



THE DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF GUIDANCE
AND COUNSELING

Financial Aid Graduation Requirement – Steps to Apply

Dear 12th Grade Students and Parents,

Beginning with the Class of 2022, each high school senior in a Texas public school district or open enrollment charter school must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) as a state requirement for graduation. [Texas Education Code §28.0256](#) allows a student to opt out of the financial aid application graduation requirement by submitting a signed form that authorizes the student to decline. However, we highly encourage students to apply for financial aid as many colleges/universities also use this application for consideration of awards such as scholarships.

Seniors have the option to either apply for federal financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or for state financial aid through the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA). The FAFSA is available to students who are U.S. Citizens or U.S. Permanent Residents. The TASFA is available to students who are foreign/non-citizens but are classified as a Texas Resident.

Both the FAFSA and the TASFA applications are available beginning October 1st of your senior year. Visit the Ysleta ISD Financial Aid website at <https://financialaid.yisd.net/> for more information and instructions on how to apply. We highly recommend that you submit your application by December 31st in order to give the colleges/universities enough time to process your application and provide you with an award letter around March/April.

The documents and information you will need to complete the financial aid application are:

- Username & password (FSA ID) <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
- Social security number or alien registration number (students & parents)
- **2020** tax records information (federal tax information, tax returns, W-2's)
- Records of untaxed income
- Records of your assets (money)
- List of schools you are interested in attending

The Ysleta Independent School District will provide opportunities throughout the year for seniors and their parents to learn about the financial aid process and receive support to complete and submit the application. You can request the dates for these events from your high school counselor or Go Center and reach out to them for any questions.

YISD Counselor directory: <https://www.yisd.net/Page/13839>

YISD Go Center directory: <https://www.yisd.net/Page/7291>



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To authorize a student to opt out of the financial aid application graduation requirement, the Financial Aid Application Opt-Out Form must be signed by one of the following:

- 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

If you are choosing to opt out of the financial aid requirement, please contact your high school counselor to schedule an appointment to discuss your options.

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