

**TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANT (TPEG)
2017/18 Fiscal Year**

The TPEG is available for International Students at The University of Texas at El Paso who demonstrate a financial need caused by unexpected circumstances. To be eligible you **MUST** meet the criteria listed below (absolutely no exceptions):

1. Must be enrolled on a full-time basis and maintain full-time status

<u>Undergraduate</u>	<u>Graduate</u>
12 hours each long semester	9 (graduate) hours each long semester

*Students that are working on a Second Bachelors/Second Masters are *not* eligible for International TPEG.
2. Must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.0 or above, Graduate students 3.0 or above and meet satisfactory academic progress (SAP). Students must make satisfactory academic progress toward the completion of their programs of study according to institutional and federal standards.

Satisfactory Academic Progress is a term used to describe a satisfactory rate of course completion. The University of Texas at El Paso has defined satisfactory academic progress for FULL TIME students as follows:

- Undergraduates – Must maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA, complete at least 75% of the hours attempted per academic year.
- Graduates – Must maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA, complete at least 75% of the hours attempted per academic year.

Students are made aware of these requirements and are evaluated on an annual basis. Each student is responsible for determining the number of hours to be enrolled each academic year in order to comply with the time frame requirements. An appeal process is available to students who fail to meet satisfactory academic progress criteria and these students are advised to contact a Financial Aid Counselor.

3. TPEG will be applied toward outstanding tuition and fees. If you are awarded a scholarship or any other type of assistance that is applied towards your tuition you might not be eligible for TPEG.
4. The maximum **CUMULATIVE** award is \$1,000 (dependent on institutional funding available) **TOTAL** *or* one fiscal year, whichever comes first. Awards are applied for the fall and spring semesters only **NO exceptions.**
5. Must have completed 24 credit hours at UTEP as a full-time student (undergraduate), 18 hours (graduate), **prior** to applying for the Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG). Transfer hours are *not* considered.
6. *Priority deadline is March 15, 2017.*

TO APPLY, THE STUDENT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. **Completed** Application for International Student Aid (attached). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS MISSING DOCUMENTATION WILL <u>NOT</u> BE PROCESSED

2017-18

TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANT

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

The Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is used to collect information to help determine eligibility for state financial aid programs that are administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas. Students that are classified as a Texas Resident who cannot apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. To review the FAFSA filing requirements, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov or visit the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend for the 2017-18 award year. Please note that Texas Residency can only be determined by the institution that you plan to attend. This application cannot be used to determine your state residency status or final eligibility for state aid.

To complete this application, each item within the applicable sections should be answered. For clarification on specific items and for a list of schools that accept the TASFA, please reference the **Notes** section. If you have further questions, contact the financial aid office at your institution.

Texas state priority deadline for many institutions of higher education is March 15, 2017 for the 2017-18 award year. It is recommended that applicants complete and submit this application and any other required documentation to the financial aid office prior to the state priority deadline date.

STEP ONE: STUDENT INFORMATION (See Notes for question 5-6)

1. Last Name		2. First Name		3. M.I.	
4. Date of Birth		5. Social Security Number or DACA # (If applicable)		6. College Student ID	
7. Permanent Mailing Address					
8. City		9. State	10. Zip Code	11. Phone Number	
12. Email Address					
13. What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2017-2018 school year?		<input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Homeschooled		<input type="checkbox"/> General Educational Development (GED) certificate <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	
14. High School Name (If applicable)					
15. High School City (If applicable)			16. State (If applicable)	17. Date of Graduation (If applicable)	
18. Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2017-2018 school year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
19. What will your grade level be when you begin the 2017-18 school year?			20. What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2017-18 school year?		
Never attended college <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(No college credits)</small>			1st bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/>		
1st year undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Up to 30 college credits towards degree)</small>			2nd bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/>		
2nd year undergraduate/sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(30-60 college credits towards degree)</small>			Associate degree <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(occupational, technical program, general education or transfer program)</small>		
3rd year undergraduate/junior <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(60-90 college credits towards degree)</small>			Certificate or diploma <input type="checkbox"/>		
4th year undergraduate/senior <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(90-120 college credits towards degree)</small>			Teaching credential <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(non-degree program)</small>		
5th year/other undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(120 or more college credits towards degree)</small>			Graduate or professional degree <input type="checkbox"/>		
1st year graduate/professional <input type="checkbox"/>			Other/undecided <input type="checkbox"/>		
Continuing graduate/professional or beyond <input type="checkbox"/>					

STEP ONE: STUDENT INFORMATION (See Notes for question 24-29)

21. Where do you plan to live during the 2017-18 school year?
 On campus Off campus With parent or relative

22. At the start of the 2017-18 school year, how many credits/hours will you be enrolled in?
 Full-time (12 hours or more) Three-quarter time (9-11 hours)
 Half-time (6-8 hours) Less than half-time (5 hours or less)
 Not sure

23. If you are transferring schools, have you earned an Associate Degree?
 Yes
 (Enter the date you earned an Associate Degree _____)
 No

24. Are you male or female?
 Male
 Female

If you are male, age 18-25, you must register for Selective Service and provide a copy of the registration acknowledgement card to the financial aid office. (See Notes)

25. Have you been convicted of a felony or a crime involving a controlled substance?
 Yes No

26. Have you previously received state Financial Aid?
 Yes No

27. (A) Are you interested in being considered for the Texas College Work-Study program?
 Yes No Don't know

(B) If yes, do you have authorization to work in the U.S.?
 Yes No Don't know Not applicable

28. As of today, what is your marital status?
 I am single I am separated
 I am married/remarried I am divorced or widowed

29. Month and year you were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed.

Month: _____ Year: _____ Not applicable

STEP TWO: STUDENT DEPENDENCY STATUS DETERMINATION (See Notes for questions 30 and 35-40)

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|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 30. Were you born before January 1, 1994? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 31. As of today, are you married? (Also answer yes if you are separated but not divorced) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 32. At the beginning of the 2017-18 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| (e.g. MBA, JD PhD, EdD, MD, etc.) | | |
| 33. Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 34. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2018?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 35. At any time since you turned age 13, were you in foster care, were you a dependent or ward of the court or were both your parent(s) deceased? (You do not have to currently be a ward of the court)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 36. As determined by the state's court, are you or were you an emancipated minor? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 37. As determined by the state's court, does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 38. At any time on or after July 1, 2016, did your high school or school district's homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting at risk of being homeless?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 39. At any time on or after July 1, 2016, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 40. At any time on or after July 1, 2016, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

STEP THREE: PARENT INFORMATION (See Notes for questions 41-56)

If you answered "No" to all the questions in **STEP TWO**, you must include parental information, even if you do not live with your legal parents (biological, adoptive, or as determined by the state [for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate]). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, widowed stepparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings are **not** considered parents on this form, unless they have legally adopted you.

If your legal parents are married to each other, or are not married to each other and **live together**, answer the questions about both of them. If your parent was never married or is remarried, divorced, separated or widowed, review the TASFA Notes for further clarification.

PARENT'S MARITAL STATUS

41. As of today, what is the marital status of your legal parents?

- Married or Remarried Never Married
 Divorced or Separated Widowed
 Unmarried and both parents living together

42. Month and year your parents were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed:

Month: _____ Year: _____ Not applicable []

PARENT 1 (Mother/Father/Stepparent)

43. Last Name

44. First Name

45. Date of Birth

46. Social Security Number or DACA# (if applicable)

47. Phone Number

48. Email Address

49. Highest level of education completed? Middle School/Jr. High High School College or Beyond Other/Unknown

PARENT 2 (Mother/Father/Stepparent)

50. Last Name

51. First Name

52. Date of Birth

53. Social Security Number or DACA# (if applicable)

54. Phone Number

55. Email Address

56. Highest level of education completed? Middle School/Jr. High High School College or Beyond Other/Unknown

STEP FOUR: INCOME INFORMATION - Documentation will need to be submitted to the financial aid office. (e.g. W-2's, tax transcripts, tax returns, etc.)

If you answered "No" to all of the questions in **STEP TWO**, you must include parental information, defined in **STEP THREE**. If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions in **STEP TWO**, you are only required to enter income information for yourself (and your spouse).

PART A. EARNINGS (See Notes for question 57-64)

Student Earnings

57. Did you file a tax return for 2015 (federal or foreign)?

- Student Yes No
 Spouse Yes No

58. How much did you (and your spouse) earn from working in 2015?

Student: _____ Spouse: _____

59. Are you or your spouse self-employed (e.g. own a business)?

- Student Yes No
 Spouse Yes No

60. As of today, are you a dislocated worker?

- Student Yes No Don't know
 Spouse Yes No Don't know

Parent Earnings

61. Did your parents file a tax return for 2015 (federal or foreign)?

- Parent 1 Yes No
 Parent 2 Yes No

62. How much did your parent(s) earn from working in 2015?

Parent 1: _____ Parent 2: _____

63. Are your parents self-employed (e.g. own a business)?

- Parent 1 Yes No
 Parent 2 Yes No

64. As of today, is either of your parents a dislocated worker?

- Parent 1 Yes No Don't know
 Parent 2 Yes No Don't know

For questions 65-75, if the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, enter "0" Do not leave any blanks. Report whole dollar yearly amounts with no cents.

STUDENT

SPOUSE
(If applicable)

PARENT 1

PARENT 2

PART B. UNTAXED INCOME (See Notes for question 65-69)

65. Child support received for any of your children.				
66. Housing, food, and other living allowances paid on your behalf.				
67. Other untaxed income not reported. (Such as worker's compensation, disability, etc.)				
68. Cash earnings (Wages not listed on taxes or W-2 forms)				
69. TOTAL UNTAXED INCOME		0.00		0.00

PART C. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION (See Notes for question 70-72)

70. Child support paid.				
71. Taxable earnings from work-study or other need-based work programs.				
72. Earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by a college.				

PART D. ASSETS (See Notes for question 73-75)

73. As of today, what is the total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?				
74. As of today, what is the net worth of investments, including real-estate? (Do not include the home you live in or the balance of retirement plans)				
75. As of today, net worth of current businesses and/or investment farms?				

PART E. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

76. At any time during 2015 or 2016, did you (your spouse) or anyone in your household receive benefits from any of the federal programs listed? Mark all that apply.

- Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

PART F. NON-TAX FILERS - Only complete if you (and your spouse) did not file taxes for 2015, or your parent(s) did not file taxes for 2015, if parental information is required.

77. Explain what sources of income or public assistance you and/or your family used to pay for living expenses. Your financial aid office may request additional information. (If you (your spouse) and/or your parents did not meet either of the IRS Income filing thresholds from earnings or self-employment, and did not file taxes, please provide a breakdown of your living expenses (e.g. rent, food, utilities, bills, etc.).

Living Expenses	Cost for the year	To pay for living expenses listed, the following sources of income were used:
Rent	\$	
Food	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Total	\$ 0.00	

