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Director, Financial Aid Services

DATE: October 1, 2019

RE: 2020-21 Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)

The 2020-21 TASFA (English and Spanish versions) is now available on the <u>College</u> <u>For All Texans</u> website and <u>Student Financial Aid Programs Information</u> webpage under **Program Resources**.

Similar to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the 2020-21 TASFA includes a "Notes" section to help students and parents answer certain questions on the application. Please be aware that minor clarifying edits were made to the English version Notes on **question 41 and 43-56**, page 7. Institutions may distribute the original version released by the THECB on Sept. 4 or choose to use the updated version released Oct. 1.

## Important: The actual application has not changed since Sept. 4; only the Notes were modified.

As a reminder, the following changes were made to the 2020-21 TASFA compared to last year's 2019-20 version:

- Revised introduction for clarity
- Deleted credit-hour ranges on college grade-level guestion
- Added Selective Service Statement
- Deleted nontax filers section
- Updated untaxed income section to more closely align with FAFSA
- Updated tax references per Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017
- Updated all date and year references
- Added N/A option to the list of federal assistance programs
- Made minor wording changes to add clarity for end user
- Updated notes to more closely align with FAFSA

If you have any questions, contact Financial Aid Services at (844) 792-2640 or online through CONTACT US (select "Financial Aid Question" under Contact Reason).

**Enclosed:** 2020-21 TASFA and Notes (English)

2020-21 TASFA and Notes (Spanish)