FINANCIAL AID VERIFICATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All seniors must complete one of the options below and upload verification using the QR code on this flyer or this website: https://forms.gle/QR9dffqpd6R5D6Au9

FAFSA

US Citizens
or Green Card holders

Please see instructions on next page for how to generate the verification document that you need to upload on the CFISD Google form.

Opt-Out Form

Any Senior (with parent approval) that chooses not to apply for either the FAFSA or the TASFA

*A link to the **Opt-Out forms in English and Spanish can be found at the top or bottom of the district Google form:** https://forms.gle/QR9dffqpd6R5D6Au9. **The completed form needs to be uploaded as a PDF or picture if choosing this option.***

TASFA

For individuals who are not US Citizens (not permanent residents) or who are not Green Card holders
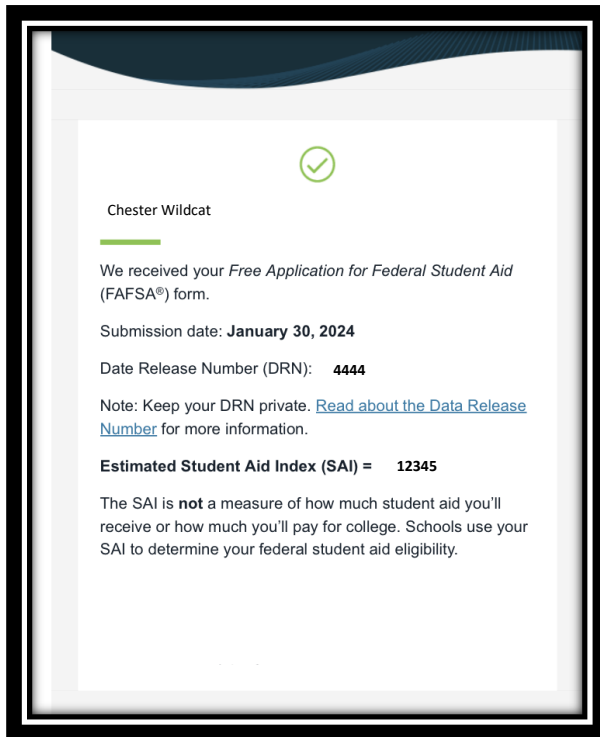
Available as paper copy only for 2024-2025

The Texas Legislature has made it a requirement for seniors to complete the FAFSA, TASFA, or an Opt-Out form to graduate from high school. The FAFSA is the free application for student aid that can help provide financial assistance for college and some trade schools. It may also be required for some scholarships. <u>A Google form has been created for you to upload verification of completion of one of the required forms (see first page for QR code and website).</u>

FAFSA:

1. Upload the confirmation email that was sent to you by FAFSA. This must be submitted as a picture or PDF with the following file name format: Last Name, First Initial – ID#   (example Smith, J – 123456).

Chester Wildcat

We received your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form.

Submission date: **January 30, 2024**

Date Release Number (DRN):   **4444**

Note: Keep your DRN private. Read about the Data Release Number for more information.

Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) =   12345

The SAI is **not** a measure of how much student aid you'll receive or how much you'll pay for college. Schools use your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility.

To complete the form for the first time, go to StudentAid.gov at https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing. From there you will either log in with your FSA ID or click on "Create an Account" in the upper right corner of the page. You can get help completing the form by clicking on FAFSA Form above the log in box or clicking on Help Center.

If you lose the confirmation email you can find and screenshot the confirmation page in your FAFSA account. This must be done by the student because Cy Woods does not have access to this documentation. Follow the directions below to find your confirmation page.

2. To take a picture or screenshot of the verification page:

   a. Go to the FAFSA website and login: https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing.

   b. Log in with your 2-step verification and accept terms for website use. This will take you to your "Dashboard" page.

   c. On the right-hand side of the screen under "Quick Links," click blue hotlink for "FAFSA Form."

   d. Click "Access existing form" to go to your verification page with the title "My Activity."

   e. On this page, choose the blue "In Review" button.

   f. You will be directed to a confirmation page showing your name and the date your FAFSA was submitted.

   g. You can either print/save this page as a PDF file or take a screen shot. Save it with the file name format: Last Name, First Initial – ID#   (example Smith, J – 123456).

   h. Now you have a confirmation to upload to the CFISD Google doc. (See next page for example of what it should look like. Your name will be at the top. To the right there will be the date the form was started and the date of submission.

Opt-Out Form:

1. The link to the Opt-Out form in English or Spanish can be found at the top of the district Google form (**https://forms.gle/QR9dffqpd6R5D6Au9)**. A paper copy of the form is available in the counseling office. You can complete the Opt-Out form and upload it as picture or PDF with the following file name format: Last Name, First Initial – ID#   (example Smith, J – 123456).

TASFA:

1. This is a fillable form which must be completed by students who do not meet the criteria for the FAFSA (not a US Citizen or do not have a green card). Application forms can be found at https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/blank-forms-templates/texas-application-for-state-financial-aid-tasfa-2024-25/ in English or https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/blank-forms-templates/la-solicitud-de-ayuda-financiera-estatal-de-texas-tasfa-2024-25-spanish/ for a Spanish app. Students may NOT complete both the FAFSA and TASFA.

2. Follow the directions in the yellow box on the last page to determine where and how to submit this form to the appropriate institution. Students who complete this form must also submit this in the Google form as a picture or PDF with the following file name format: Last Name, First Initial – ID# (example Smith, J – 123456).