: (888) 311-8881

Contact Financial Aid Services in one of the following ways:

- FAS Institutional Phone Line
 - o Institutions Only: (844) 792-2640
- Submit inquiries online through the <u>CONTACT US</u> web form at any time.

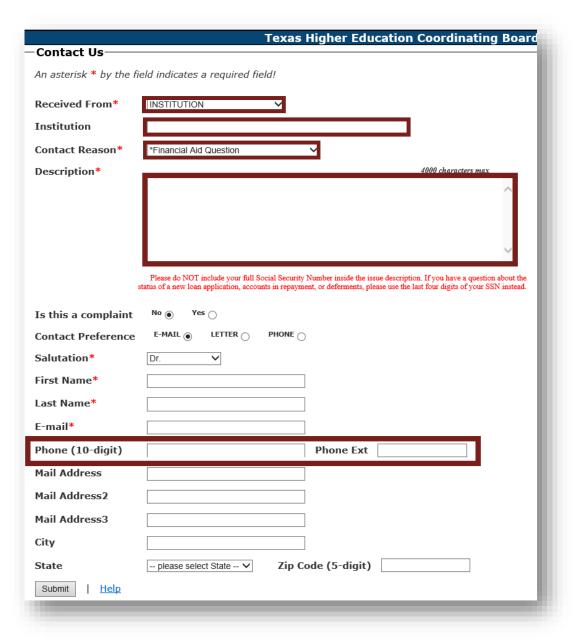


Phone lines -Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 12-1 daily)

Submitting a CONTACT US

To ensure inquiries are routed correctly, complete these steps:

- Select "Institution" in Received From box
- Enter the institution's full name
- Always select "Financial Aid Question" as the Contact Reason
- Provide the best direct phone number



Questions?