

Financial Aid Application Requirement Advisory Committee Recommendations

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(For draft form, see Appendix B.) The committee further recommends provision of guidance to accompany the opt-out form which will support districts in creating local policies and processes

Proposed Procedure for TASFA Data Collection

- o Require institutions of higher education to accept the TASFA by verifying student eligibility for state financial aid.
- o Establish an online TASFA (e.g., an online, fillable PDF, printable form) that collects all data necessary to calculate an Expected Family Contribution index number that colleges use to determine how much financial aid applicant is eligible to receive, following federal methodology for consistency and use that template as the standard form.

Development and Costs

- o The 86th Texas Legislature appropriated funding for the development and maintenance of the online TASFA.

Recommendations for Technical and Functional Revisions

- o Include a privacy statement on the online TASFA that assures the state will not share information with any institution other than those identified by the applicant.
- o Offer a Spanish language translation as an option for the application.
- o Include helpful pop-up information on the online TASFA that explains the questions and

Appendix A
Committee Roster

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Financial Aid Application Output Form

Financial aid applications inform postsecondary institutions' decisions about student eligibility for federal, state, and institutional funds. Financial aid Tm [(in)4.T Q BT 0 11.52 561.96 750.8 Tm [(in)4.T Q BT 11EMC 52 0/P <</MCID 9 >