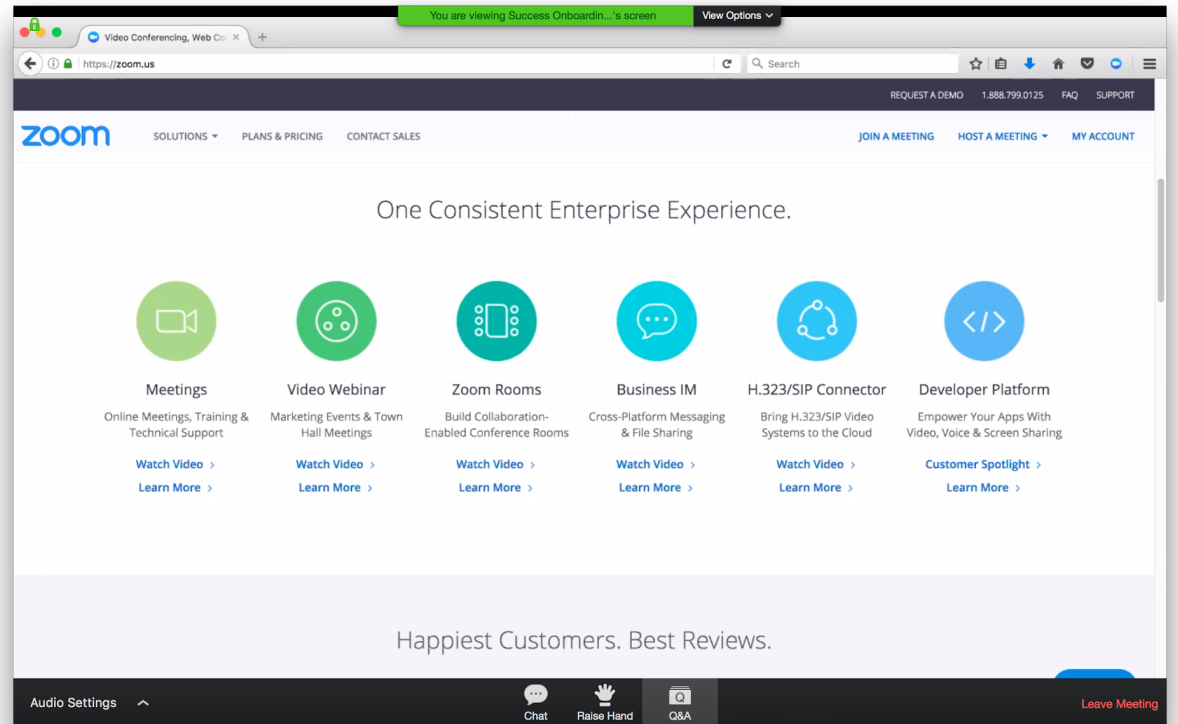


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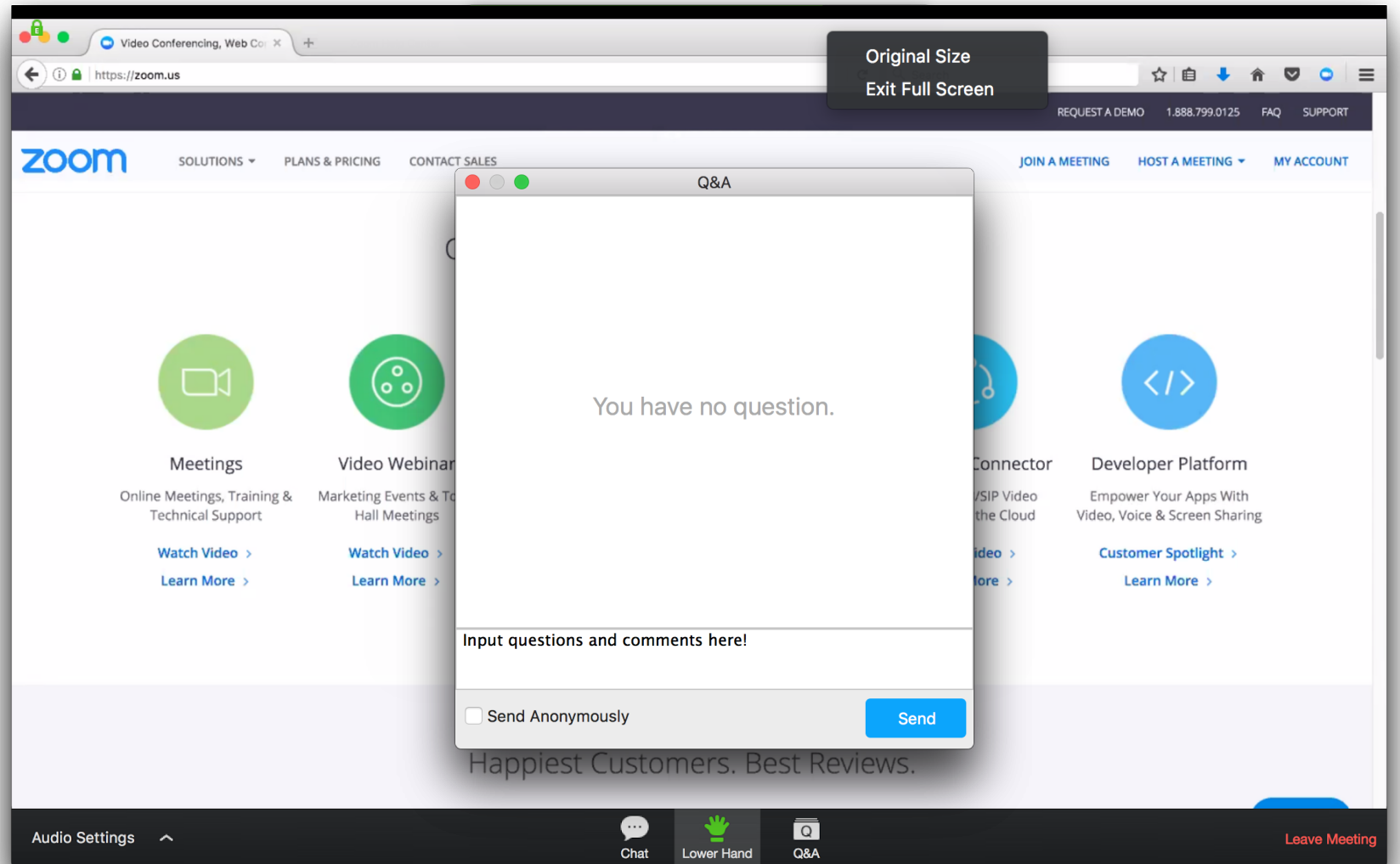
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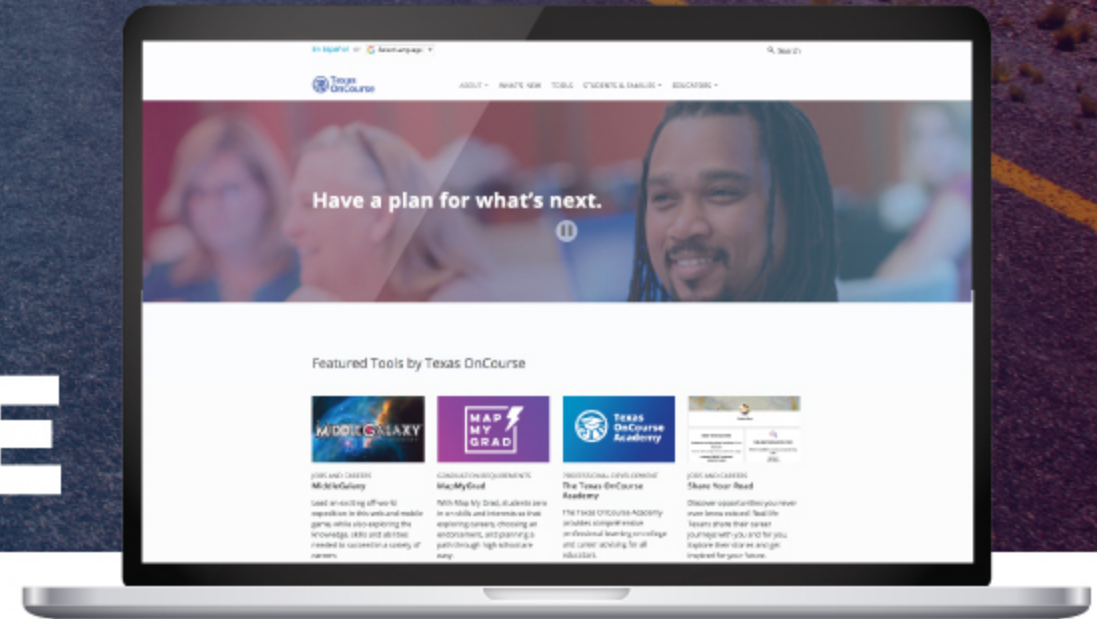
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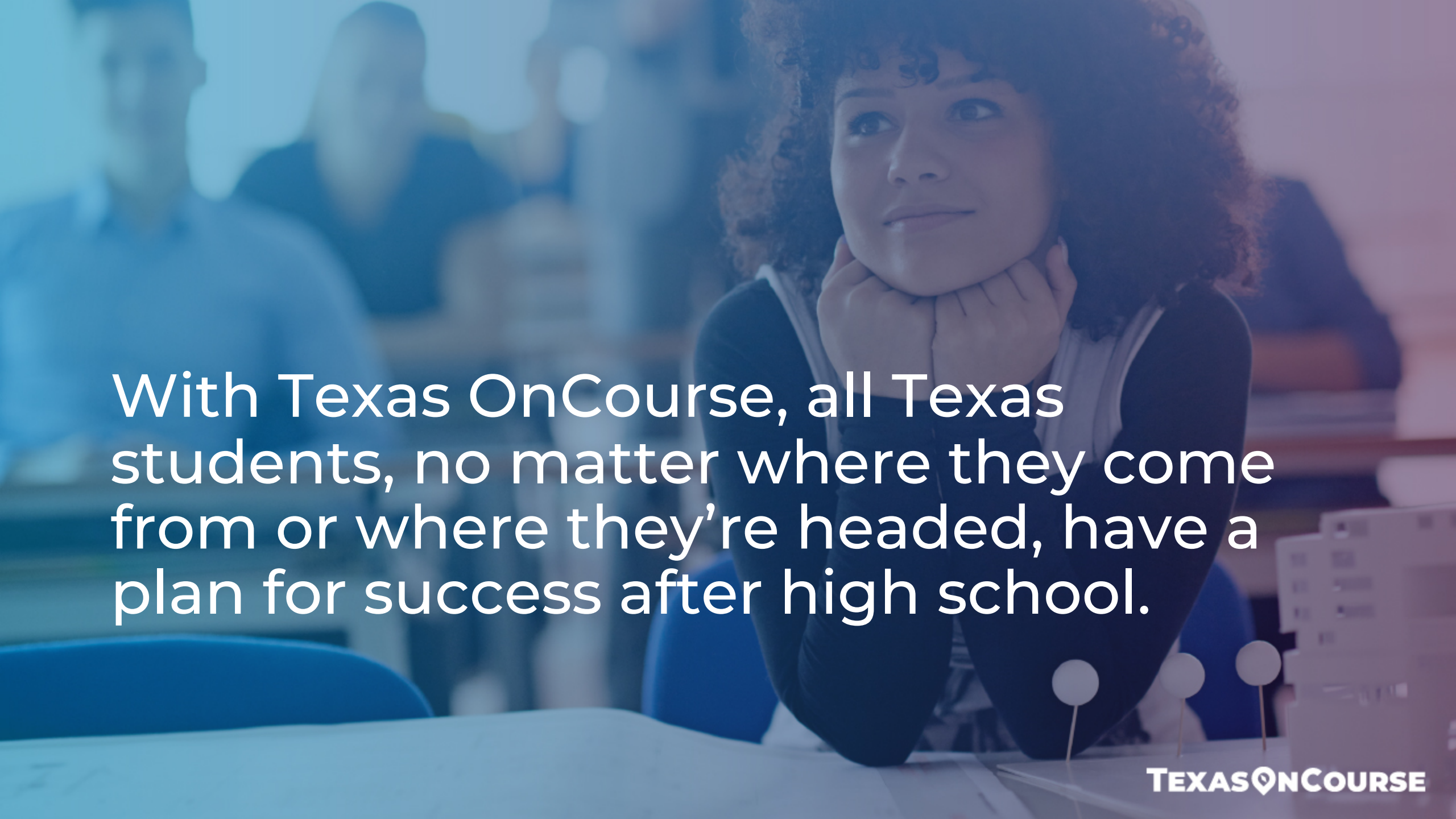
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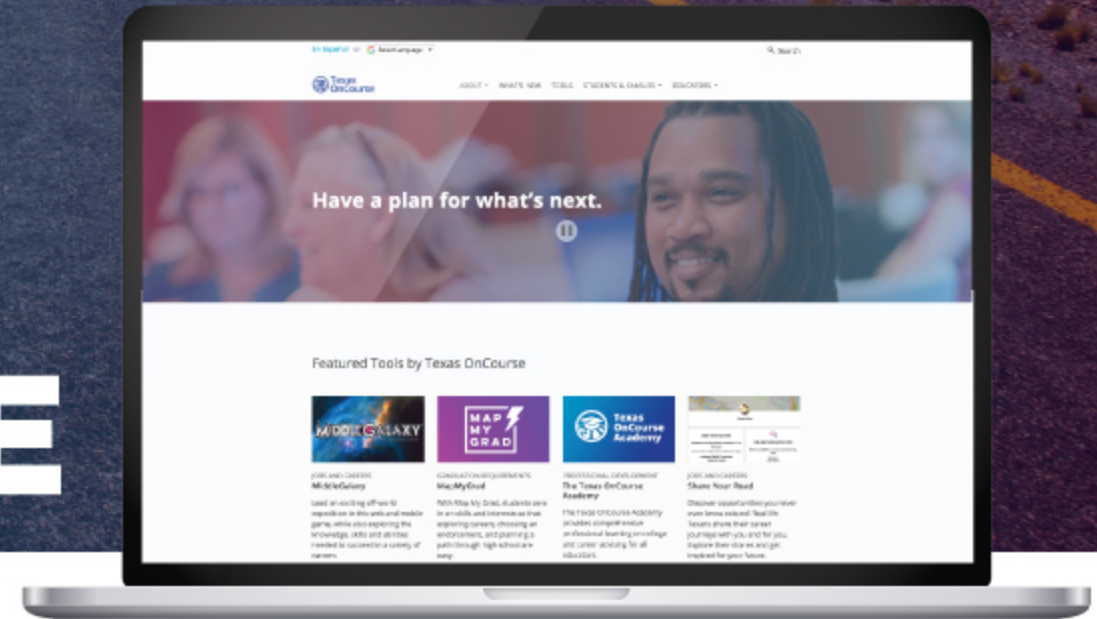




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# Agenda

- Welcome
- TEA FAFSA requirements
  - Josie Brunner, Data Strategist, CCMP
- FAFSA updates and tips
  - Jaslyn Rose, Director of Content and Resources
- Important TASFA information
  - Sam Kimmel, Program Coordinator – High School
  - Resource Spotlight

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# What questions do you have about the financial aid requirement this year?

Let us know your responses in the chat box.



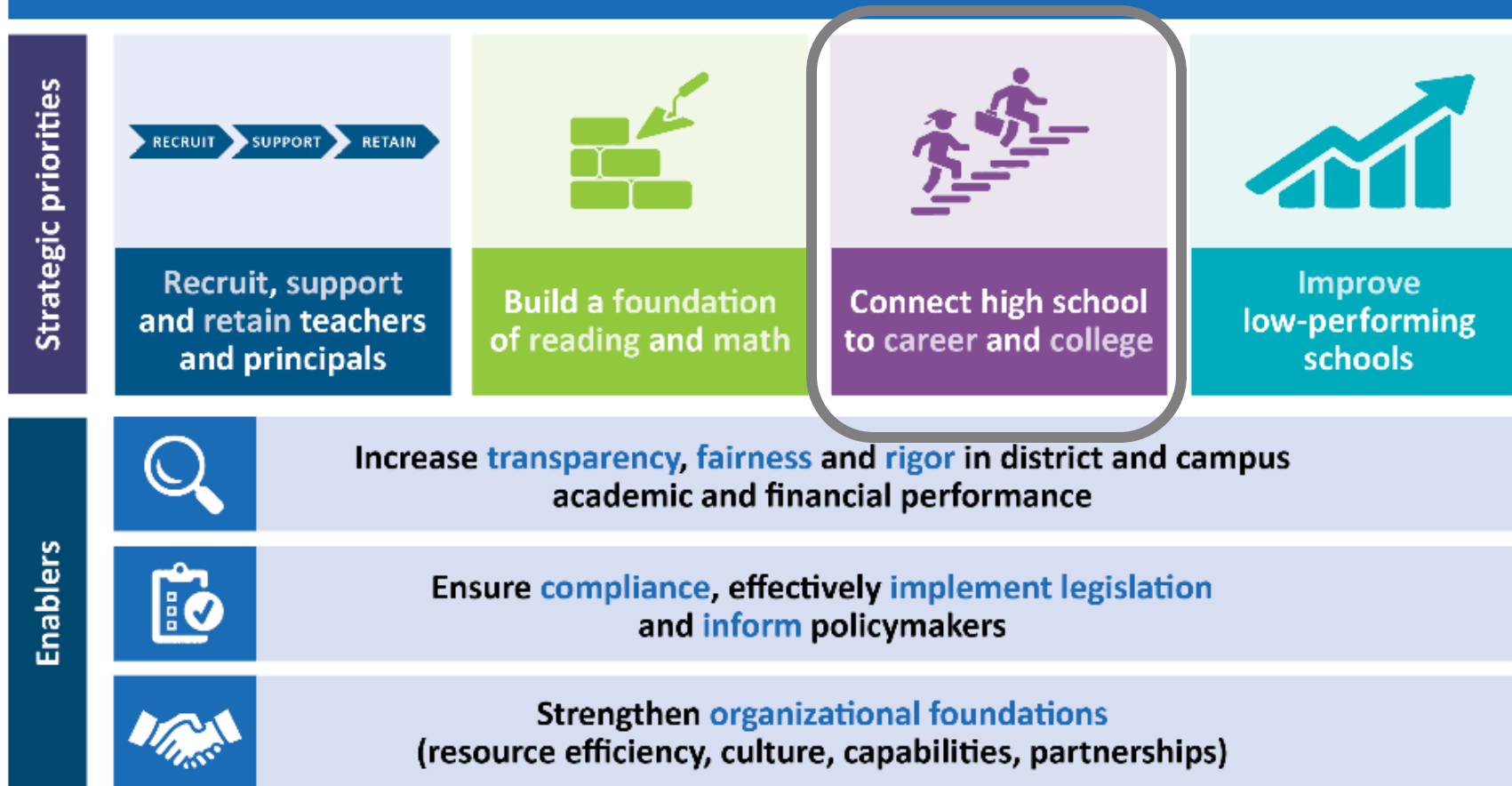


# Financial Aid Application Graduation Requirement

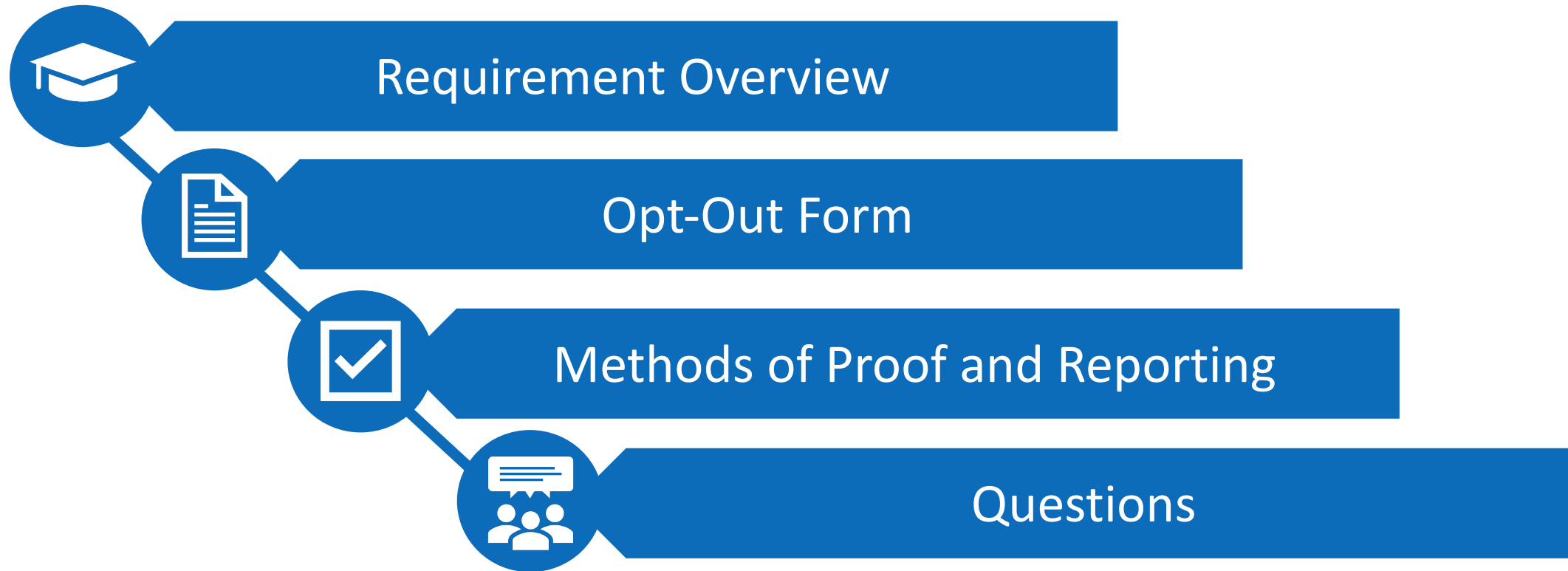
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# HB 3 Changes – Financial Aid Application Requirement

## New Graduation Requirement

Beginning in **2021-2022**, each student must do one of the following in order to graduate:

- complete and submit a **free application for federal student aid (FAFSA)**
- complete and submit a **Texas application for state financial aid (TASFA)**
- submit a **signed opt-out form**

TEA must establish and convene an advisory committee to develop recommendations for adoption of rules including implementation of the new requirement and related timelines.



### Key Takeaway

This requirement applies beginning with students enrolled in **12th grade** during the **2021-2022 school year**.

## TEA Actions

- ✓ Convened an Advisory Committee
- ✓ Submitted a report to the Texas Legislature
- ✓ Approved data elements for reporting requirement in TSDS PEIMS
- ✓ Developed opt-out form
- ✓ Supported SBOE to adopt administrative rules
- ✓ Files proposed Commissioner's rules



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## Financial Aid Requirement

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0256, beginning with students enrolled in **12th grade** during the **2021-2022 school year**, each student must do one of the following in order to graduate:

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA); or
- Submit a signed opt-out form.

### Laws and Rules

In 2019, the 86th Texas Legislature established the new requirement for Texas students to complete a financial aid application (or formally opt out) in order to graduate. The State Board of Education (SBOE) adopted rules related to the new requirement in January 2021.

### Related Content

[Effective Advising](#)[Graduation Information](#)[PEIMS](#)

### Contact Information

[BeyondGrad@tea.texas.gov](mailto:BeyondGrad@tea.texas.gov)

- ✓ **Laws and Rules**
  - Commissioner's Rules
  - SBOE Rules
- ✓ **Opting Out**
- ✓ **Reporting**
- ✓ **Training and Resources**
- ✓ **Additional Guidance**

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/financial-aid-requirement>

## A student may opt out of the financial aid application graduation requirement if:

- a parent or guardian submits a signed form;
- the student is 18 years of age or older or an emancipated minor under Chapter 31, Texas Family Code and submits a signed form; or
- a school counselor authorizes the student to decline to complete and submit the application for good cause.

## Important to note:

- **Student** must sign in each scenario
- Form available in English in Spanish on TEA site
- Define “good cause” locally

Financial Aid Application Opt-Out Form	
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OPTION I: A student age 18 years or older or emancipated minor under Chapter 31, Texas Family Code	
OPTION II: The student’s parent or guardian and the student	
OPTION III: A school counselor, for good cause as determined by the school counselor, and the student	
<i>Students under 18 years of age may only be authorized to decline under OPTION II or OPTION III.</i>	
Student Printed Name:	Date of Birth:
District/Charter School:	Campus:

Submitting a *Financial Aid Application Opt-Out Form* does not prohibit a student from completing and submitting a financial aid application at any time in the future.

OPTION I: STUDENT AUTHORIZATION	
My signature below certifies that I am <b>18 years of age or older or an emancipated minor</b> and am authorized to decline to complete and submit a financial aid application on my own behalf.	
Student Signature:	Date:
OPTION II: PARENT AUTHORIZATION	
My signature below authorizes my child to decline to complete and submit a financial aid application.	
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:	Date:
Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name:	
I am under the age of 18 and with my parent’s authorization, I decline to complete and submit a financial aid application.	
Student Signature:	Date:
OPTION III: COUNSELOR AUTHORIZATION	
My signature below certifies that reasonable efforts to fulfill obligations to the student have been made, but for good cause I have authorized the student to decline to complete and submit a financial aid application.	
School Counselor Signature:	Date:
School Counselor Printed Name:	
I am under the age of 18 and with my counselor’s authorization, I decline to complete and submit a financial aid application.	
Student Signature:	Date:

Only Option III  
requires good  
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<b>Student Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>



**FAFSA completion and submission may be confirmed through:**

- **date represented in the “FAFSA Process date” field in ApplyTexas Counselor Suite FAFSA data; or**
- **notification from USDE that demonstrates a student has completed and submitted a FAFSA, such as an email confirmation of submission; or**
- **alternate proof of FAFSA completion that may be provided by a student, based on the local policy developed by a district. Some examples may include:**
  - Screenshot of FAFSA submission acknowledgement page
  - Financial aid award letter from an IHE
  - Other, as established by local policy

**School districts must develop a local policy for the method of proof that the student has completed a TASFA. Some examples may include:**

- Acknowledgement of receipt from an IHE
- Copy of signature page
- Screenshot of TASFA submission acknowledgement page (from those institutions that offer an electronic form)
- Other, as established by local policy

**Note:** The process for TASFA submission is not standard for all Texas institutions. There is currently no centralized source to verify submission and completion of a TASFA electronically.

# Reporting Requirements – TREx Financial-Aid-Application-Code (TE139)

Beginning in school year 2021-22, new data elements will be entered in the Texas Records Exchange (TREx) System to track students' completion of the graduation requirement for the student record.

Common Name	XML Name	Complex Type	Date Issued	Date Updated
<b>FINANCIAL-AID-APPLICATION-CODE</b>	FinancialAidApplication	AcademicStatusType	8/1/2021	
<b>Definition</b>				
FINANCIAL-AID-APPLICATION-CODE indicates the manner in which the student completed the graduation requirement of either submitting a financial aid application (FAFSA or TASFA) or submitting an exception.				
<b>Special Instructions</b>				
None				
<b>Data Specifications</b>				
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Code Table ID	Code Table Name	XML Name	Date Issued	Date Updated
TC46	FINANCIAL-AID-APPLICATION-CODE	FinancialAidApplicationCode	8/1/2021	
Code	Translation			
01	Financial application form completed			
02	Exception Submitted			

Opt-Out Form

**Note:** These codes will be the same as the codes used for TSDS PEIMS.

# Reporting Requirements – TREx Financial-Aid-Application-Met-Date (TE140)

**Note:** The FAFSA and TASFA applications does not open until **October 1** in a school year.

Common Name		XML Name	Complex Type	Date Issued	Date Updated
FINANCIAL-AID-APPLICATION-REQUIREMENT-MET-DATE		FinancialAidApplicati onMetDate	AcademicStatus Type	8/1/2021	
Definition					
FINANCIAL-AID-APPLICATION-REQUIREMENT-MET-DATE indicates the month and year that the student completed a financial aid application (FAFSA or TASFA) or submitted an exception.					
Special Instructions					
None					
Data Specifications					
Element ID	Code Table ID	Required?		Domain of Values	
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Applicable Record	Length	Type		Pattern	
Student Record AAR-Transcript	7	Date		yyyy-mm	

# Reporting Requirements - TSDS PEIMS Financial Aid Application Code (E1724)

Beginning in fall of **school year 2022-23 for Submission 1**, districts will be required to report the financial aid application graduation requirement in TSDS PEIMS for 2021-22 graduates.

- Data standards will be published December 2021

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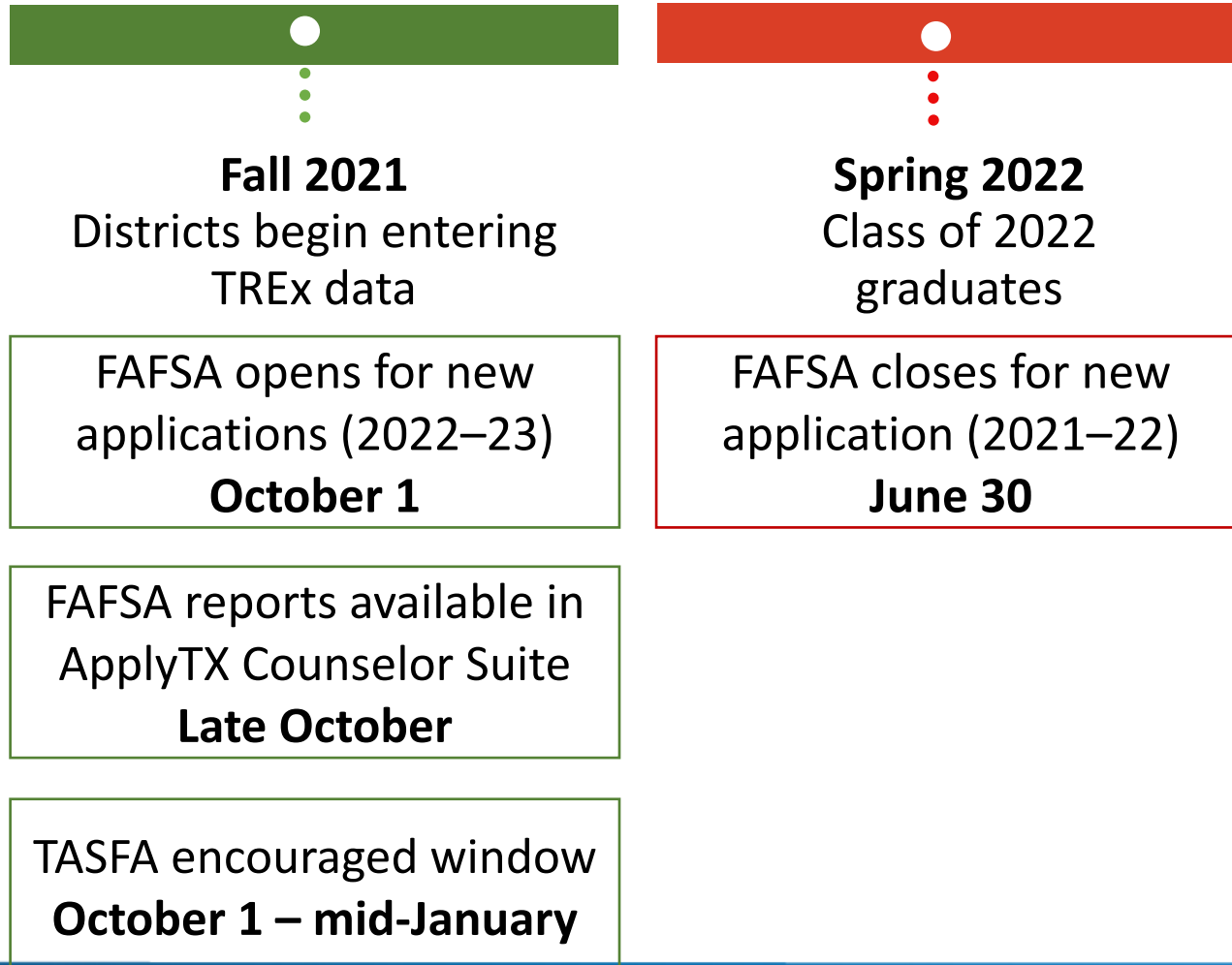
**Note:** Districts are not asked what financial aid application form (i.e., the FAFSA or TASFA) was completed.

Financial-Aid-Application-Indicator
01 Financial application form completed
02 Exception filed

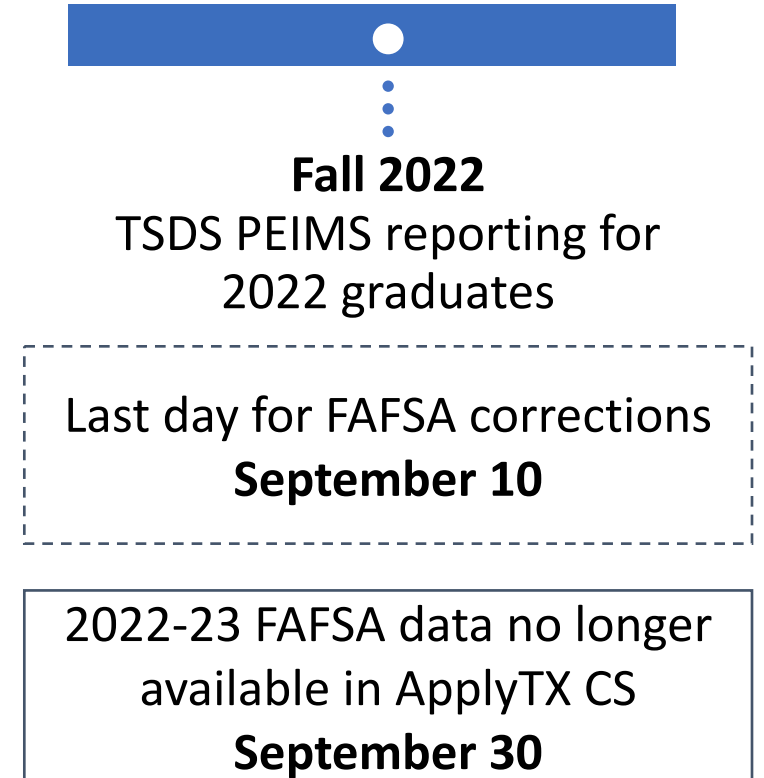


# Reporting Timeline for 2021-22 Graduates

## School Year (SY) 2021-22



## School Year 2022-23



# Contact

[CASSTeam@tea.texas.gov](mailto:CASSTeam@tea.texas.gov)

A group of students are sitting on a wooden bench in a brightly lit room. They are all looking at their devices, including laptops and smartphones. The image has a blue and purple color overlay. The text "FAFSA Updates and Tips" is written in large, white, bold letters across the middle of the image.

# FAFSA Updates and Tips



# What is the FAFSA?

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid

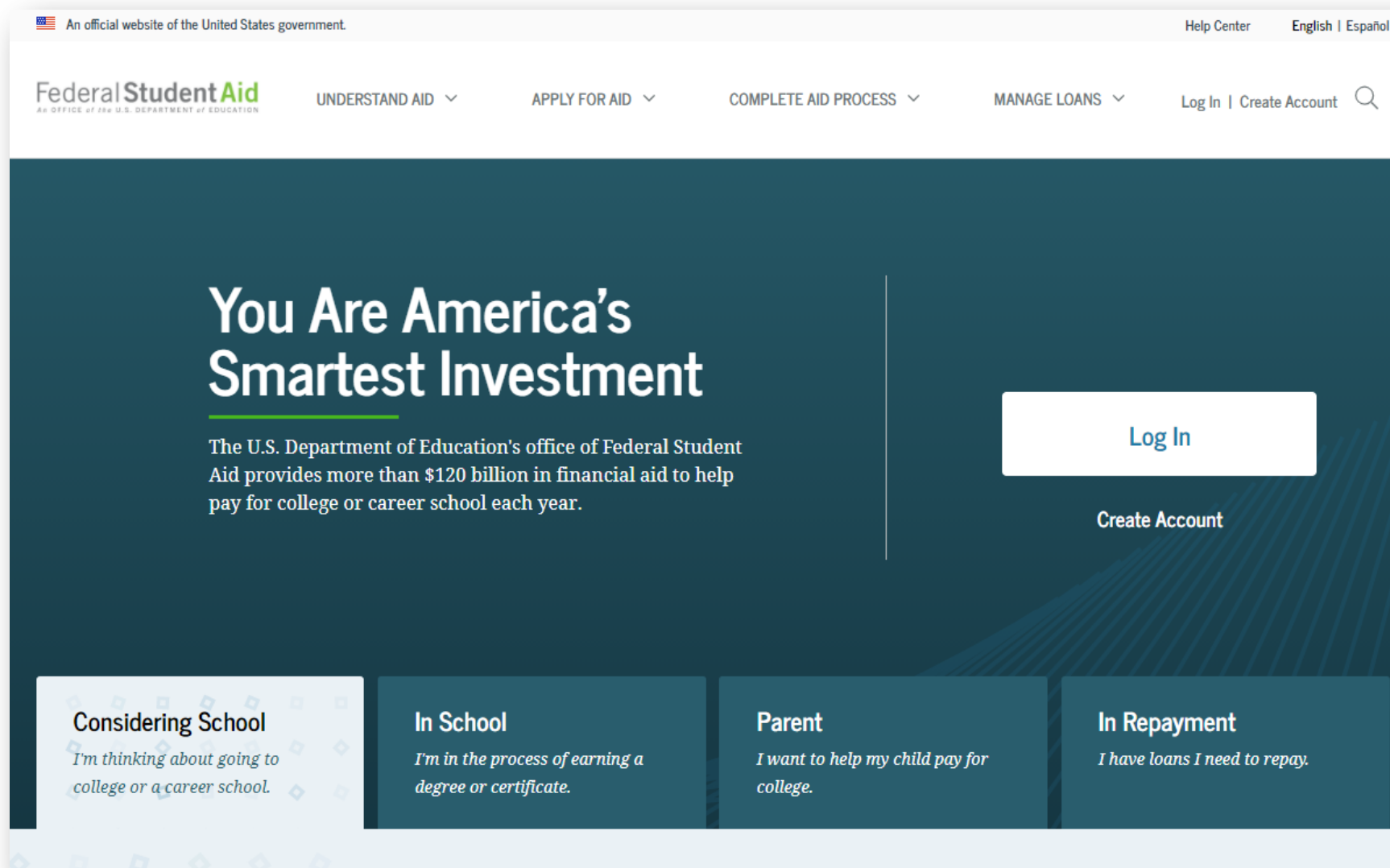
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Available October 1


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Complete by **earliest** deadline

# StudentAid.gov Home



# Apply for Aid

 An official website of the United States government.
 Help Center
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**APPLY FOR AID ▾**
COMPLETE AID PROCESS ▾
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The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid provides more than \$120 billion in financial aid to help pay for college or career school each year.

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[Create Account](#)

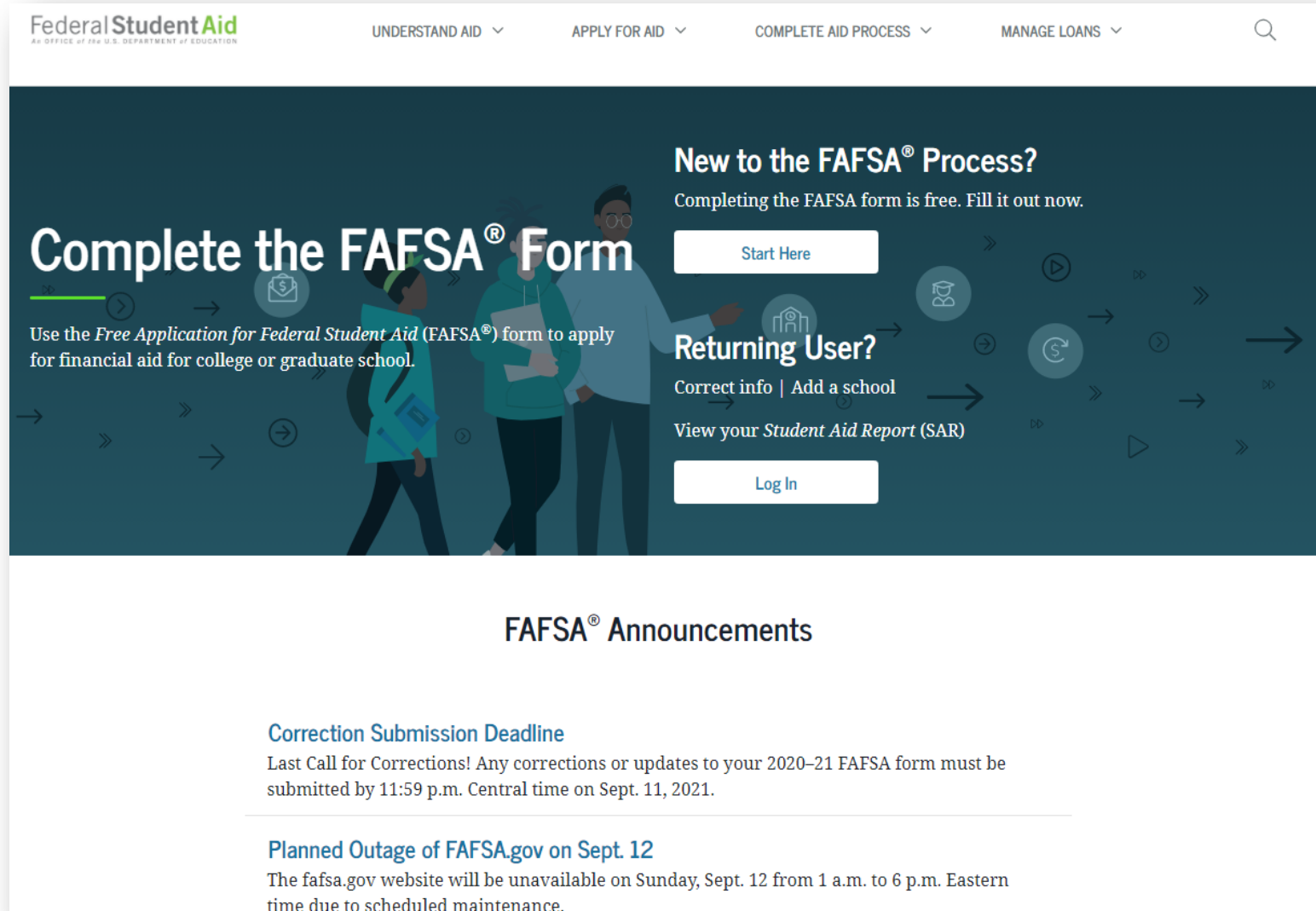
**Considering School**  
*I'm thinking about going to college or a career school.*

**In School**  
*I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate.*

**Parent**  
*I want to help my child pay for college.*

**In Repayment**  
*I have loans I need to repay.*

# FAFSA Form Welcome Page



The screenshot shows the FAFSA Form Welcome Page. At the top is a navigation bar with the Federal Student Aid logo and links for UNDERSTAND AID, APPLY FOR AID, COMPLETE AID PROCESS, and MANAGE LOANS. The main content area has a dark blue background with an illustration of three students. The primary heading is 'Complete the FAFSA® Form', followed by a subtext: 'Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.' To the right, there are two sections: 'New to the FAFSA® Process?' with a 'Start Here' button, and 'Returning User?' with links for 'Correct info | Add a school' and 'View your Student Aid Report (SAR)', followed by a 'Log In' button. Below this is a section titled 'FAFSA® Announcements' containing two items: 'Correction Submission Deadline' and 'Planned Outage of FAFSA.gov on Sept. 12'.

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UNDERSTAND AID ▾ APPLY FOR AID ▾ COMPLETE AID PROCESS ▾ MANAGE LOANS ▾

## Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

### New to the FAFSA® Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

[Start Here](#)

### Returning User?

[Correct info](#) | [Add a school](#)

[View your Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)

[Log In](#)

## FAFSA® Announcements

### Correction Submission Deadline

Last Call for Corrections! Any corrections or updates to your 2020–21 FAFSA form must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Central time on Sept. 11, 2021.

### Planned Outage of FAFSA.gov on Sept. 12

The fafsa.gov website will be unavailable on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 1 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time due to scheduled maintenance.



# Role Selection – Options


## Welcome to the FAFSA® Form

**Tell us about yourself.**

[? Help](#) [Exit FAFSA Form](#)


☐

I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form.




☐

I am a parent filling out a FAFSA form for a student.



☐

I am a preparer helping a student fill out his or her FAFSA form.




# Role Selection – FSA ID

## Welcome to the FAFSA® Form

Tell us about yourself.

[? Help](#) [↗ Exit FAFSA Form](#)

☒ I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form.



Log In to Continue

Create an FSA ID

or

Use personal identifiers to access the FAFSA form.

# Role Selection – Personal Identifiers

Use personal identifiers to access the FAFSA form.

## Enter your personal identifiers.

Your First Name



Your Full Last Name



Your Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year





Your Social Security Number




*If you, the student, do not have a Social Security number because you are a citizen of a trust territory and this is your first time filling out the FAFSA form, enter 666 in this field.*

*If you are a returning trust territory student who has previously submitted the FAFSA form, enter the entire 666 number we previously assigned to you.*

[I am from a freely associated state.](#)

# Log In Page

## Log In ➡

FSA ID Username, Email, or Mobile Phone

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[Forgot My Username](#)

Password

..... ?

[Show Password](#)

[Forgot My Password](#)

Log In

or

Create an Account



A group of five diverse students walking along a paved path in a park-like setting. From left to right: a young woman with glasses holding a tablet, a young man in a bright yellow shirt holding a tablet, a young woman with glasses talking on a phone, a young man in a pink shirt looking at a phone, and a young woman in a patterned cardigan holding a smartphone and two pink folders. The background shows green grass and trees. A semi-transparent blue overlay covers the left side of the image.

# Mobile App

# myStudentAid Log In

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**i** COVID emergency relief flexibilities extended at least through Sept. 30, 2021  
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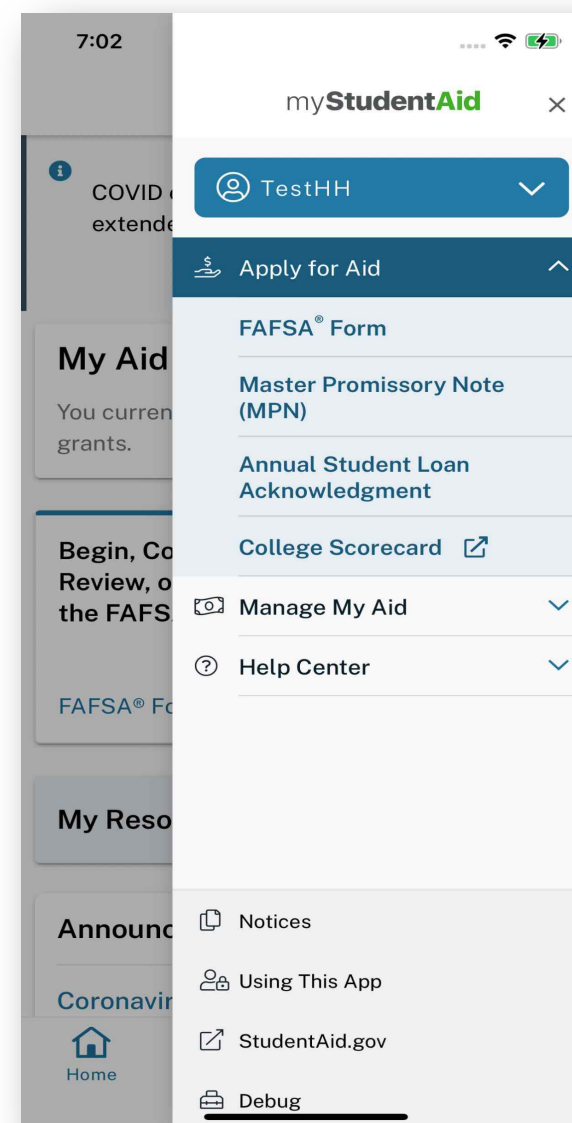
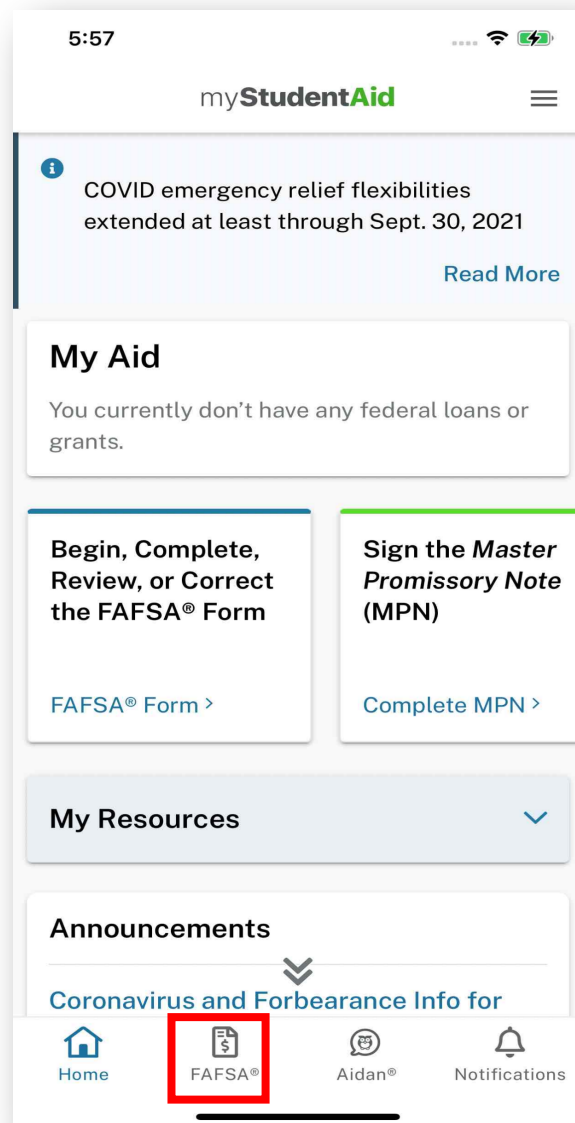
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# Dashboard and Hamburger Menu



# Role Selection


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← FAFSA ≡


Not Test User ?  
[Log out so you can log in with your FSA ID.](#)

Tell us who you are.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am the \_\_\_\_\_

 Parent >

 Student >

 Preparer >



# Other Updates

# Whose Information Should I Provide?

✓

Student Demographics

✓

School Selection

✓

Dependency Status

4

Parent Demographics

5

Parent Financials

6

Student Financials

7

Sign & Submit

PARENT INFORMATION

Whose Information Should I Provide?

✓

Application was successfully saved.

i

For additional assistance determining what parent information to report on the FAFSA® form, refer to *Who's my Parent When Filling Out the FAFSA form?* fact sheet.

Since you have been identified as a dependent student, you will need to provide information about your parent(s). You must identify and report information about your parent(s) even if you don't live with him or her. Use the following criteria to determine whose information you should report in the "Parent Demographics" and "Parent Financials" sections of the FAFSA® form:

My parents live together (married or unmarried).

My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with one parent more than the other.

My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with both parents equally.

I was legally adopted.

Previous

Continue

# Parent Household Information

✓  
Student Demographics

✓  
School Selection

✓  
Dependency Status

4  
Parent Demographics

5  
Parent Financials

6  
Student Financials

7  
Sign & Submit

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent Household Information

Your household size is 9.

You:	Your Parents:	Other Dependent Children of Your Parent(s):	Other Dependents of Your Parent(s):
1	2	2	2

Number in College

Out of the 7 dependents in your parents' household (as shown above), how many will be college students between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023? **DO NOT include your parents, but DO include yourself** and other members of the household.

Previous

Continue

# Student Selective Service

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid application interface. At the top is a progress bar with seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (checked), 3. Dependency Status (checked), 4. Parent Demographics (active, highlighted with a blue circle), 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the section is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student Selective Service". The first question is "Are you male or female?" with radio button options for "Male" (selected) and "Female". Below this is an information box stating: "Most male citizens and immigrants must register with the Selective Service System to receive federal student aid." The second question is "Are you registered with the Selective Service System?" with radio button options for "Yes" (selected) and "No". At the bottom are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue".

Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ Dependency Status ✓ **Parent Demographics 4** Parent Financials 5 Student Financials 6 Sign & Submit 7

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Selective Service

Are you male or female? ⓘ

☒ Male

☐ Female

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Are you registered with the Selective Service System? ⓘ

☒ Yes

☐ No

Previous Continue



# Student Eligibility Worksheet

✓  
Student Demographics

✓  
School Selection

✓  
Dependency Status

✓  
Parent Demographics

5  
Parent Financials

6  
Student Financials

7  
Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Eligibility Worksheet

Have you ever received federal student aid? ?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Have you been convicted of the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study funds, and/or loans)? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Previous

Continue

# FAFSA Corrections

My FAFSA®

[Help](#)
[Exit FAFSA Form](#)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome to TestG Taylor's application!

2021-22

Current Application Status:

Processed Successfully




Congratulations, your FAFSA form was successfully processed.

What Happens Next

- Your FAFSA information was made available to the school(s) you listed on your FAFSA form.
- Your school(s) will use your FAFSA information to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package contact your school(s).

*Original Application: Submitted on 10/01/2020; Processed on 10/30/2020*

You may take the following additional actions:

 <p><b>Update School Information</b> Add, remove, or change housing plans for schools on your FAFSA form.</p>	<a href="#">Update Schools</a>
 <p><b>Edit FAFSA Form</b> Change incorrect information on a previous FAFSA submission.</p>	<a href="#">Edit FAFSA Form</a>
 <p><b>View Student Aid Report</b> View your EFC, FAFSA answers, and financial aid history.</p>	<a href="#">View Student Aid Report</a>

# Make Corrections

## Make Corrections to Student's 2021–22 FAFSA® Form

Enter the save key you created when you began your 2021–22 FAFSA form.

Create a Save Key

 Show ?





Reenter Save Key



 Show ?[Previous](#)[Continue](#)

# FAFSA Form Sections

FAFSA® CORRECTIONS

## FAFSA® Form Sections


<p>SECTION 1</p>  <p><b>Student Demographics</b></p> <p>Student name, mailing address, date of birth, email, social security number, gender, etc.</p>	Enter Section
<p>SECTION 2</p>  <p><b>School Selection</b></p> <p>Student high school information and list of colleges provided on the FAFSA® form.</p>	Enter Section
<p>SECTION 3</p>  <p><b>Dependency Status</b></p> <p>Whether the student has children or dependents and the size of their household.</p>	Enter Section
<p>SECTION 4</p>  <p><b>Parent Demographics</b></p> <p>Parents' marital status, social security numbers, dates of birth, household information, etc.</p>	Enter Section

<p>SECTION 5</p>  <p><b>Parent Financials</b></p> <p>Parent can either use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool or input information from the W-2s manually.</p>	Enter Section
<p>SECTION 6</p>  <p><b>Student Financials</b></p> <p>Student can either use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool or input information from the W-2s manually.</p> <p>Eligible for IRS Data Transfer</p>	Enter Section

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## My Documents

### Completed Documents

- Select -



Select a document type from the dropdown above.

- Loan Counseling
- Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- Direct PLUS Loan Application
- Loan Consolidation Application
- Income-Driven Repayment Plan Application
- Completed Endorser Addendum
- TEACH Grant
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool Forms
- Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment










# Notifications

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## Notifications

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 You have 2 new TEACH Disclosures to review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
 You have 5 overpayments of federal student aid funds.	<input type="checkbox"/>
 You have 3 new correspondence to review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
 It's time to recertify your income-driven repayment plan. <b>Complete your annual recertification.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 You had 2 student loan payments to DEPT OF ED/NELNET processed recently. <b>View your payment history.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 You had 2 student loan payments to DEPT OF ED/GREAT LAKES processed recently. <b>View your payment history.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Three student loan payments to DEPT OF ED/GREAT LAKES that were posted to your account were not processed. <b>View payment history for more info.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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# EFC Future Update



**Replacing the EFC with the Student Aid Index (SAI)**

\*Expected launch: 2023–24



**Tip #1: Use the FAFSA  
demo site to see the  
student experience**



# FAFSA Demo Site

## Preloaded Test Data

2022-2023 Renewal FAFSAs

Test Case	SSN	Last Name	First Name	DOB	FSA ID Username	FSA ID Password	Dependency Model
1	966-12-1001	Lastnamerapp	Susan	11021986	renewal81	Renewapp81	Independent
2	966-12-1002	Lastnamerapp	Brian	11022003	renewal82	Renewapp82	Independent
3	966-12-1003	Lastnamerapp	Maxine	11022003	renewal83	Renewapp83	Independent
4	966-12-1004	Lastnamerapp	Abe	11022003	renewal84	Renewapp84	Independent
5	966-12-1005	Lastnamerapp	Judith	11022003	renewal85	Renewapp85	Independent
6	966-12-1006	Lastnamerapp	Harvey	04192003	renewal86	Renewapp86	Dependent
7	966-12-1007	Lastnamerapp	Larry	04192003	renewal87	Renewapp87	Dependent
8	966-12-1008	Lastnamerapp	Val	04192003	renewal88	Renewapp88	Dependent
9	966-12-1009	Lastnamerapp	Helen	04192003	renewal89	Renewapp89	Dependent
10	966-12-1010	Lastnamerapp	John	04192003	renewal90	Renewapp90	Dependent

[fafsademotest.ed.gov](https://fafsademotest.ed.gov)



An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road cutting through a dense, green forest. The road curves from the bottom left towards the top right. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Tip #2: Use the  
ApplyTexas Counselor  
Suite to track data**



# Counselor Suite Preview

Counselor Suite – Counselor

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	School	Grad Date	Email Address	Phone	Show Details
FIRSTTEST1	LASTTEST1	09/04/2002	LAKE TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL				Hide Details
FAFSA application							
Completed	Completed Date	Processed Date	Selected for Verification				
Yes	11 / 12 / 2020	11 / 16 / 2020	No				
ApplyTexas applications							
There are no ApplyTexas applications on file for this student.							
Hide Details							
FIRSTTEST2	LASTTEST2	08/08/2002	LAKE TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL				Show Details
FIRSTTEST3	LASTTEST3	09/22/2002	LAKE TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL				Show Details

# **State Financial Aid - TASFA**



**What are some common issues you face when completing a TASFA?**

# What is the TASFA?

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**Texas** Application for State Financial Aid

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Available **October 1**

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State priority deadline of **January 15**

# Eligibility Requirements

## Who should complete a TASFA:

- Students classified as Texas residents who are not eligible to apply for federal student aid using the FAFSA

## Eligibility to qualify for state aid:

- See infographic

## State Financial Aid Eligibility Requirements



To qualify for state financial aid, a student must meet the following four provisions:

### Graduation



Graduate from a public or private high school, or receive a high school equivalency, in Texas

### Three-year residency



Reside in Texas for at least three years (36 months) leading up to high school graduation or receiving a GED

### 12-month residency



Reside in Texas for 12 consecutive months right before the semester the student enrolls in college

### Notarized affidavit




Provide the institution a notarized affidavit stating that the student will submit an application to become a US permanent resident as soon as they are eligible to do so



# Gathering the Right Documentation

**Additional materials may be requested by the college:**

- Notarized Affidavit of Intent to Become a Permanent Resident
- Copies of IRS Tax Return, W-2 forms, and other income records
- Tax filers: IRS Tax Return Transcript
- Non-tax filers: verification of non-filing letter from IRS or other signed statement
- Males: Proof of Selective Service registration

A laptop screen is shown with a semi-transparent overlay. The background image shows a person's hand typing on a laptop keyboard. The laptop screen displays HTML code, including tags like <div class="navbar-collapse collapse", <ul class="nav navbar-nav navbar-right", <button class="navbar-btn", <div class="btn-alert fa fa-clock-o", <div class="alert-top", </button>, </div>, <li class="dropdown", <button class="navbar-btn tab-cs-top", , </a>, </li>, </ul>, </div>. The text "Tip #1: Check each institution's requirements!" is overlaid in large, white, bold font.

**Tip #1: Check each  
institution's  
requirements!**

# TASFA Updates



## Electronic TASFA

\*Expected launch: October 2022



## 2022–23 paper TASFA

\*Available online by Oct 1



## Selective Service questions

\*Still required

# Note: Students Under 18

SELECTIVE SERVICE STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION STATUS	
<p>Male students must verify their current Selective Service registration status by marking one of the statements below and providing proof of their registration status to their current institution. Failure to do so may result in the loss of eligibility for state financial aid.</p> <p>For more information about Selective Service System, <a href="http://sss.gov">visit sss.gov</a>.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am under the age of 18 and not currently required to register.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am REGISTERED with the Selective Service and, <i>Check the following box that applies:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I have already submitted proof of registration to my current institution. <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of registration is included with this statement. <input type="checkbox"/> I will submit proof of my registration. <i>NOTE: Proof is required to be considered eligible for financial aid.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I am EXEMPT from registration and, <i>Check the following box that applies:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I have already submitted proof of my exemption to my current institution. <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of my exemption is included with this statement. <input type="checkbox"/> I will submit proof of my exemption. <i>NOTE : Proof is required to be considered eligible for financial aid.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I am over the age of 18. I am not registered with Selective Service and I am not exempt from registration with Selective Service. <i>NOTE: Choosing this option may result in the loss of eligibility for state financial aid.</i>	
I, <input type="text"/> , hereby certify that the Selective Service status statement provided above is true and accurate.	
Student ID: <input type="text"/>	Signature: <input type="text"/> Date: <input type="text"/>
<p>Complete and return to the Financial Aid Office at your institution of higher education.</p> <p>Selective Service Statement of Registration Status <span style="float: right;">Created April 13, 2020</span></p>	



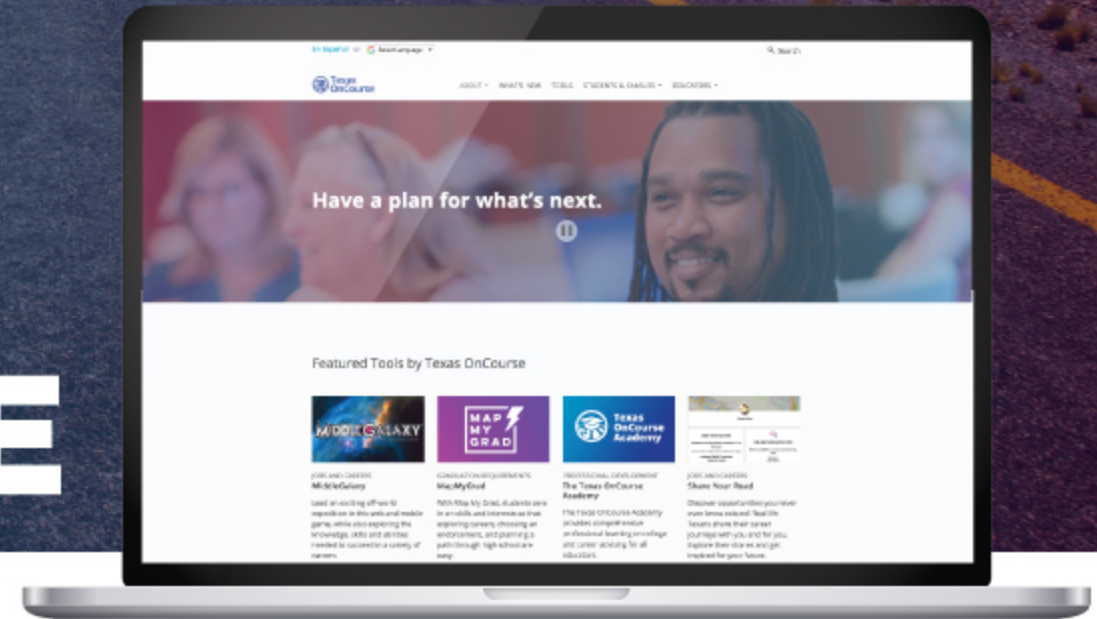
A person with blonde hair tied in a bun, wearing a red and blue plaid shirt and a large tan backpack, is hiking on a dirt trail. The trail is surrounded by green vegetation and leads towards a mountain range with snow-capped peaks in the distance. The text "Tip #2: Have Selective Service registration forms available at financial aid events" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Tip #2: Have Selective  
Service registration forms  
available at financial aid  
events**





# TEXAS ONCOURSE



## Resource Spotlight

Financial aid graduation requirement website

# Our Response

- Texas OnCourse partnered with TEA to create a website that can support a variety of stakeholders in managing this new requirement



Counselors  
and advisers



Community  
partners



Families



Students

# Inside Each Webpage



An explanation of the new graduation requirement



Tools and resources that each audience can leverage



Tips and advice **that** pull in best practices and simplify the financial aid process

# Printable Resources

## Financial aid event planning guide

### Planning for your event

#### Location and room set-up

Find a location that meets the needs of your students and their families. Your home campus is a great place to start, but consider if other locations such as community centers or local businesses would make sense for your audience.

#### Technology

Choose an event location with access to reliable computers and internet. Students and parents will need these to complete their application. They will also need access to their email accounts during the event. Work with your IT team to make sure websites like Gmail, Hotmail, and Yahoo aren't blocked the day of the event.

#### Timing

Consider what time makes most sense for your students and their families. You can partner with teachers to let students complete applications during class, or host events on nights or weekends to maximize event participation. You might also want to schedule individual appointments with students or parents during or after school.

#### Budgeting

Look for additional support from the community. Business partners might donate prizes for a raffle contest. A community-based organization can help secure in-kind donations to reward student attendance at financial aid events.

Check out the following pages for more resources.



### Tools to have at your event

## Financial aid event checklist

#### Checklist: Before the event

- ☐ Confirm space for the event is reserved and that you have access to the space.
- ☐ Send volunteers logistical information (where to go, what to do) for any day-of needs or emergencies.
- ☐ If possible, check technology you'll be using such as email, to make sure everything is working.
- ☐ Send a final marketing push the day before and day of the event through all channels as possible!

#### Checklist: During the event

- ☐ Create a welcome station to track student attendance using colored sticky notes depending on the application status.
- ☐ After students submit their application, make a copy of their application. You can use it to cross-reference application progress.
- ☐ Have worksheets and handouts readily available to students.
- ☐ Don't forget to take pictures at the event so you can share them on social media channels!

#### Checklist: After the event

- ☐ Send thank-you letters to everyone who helped with the event, including administrators, businesses, colleges and universities.
- ☐ Analyze event registration data and compare it with previous years' data to track students' progress on completing their applications. You need to follow up with, as well as students who may need a targeted intervention.



## Do I have to provide my parents' information on my financial aid form?

All applicants for financial aid are considered either *independent* or *dependent*.

### Independent Student

If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, then you may be independent and not required to provide parental info on your form.

### Dependent Student

If you answer **NO** to all of these questions, then you are considered a dependent and required to provide your parental financial info.

- 1 Will you be 24 or older by January 1 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid?
- 2 Are you married, or separated but not divorced?
- 3 Will you be working toward a master's or doctorate degree (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD)?
- 4 Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?
- 5 Do you have dependents (other than children or a spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?
- 6 Are you currently serving on active duty in the US armed forces for purposes other than training?
- 7 Are you a veteran of the US armed forces?
- 8 At any time since you turned 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a ward or a dependent of the court?
- 9 Are you an emancipated minor or are you in a legal guardianship as determined by a court?
- 10 Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

If a student doesn't answer *yes* to any of the questions above, they're still considered a dependent student for purposes of applying for financial aid, even if they don't live with their parents, are not claimed by their parents on their tax forms, or are paying for their own bills and educational expenses.

For more information, visit Federal Student Aid's [Dependency page](#).





# Tips and Advice

## Conduct a needs assessment

To carry out a successful financial aid application completion drive, high schools can't work alone. But what role should a community partner play in supporting district and campus efforts?

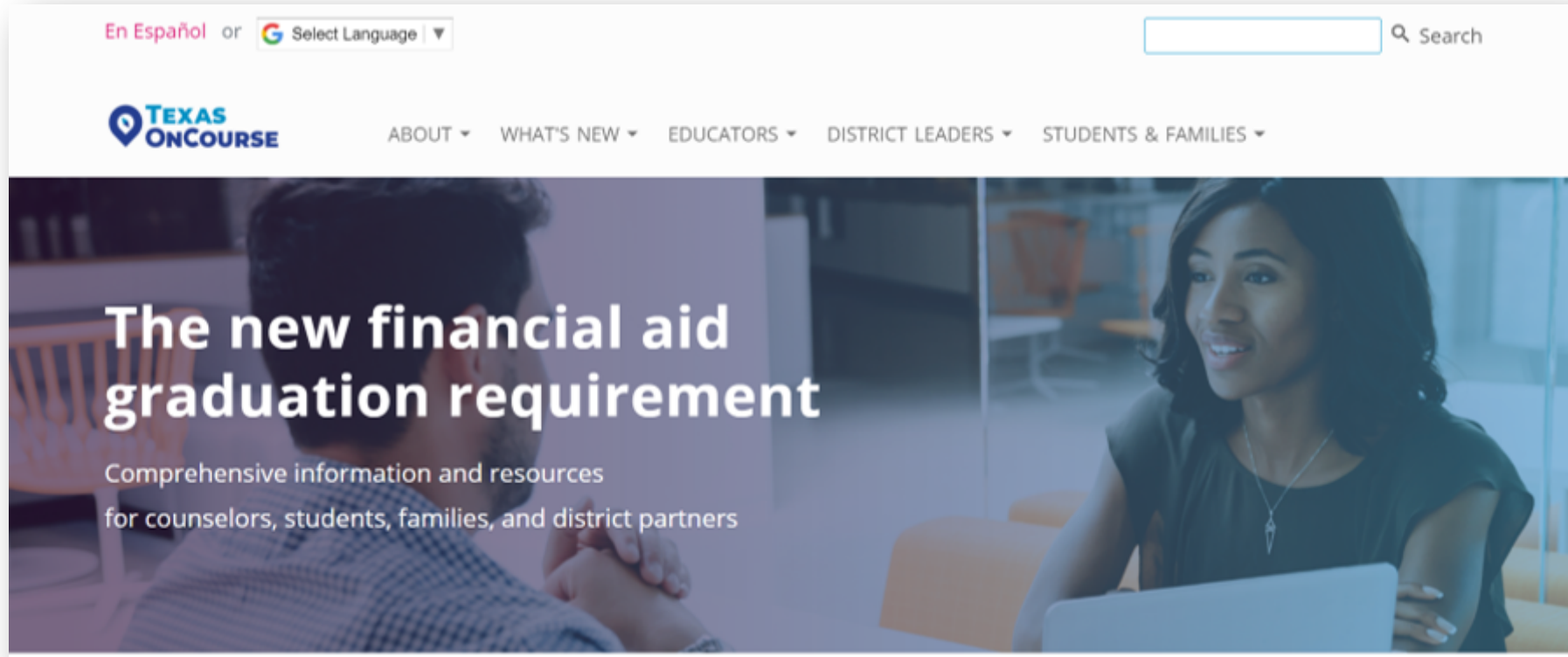


To start, conduct a needs assessment. This will show you how to best allocate support to the districts and campuses you work with. Coordinate with school leaders to better understand their current capacity and any gaps in student support. Consider using the following guided questions in your needs assessment:

- Who does the campus or district already partner with?
- What's our organizational niche, and what support are we best positioned to provide?
- What connections to the community do we have that our partnering school or district may not have?
- What resources could we leverage to support our partnering school or district?



# Accessing the Resources



# Guidance for Community Partners

Financial Aid Requirement

[Download toolkit](#)

**Download  
Option**

# Additional Questions

Feel free to type your questions in the chat box.



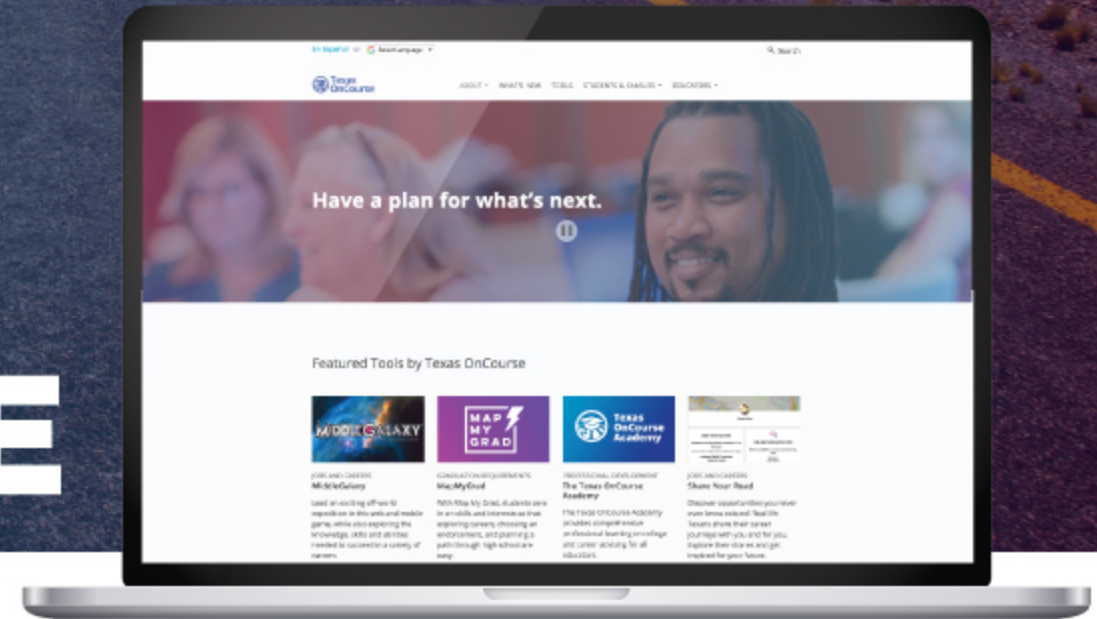


# **Next Webinar: CCMR in Your District 2.0**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10:00 am**



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# Thank You

**Stay tuned for our email follow-up with all this information.  
Take care and stay healthy and safe!**