Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

State Financial Aid Programs

Webcast

March 8, 2022

Financial Aid Services

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- FY 2023 Annual Award Amounts
- B.1.10 Strategy - Funds Request Form
- Statutory Requirement Reminder
- Financial Aid Database Modernization
- Online Texas Application for State Financial Aid
- Deadlines and Updates
- Questions

FY 2023 Award Amounts

TEXAS Grant and TEOG FY 2023 - Award Amounts

Type of Institution	TEXAS Grant	TEXAS Grant Target Amount	TEOG
Public Universities & Health Related-Institutes	$5,379/semester	$2,500/semester	-
Public State Colleges	-	-	$1,533/semester
Public Technical Institutes	-	-	$3,979/semester
Public Community Colleges	-	-	$1,707/semester

The calculated priority EFC for 2022-2023 is $6,454.

TEG FY 2023 – Award Amounts

Type of Institution	TEG Maximum Award	Exceptional TEG Need Maximum Award (Undergraduate Only)
Private Universities/ Independent Colleges	$3,497	$5,246

Institutions can award undergraduate students with Exceptional TEG Need (defined as students with an EFC less than or equal to $1,000) up to 150% of the basic award ($3,497 x 150% = $5,246), not to exceed the student's need or tuition differential.

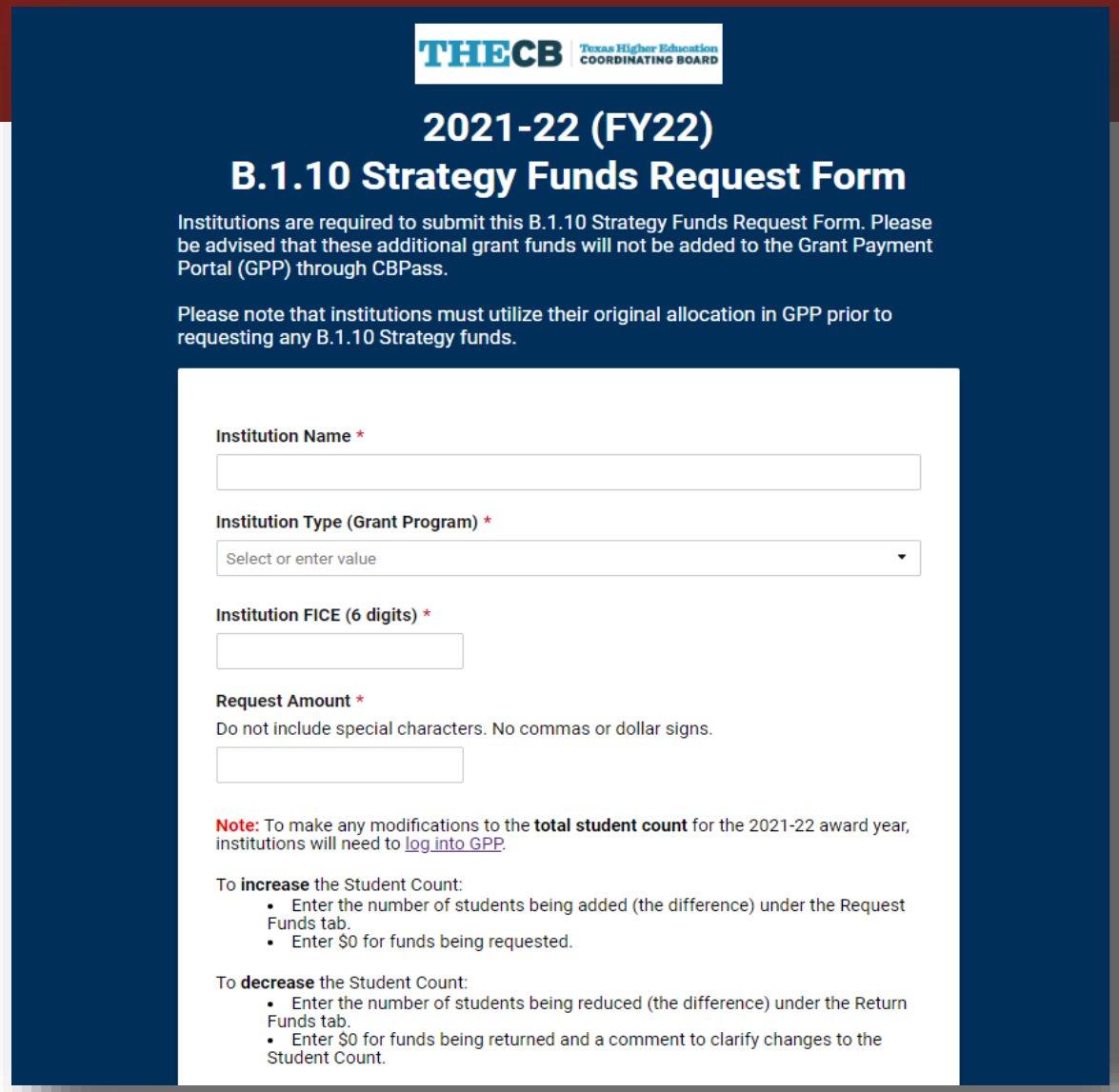
B.1.10 Strategy Funds Request Form

B.1.10 Strategy Funds

The THECB received additional state appropriations for the TEXAS Grant, TEOG and TEG programs through the B.1.10 Strategy in the General Appropriations Act, SB 1, 87th Texas Legislature, Article III.

- Complete the online funds request form for funding, not CBPass.
- Deadline to request allocated funding, including B.1.10 Strategy funds, is **Aug. 1, 2022**.
- FY 2022 funds can be carried forward to FY 2023, if unexpended.

[State Grant Funds FY 2022 Additional Grant Funds- B.1.10 Strategy Funds Form Memo]



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2021-22 (FY22)
B.1.10 Strategy Funds Request Form

Institutions are required to submit this B.1.10 Strategy Funds Request Form. Please be advised that these additional grant funds will not be added to the Grant Payment Portal (GPP) through CBPass.

Please note that institutions must utilize their original allocation in GPP prior to requesting any B.1.10 Strategy funds.

Institution Name *

Institution Type (Grant Program) *

Select or enter value

Institution FICE (6 digits) *

Request Amount *

Do not include special characters. No commas or dollar signs.

Note: To make any modifications to the **total student count** for the 2021-22 award year, institutions will need to log into GPP.

To **increase** the Student Count:
- Enter the number of students being added (the difference) under the Request Funds tab.
- Enter $0 for funds being requested.

To **decrease** the Student Count:
- Enter the number of students being reduced (the difference) under the Return Funds tab.
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B.1.10 Strategy Funds – Student Count Updates

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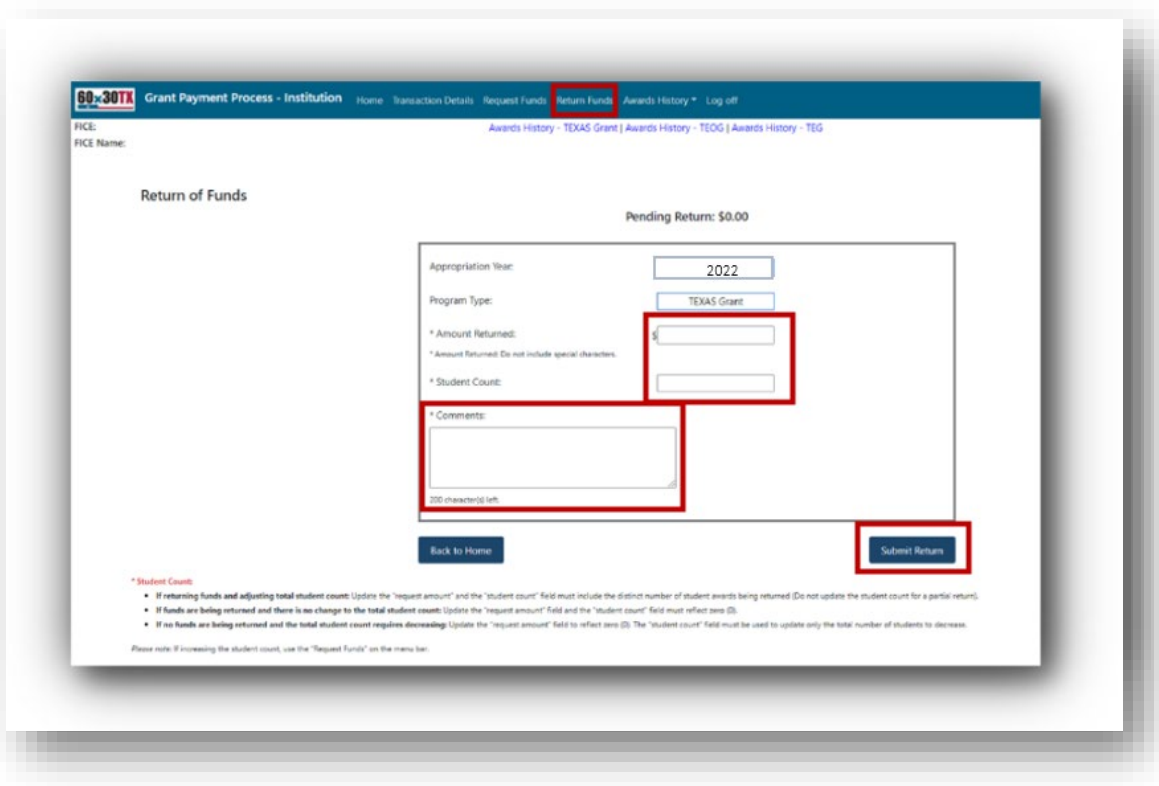


Statutory Requirements Reminders

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 TEC, Section 51.9095.
- *Update* - This requirement applies to state-funded financial aid and "federal funds or gifts and grants accepted by this state."

Selective Service Status Statement

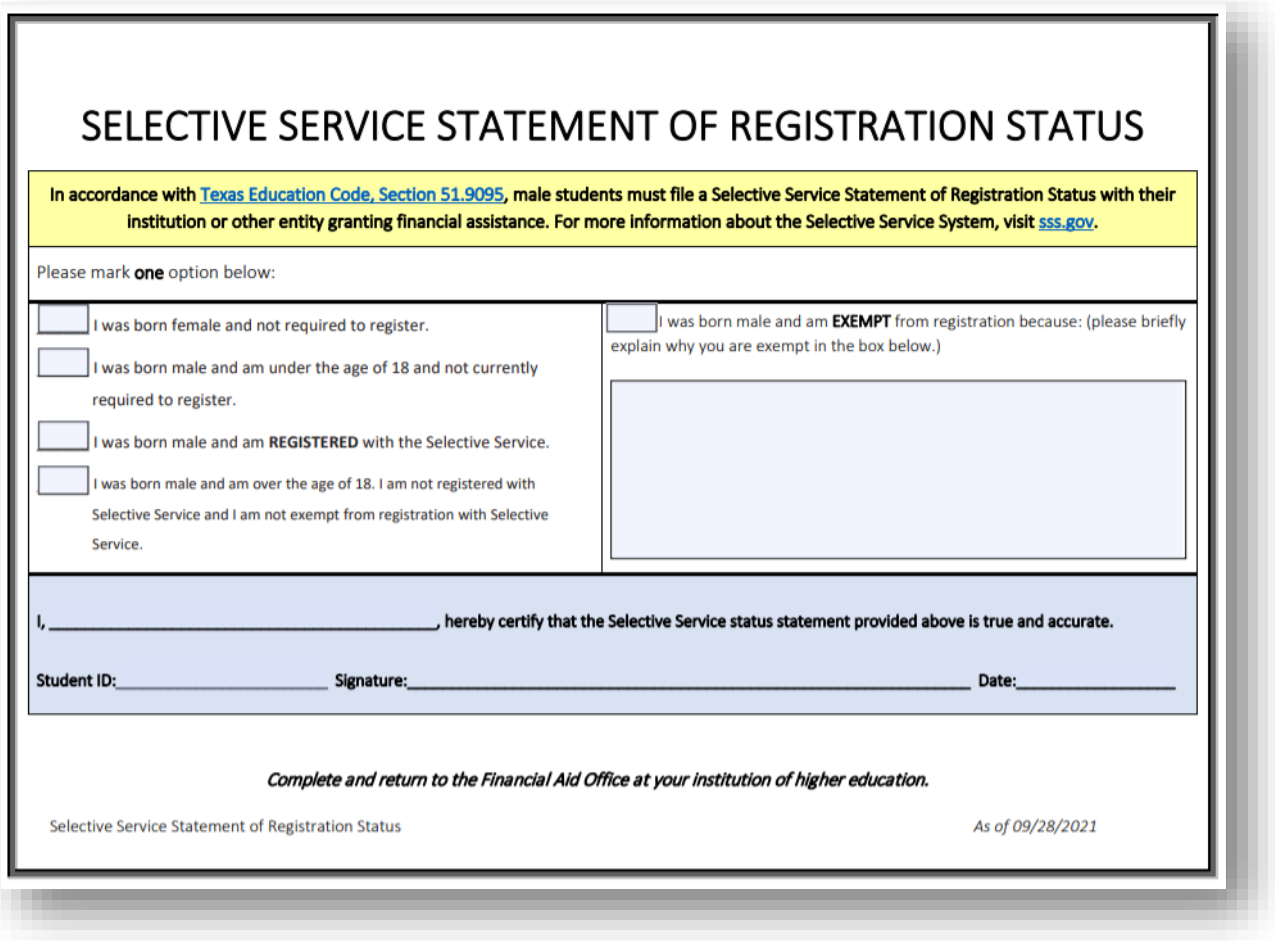
A statement is **required** for the following:

- 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.



SELECTIVE SERVICE STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION STATUS

In accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 51.9095, male students must file a Selective Service Statement of Registration Status with their institution or other entity granting financial assistance. For more information about the Selective Service System, visit sss.gov.

Please mark **one** option below:

- ☐ 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 briefly explain why you are exempt in the box below.)

I, _____, hereby certify that the Selective Service status statement provided above is true and accurate.

Student ID:_____ Signature:_____ Date:_____

Complete and return to the Financial Aid Office at your institution of higher education.

Selective Service Statement of Registration Status *As of 09/28/2021*

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:

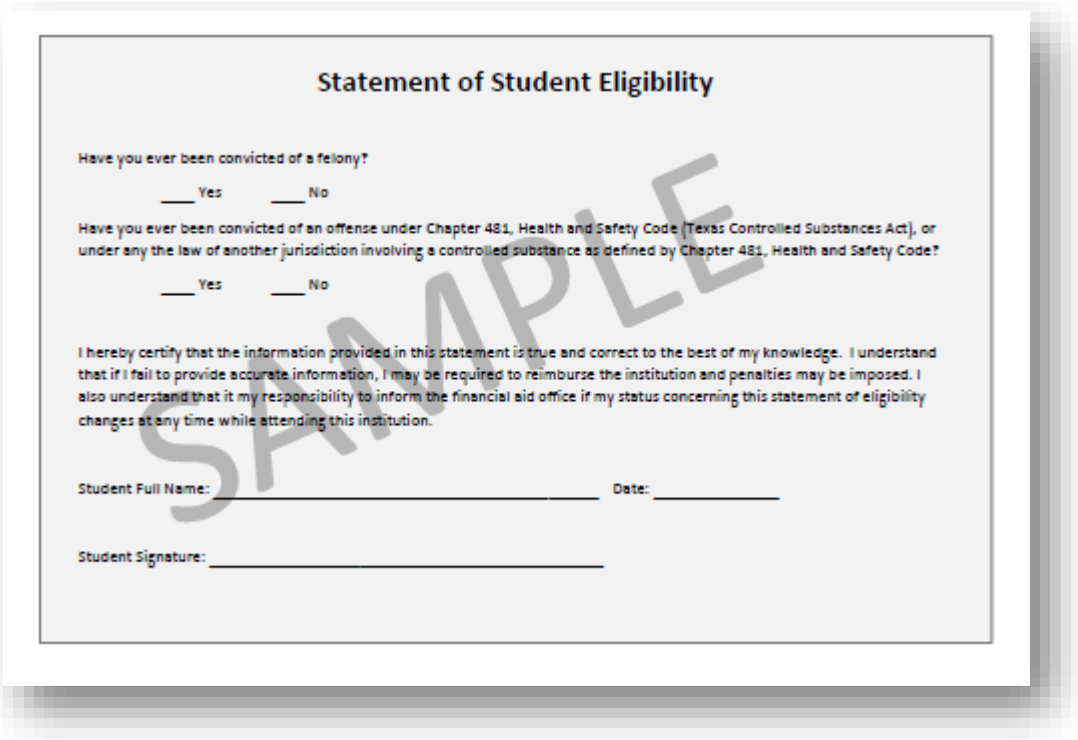
> "a person is not eligible to receive a grant under this subchapter if the person has been convicted of a felony or an offense under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act)…"

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 56.304 and 56.305 and Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) under Sections 56.404 and 56.405.

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

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

___ Yes ___ No

Have you ever been convicted of an offense under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act), or under any the law of another jurisdiction involving a controlled substance as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code?

___ Yes ___ No

I hereby certify that the information provided in this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I fail to provide accurate information, I may be required to reimburse the institution and penalties may be imposed. I also understand that it my responsibility to inform the financial aid office if my status concerning this statement of eligibility changes at any time while attending this institution.

Student Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

SAMPLE

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

Financial Aid Database (FAD) Modernization

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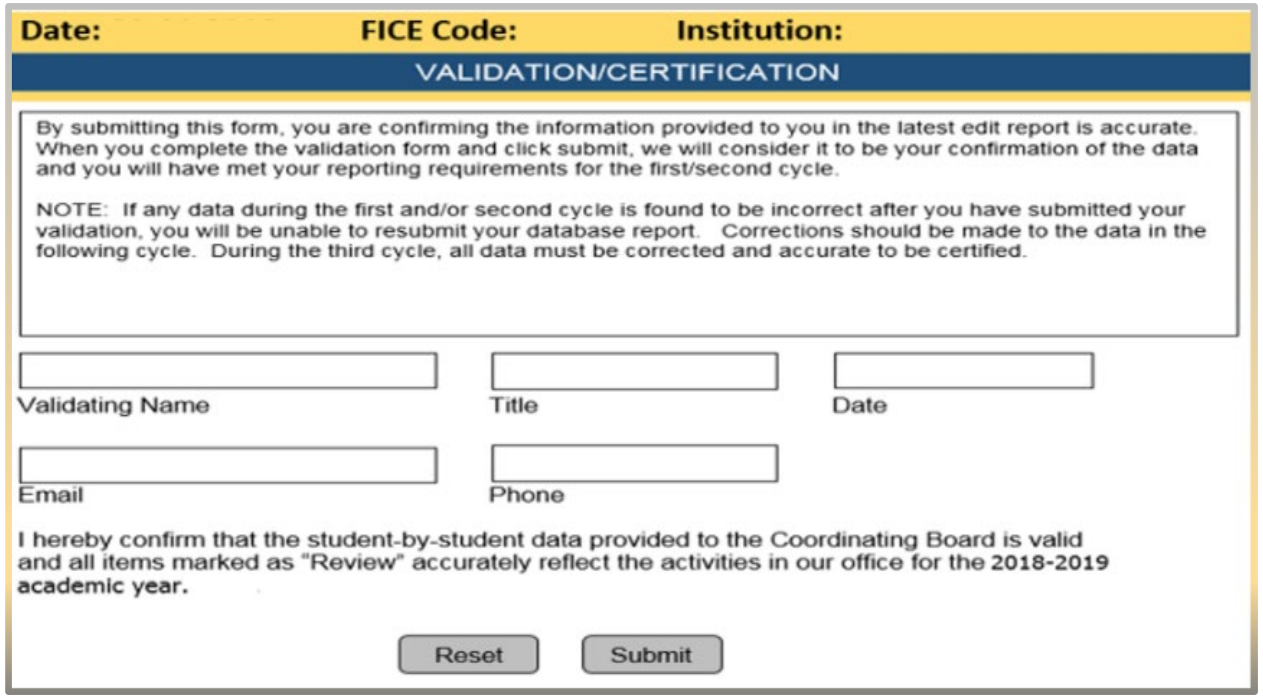
Current Process

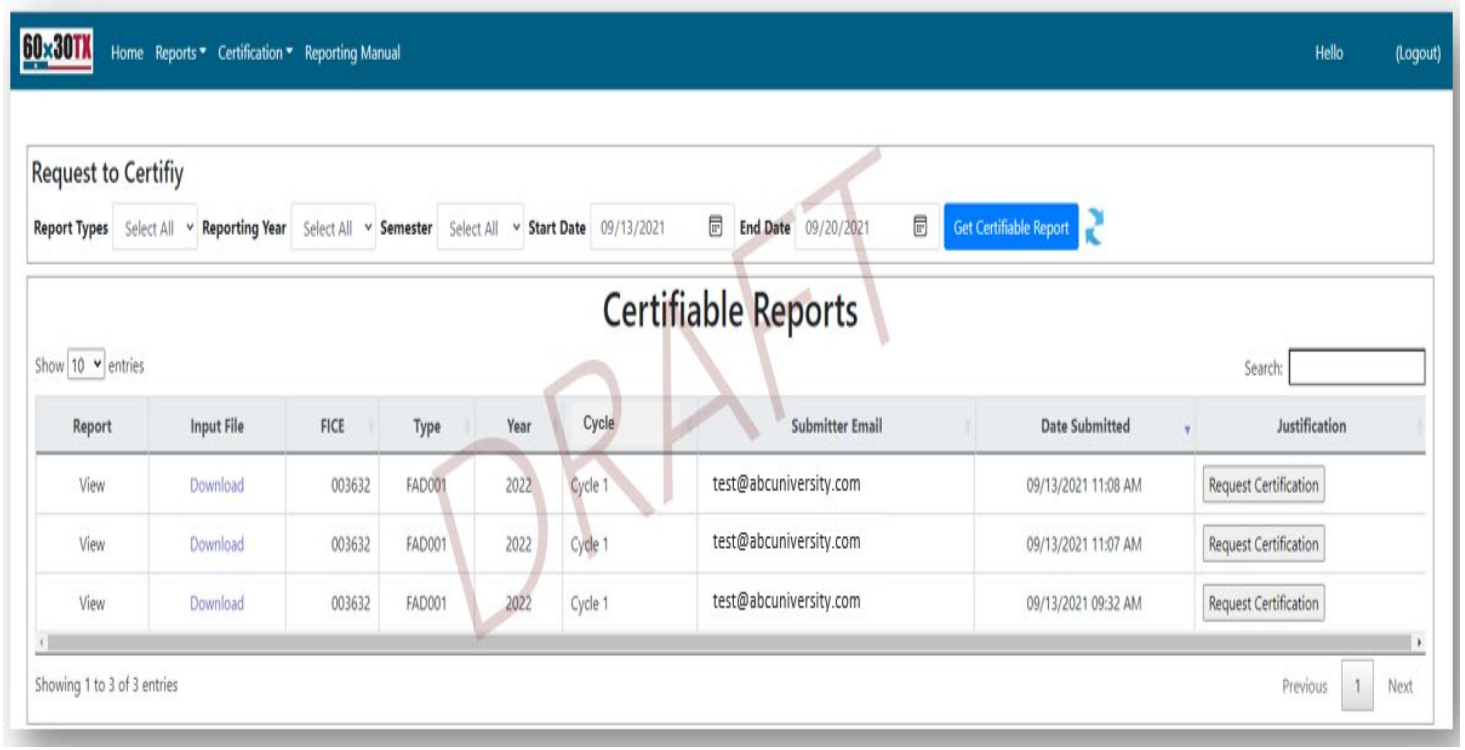
- Upload a file and retrieve reports through MOVEit DMZ
- Required to send an email for overrides
- Validation and Certification is done through CBPass



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.

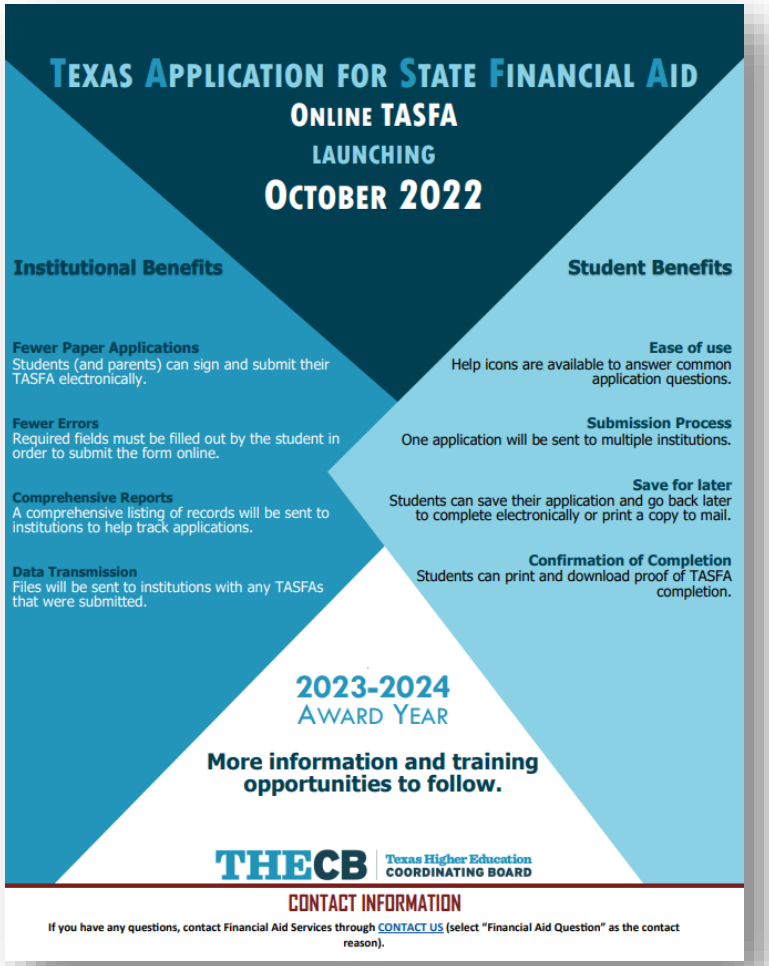


Online Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)

Online TASFA Progress

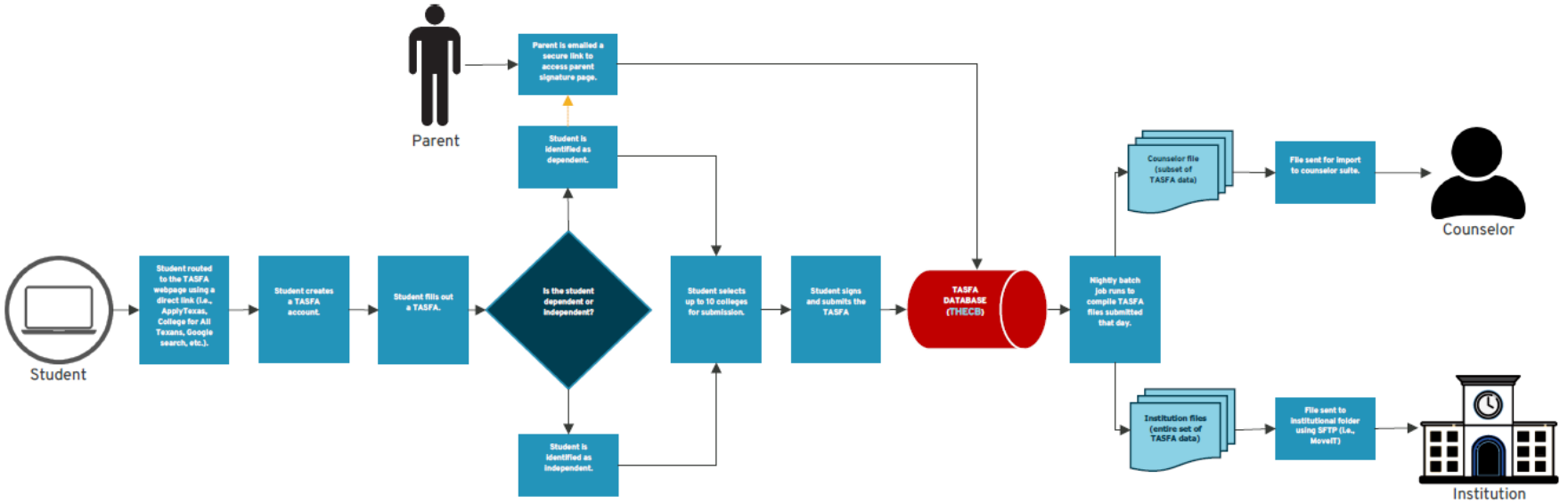
Updates

- Continuing TASFA programming
- Testing in progress
- Collaborating with vendors and the TASFA workgroup on file layout
- Setting up institutions in MoveIt
- Communication about online TASFA sent to institutions and school districts



Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)

Submission Flow Chart



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Deadlines and Updates

Deadlines

- State Opt In/Out Form – *March 11, 2022*
- Financial Aid Advisory Committee Nomination Form – *March 11, 2022*
- Good Neighbor Program Nomination Forms - *March 15, 2022*
- Financial Aid Database - Cycle One - *April 11, 2022*

Updates

Institutional Calendar – Spring Edition *Available*

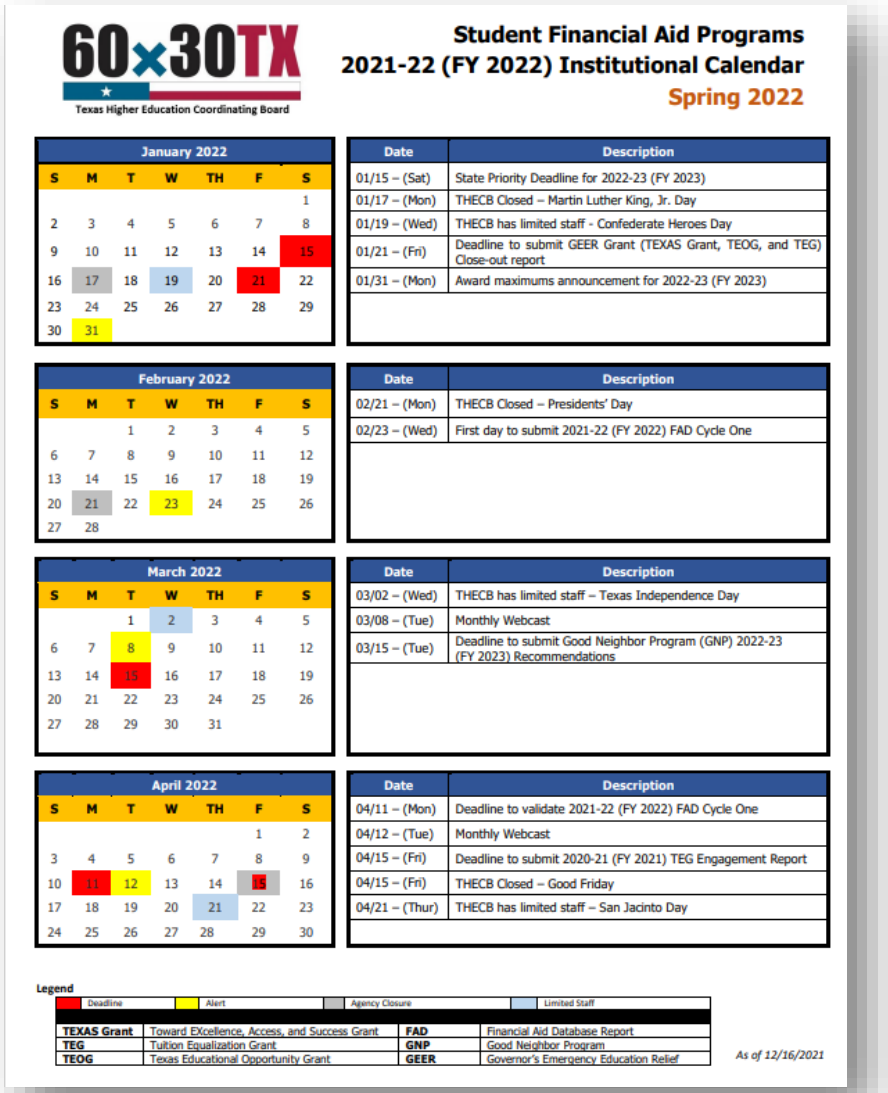
- The spring institutional calendar are available on the SFAP webpage and include deadlines, alerts and agency closures.

Annual User Access Review *Coming soon*

- 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 Soon*

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



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

January 2022

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Date	Description
01/15 – (Sat)	State Priority Deadline for 2022-23 (FY 2023)
01/17 – (Mon)	THECB Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
01/19 – (Wed)	THECB has limited staff - Confederate Heroes Day
01/21 – (Fri)	Deadline to submit GEER Grant (TEXAS Grant, TEOG, and TEG) Close-out report
01/31 – (Mon)	Award maximums announcement for 2022-23 (FY 2023)

February 2022

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Date	Description
02/21 – (Mon)	THECB Closed – Presidents' Day
02/23 – (Wed)	First day to submit 2021-22 (FY 2022) FAD Cycle One

March 2022

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Date	Description
03/02 – (Wed)	THECB has limited staff – Texas Independence Day
03/08 – (Tue)	Monthly Webcast
03/15 – (Tue)	Deadline to submit Good Neighbor Program (GNP) 2022-23 (FY 2023) Recommendations

April 2022

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Date	Description
04/11 – (Mon)	Deadline to validate 2021-22 (FY 2022) FAD Cycle One
04/12 – (Tue)	Monthly Webcast
04/15 – (Fri)	Deadline to submit 2020-21 (FY 2021) TEG Engagement Report
04/15 – (Fri)	THECB Closed – Good Friday
04/21 – (Thur)	THECB has limited staff – San Jacinto Day

Legend: Deadline | Alert | Agency Closure | Limited Staff

TEXAS Grant	Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success Grant	**FAD**	Financial Aid Database Report
TEG	Tuition Equalization Grant	**GNP**	Good Neighbor Program
TEOG	Texas Educational Opportunity Grant	**GEER**	Governor's Emergency Education Relief

As of 12/16/2021

Contacting Student Financial Aid Programs

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

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

Contact Financial Aid Services in one of the following ways:

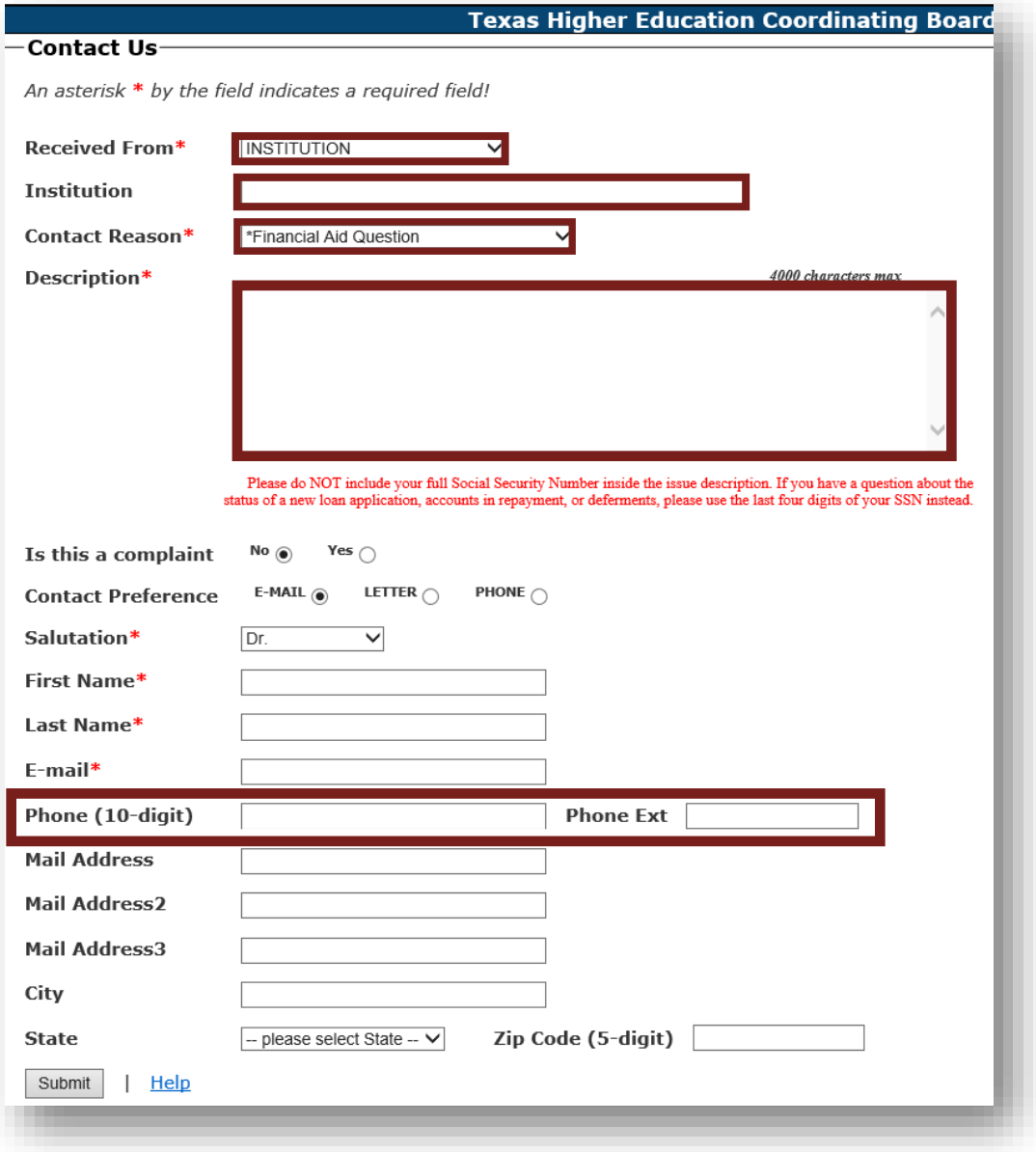
- FAS Institutional Phone Line
  - Institutions Only: (844) 792-2640
- Submit inquiries online through the CONTACT US web form at any time.

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?