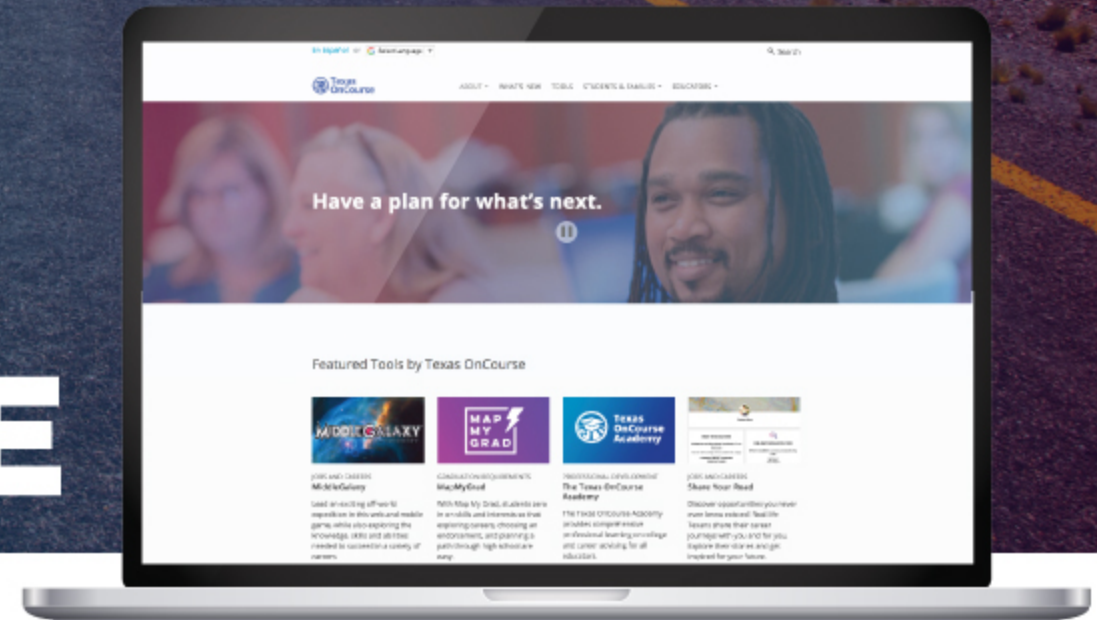




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# AGENDA

- Introductions
- Texas OnCourse Resource Spotlight  
Samantha Gonzalez, Texas OnCourse
- Texas A & M, Scholarships and Financial Aid  
Dawn Coleman-Glenn, Training Specialist
- Jack Kent Cook Foundation Scholarship Programs  
Alan Royal, Senior Program Manager
- Chansi Shope, Texas OnCourse Fellow, GCISD
- Webinars 2018-2019
- Q & A and Wrap up

# TEN STEPS TO A STRONG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1

## GET ORGANIZED.

Students should consider purchasing an expandable file. This will allow them to keep and protect copies of their scholarship applications, or printouts of applications that were submitted online.

2

## HAVE THEIR PHOTO TAKEN.

Some applications request a photograph, which should be a simple head shot.

3

## DRAFT A GOOD RESUME.

Students should prepare an academic resume that includes all organizations, clubs, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities they have participated in. Include honors and awards received from the ninth grade on, from both school and non-school activities.

4

## REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS.

Gather at least three recommendations. Ask teachers, counselors, and church or community leaders early. Avoid including recommendations from family members or fellow students.

5

## OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

Students should keep copies of their high school transcript available in case it is requested as part of an application. If a scholarship committee does not specifically ask for an official transcript, include only a photocopy. If the committee requests an official transcript, students should request one from their school.

6

## WRITE GENERAL ESSAYS AHEAD, THEN CUSTOMIZE.

Essays are often one element of a scholarship application. It's helpful to have pre-written statements on goals, achievements, and financial need, though students must make sure to tailor their responses to address the specific topic.

7

## SET UP A SIMPLE, CONVENTIONAL E-MAIL ADDRESS.

Make sure students set up and use an e-mail address that represents them well and that doesn't sound odd or inappropriate.

8

## TRACK DUE DATES.

Pay close attention to all due dates and track them on a calendar. Applications will not be considered if they are not received by the due date.

9

## SUBMIT APPLICATIONS EXACTLY AS REQUESTED.

For example, if the scholarship committee asks for the application, transcript, resume, and two letters of recommendation, make sure the documents are presented in that order.

10

## MAKE COPIES BEFORE SUBMITTING.

If students have a paper application, encourage them to make a copy for their records before sending. Students should send applications with a delivery confirmation, so they can have proof that it arrived before the deadline.

## 8 Strategies to Combat Verification Challenges

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Verification is when a student is selected for a random federal or institutional audit. There are different processes at each college for verification that can create barriers for students seeking financial aid. Explore the 8 strategies below to help combat verification challenges.

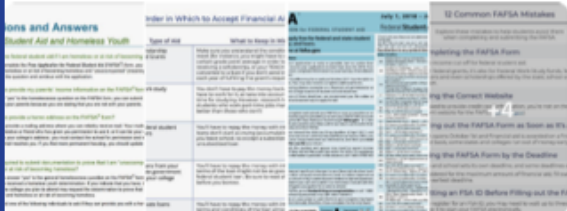
- 1 Track students who've completed a FAFSA
- 2 Offer to assist with ordering tax transcripts, if applicable, during financial aid workshops
- 3 Ensure students and parents/guardians use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT), if applicable
- 4 Require students to bring their Student Aid Report (SAR) for review during advising sessions
- 5 Track students selected for verification and what documents have been sent for those students
- 6 Keep a record of how colleges notify students regarding verification
- 7 Review students' verification materials before they submit
- 8 Verify receipt of award letters – ask the college about missing documents if an award letter fails to arrive

# Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA

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Financial aid is money supplied by a source other than the family to assist with the costs of a student attending college. The first and most important thing students must do when applying for financial aid of any type is complete and submit the FAFSA. Many states and colleges use the student's FAFSA data to determine their eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use FAFSA information to determine whether they qualify for their aid.

## PDF Downloads



## Videos

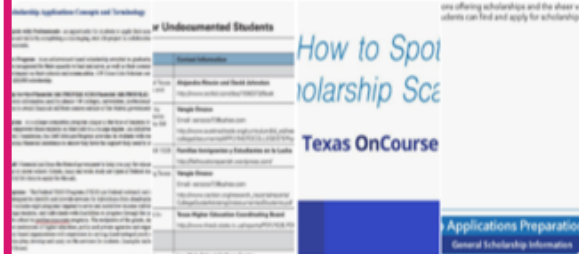


# Scholarship Applications

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Applying for and receiving financial aid is an important part of the college admission process. If students are unable to pay their tuition, they are much less likely to go to the college they are interested in, or even attend college at all. Students should be reading up on as many scholarship opportunities as possible to find out if they qualify or not.

## PDF Downloads



## Videos



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# Scholarships & FAFSA Verification

Dawn Coleman-Glenn

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019



# ApplyTexas vs. Coalition Application

Apply Texas	versus	Coalition Application
Opens: July 1 of student's HS senior year	SAME	Opens: July 1 of student's HS senior year
Deadline: Dec 1 of student's HS senior year	SAME	Deadline: Dec 1 of student's HS senior year
Admission module AND Scholarships module	DIFFERENT	One seamless application – one page for scholarship questions (may opt out)
Student can submit the Admissions module and come back to the Scholarship module later (but before the deadline)	DIFFERENT	The student should NOT submit the application until EVERYTHING is complete
Once submitted, no changes can be made	SAME	Once submitted, no changes can be made



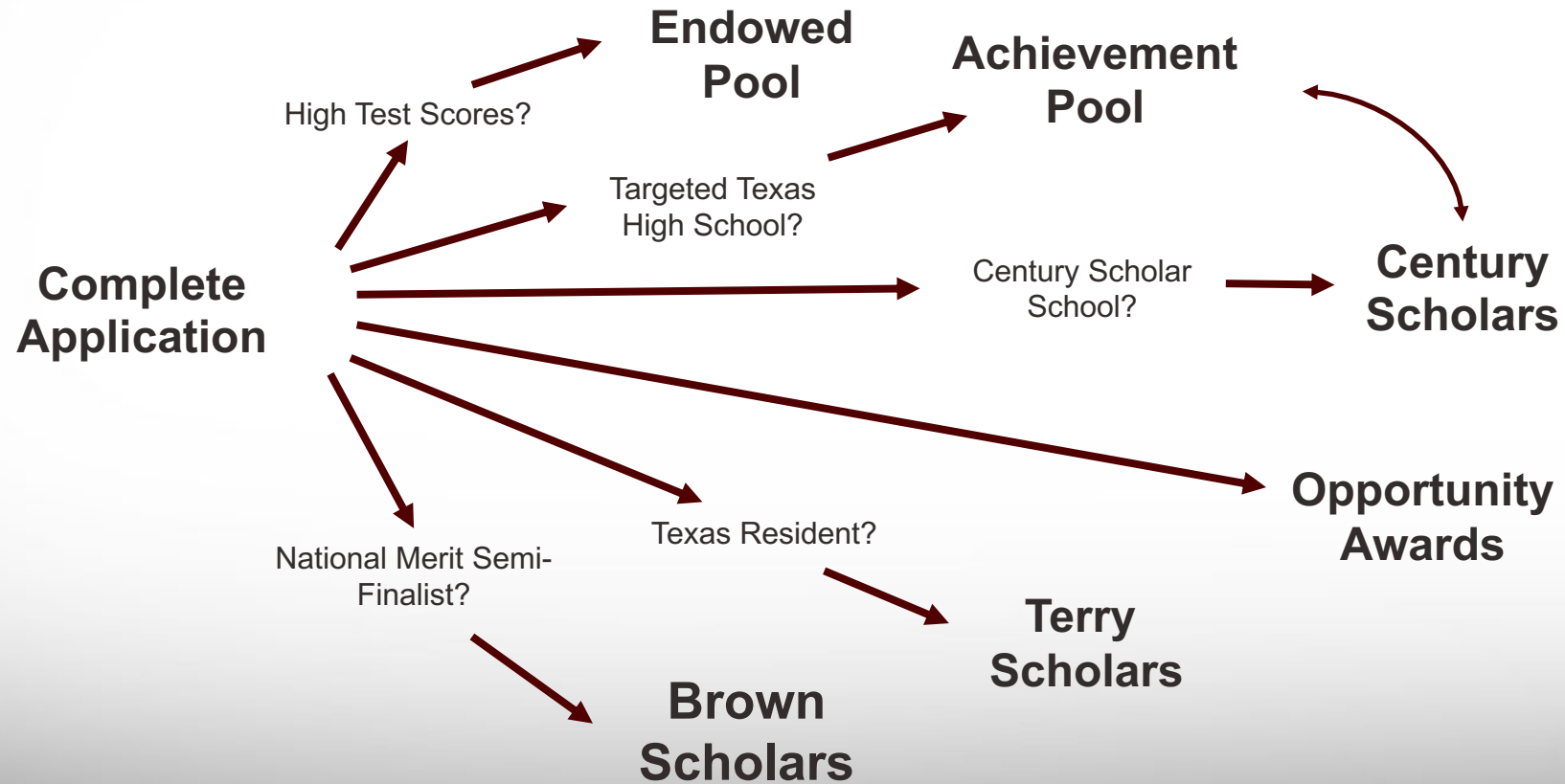


# Scholarship Consideration Requirements

- Completed admission and scholarship applications
- High school transcript and test scores to Office of Admissions by deadline
- Essay A required
- Financial information section on Scholarship portion not required but **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** for consideration for some scholarships
- We do **NOT** want resumes, transcripts, nor letters of recommendation sent to SFA (Special requests will be made directly to Brown, Terry, or Easterwood scholarship candidates)



# Scholarship Consideration



*Student could be considered in 1 to 6 scholarship pool(s) depending on qualifications*



# Student Data Form

- Report non-TAMU scholarships awarded (not applied for) using the Student Data Form available in the Financial Aid Portal.
- All scholarship checks should be made payable to Texas A&M University and sent to Scholarships & Financial Aid.
- SFA will conduct an email campaign in March to remind freshman to report outside scholarships. This is not part of the tracking letter process this year.

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### Student Data Form

#### Anticipated Outside Scholarships

List all non-Texas A&M scholarships/fellowships, corporate sponsorships, tuition and fee reimbursements and/or outside resources you **will receive** during the Academic Year 2017-2018 . Do not include federal or state grants or loans you expect to be awarded through Texas A&M University. Only list scholarships for which the scholarship donor/sponsor has notified you that you will receive. If you are notified of additional scholarships after completing this form, please re-submit this form again in its entirety. Please ask all outside scholarship donors to include the [Scholarship Donor Form](#) with scholarship checks.

Source of Funds	Fall Amount	Spring Amount	Delete
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**Award Summary for Academic Year 2018-2019**

[Click here for a printable version of your award letter.](#) Please retain printed copies for your records should you wish to monitor changes.  
 Scholarships and financial aid awards are subject to change based upon funding and student eligibility.

**Offered Awards**

Award	Fall Amount	Spring Amount	Summer Amount	Total Amount
Federal Parent Loan (PLUS) [Separate Application Required by Parent]	\$7,316.50	\$7,316.50	\$0.00	\$14,633.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$7,316.50	\$7,316.50	\$0.00	\$14,633.00

[Begin Processing](#)

**Accepted Awards**

Award	Fall Amount	Spring Amount	Summer Amount	Paid to Date **
Scholarship America Scholarshi	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Anticipated Outside Scholar	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Scholarship America- United Airlines Scholarship	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	
CLGE UG DT Scholarship	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Federal Pell Grant	\$2,573.00	\$2,572.00	\$0.00	\$5,145.00
TEXAS Grant-Renewal	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$6,323.00	\$6,322.00	\$0.00	\$11,895.00

\*\*To view your bill please visit the My Finances tab in the Howdy Portal.  
 \*\*\*Work Study will not show as paid until you are paid for your work.  
 \*\*Federal loan funds have a fee that is taken out.  
 \*\* Stipends and fellowships may pay on a monthly basis.

Grants & Scholarships **Disbursement Dates**

- Entering this data in the Student Data Form creates a “placeholder” for that amount of money in the student’s package.
- It will appear as “Anticipated” aid
- Institutional Scholarships are listed as well in the “Awards” tab.
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# FAFSA Information

- FAFSA is available each October for the next academic year
- TASFA available soon after



# FAFSA Information

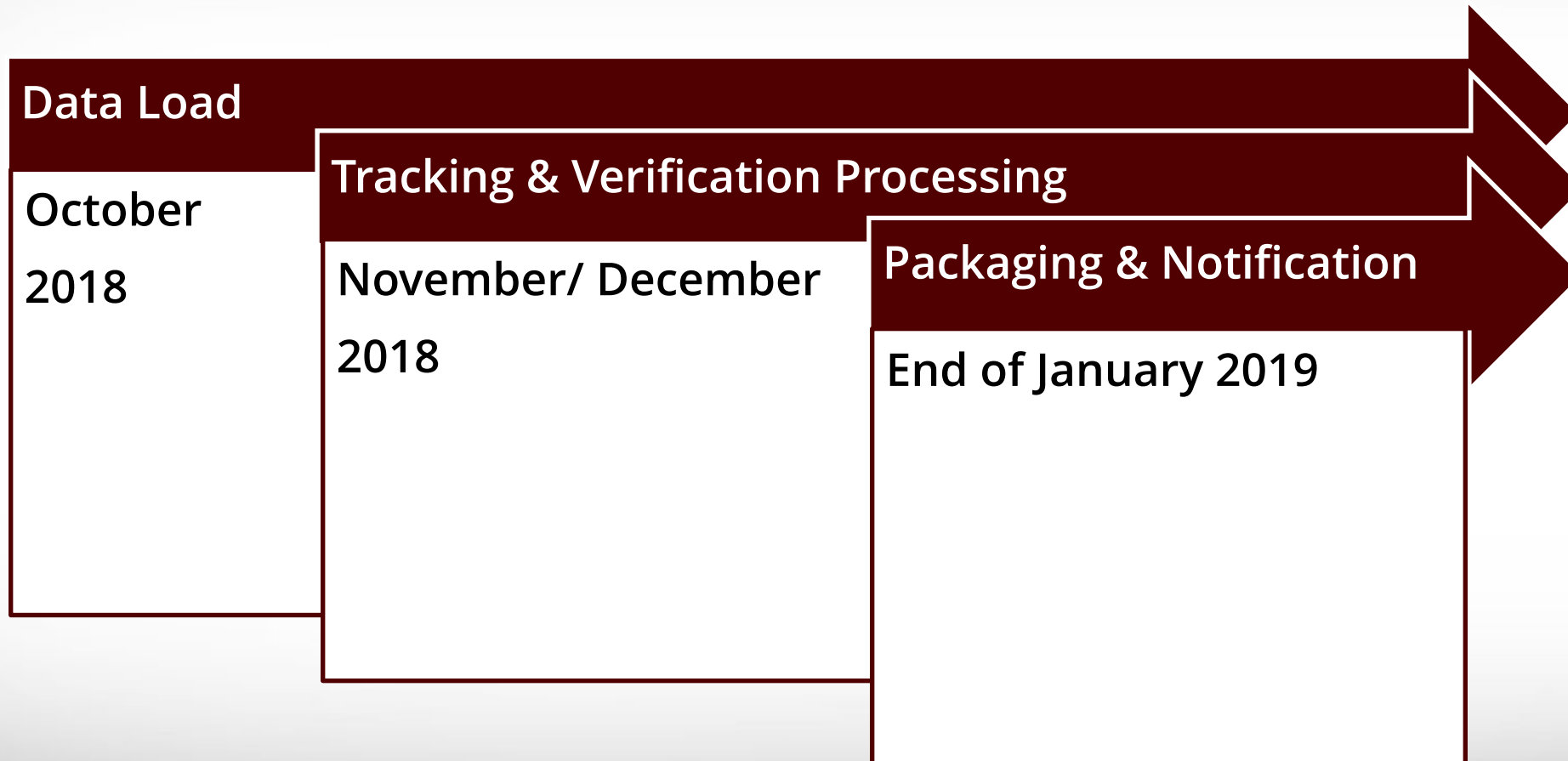
- What tax year information do students use for 2019 – 2020 award year?
  - 2017
- Why should we encourage students to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (if eligible)?
  - Reduces incorrect information

# 19/20 FAFSA

- Encourage students to use IRS DRT
- New FAFSA mobile app available: myStudentAid
  - DRT available on myStudentAid app
- Currently tax transcripts are needed for students selected for verification
- Please remind students to check their email and their portal frequently for communication from the school



# Typical Financial Aid Timeline





# Verification Steps

# Verification Steps

FAFSA is processed by the Dept. of Education



Student is selected for verification



Notified what documentation is needed



Submit required verification documents to the institution



Financial aid office compares documents to FAFSA



# Verification Steps Cont.

Financial aid office corrects information on FAFSA if needed



Corrections sent to Dept. of Education for processing



Dept. of Education recalculates EFC



New SAR and ISIR sent to reflect new EFC



Verification requirement is complete, awards may change



# Verification Data

- Income earned from work
- Household size
- Number in college
- High school completion status
- Identity/statement of educational purpose
- Adjusted gross income (AGI)
- U.S. income tax paid
- Education credits
- Untaxed IRA distributions
- Untaxed pensions
- IRA deductions and payments
- Tax-exempt interest
- Other untaxed income



# Portal Example

**ATM | TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY** **SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID STUDENT PORTAL**

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Request Summary for Academic Year 2019-2020

## Request Summary for Academic Year 2019-2020


Incomplete Requirements	
	<b>2017 Parent Tax Return Transcript - Document Requested</b> Acceptable documentation for this request is one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. If able, please use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to transfer parent tax information directly to the 2019-2020 FAFSA. Log into your 2019-2020 FAFSA at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> and complete the steps to use the IRS DRT. This is the fastest and easiest way to provide the data needed.</li><li>2. If IRS DRT is not an available option, please submit a signed copy of your parent 2017 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s). Visit the IRS Get Transcript webpage at <a href="http://irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript">http://irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript</a> or contact the IRS Office by calling 1-800-829-1040.</li></ol> <p>PLEASE NOTE: The Tax Return Transcript differs from the IRS Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ. Visit <a href="http://financialaid.tamu.edu/Verification.aspx">http://financialaid.tamu.edu/Verification.aspx</a> for more information regarding Tax Return Transcripts.</p> <p> <a href="#">Upload this document to Scholarships &amp; Financial Aid.</a></p>
	<b>2017 Student Statement of Non-Filing - Document Requested</b> You have reported you did not file a 2017 IRS Tax Return. In order to complete verification of your FAFSA information, please complete the Statement of Non-Filing Form. Please also submit all of your 2017 W2's. If you have filed a 2017 IRS Tax Return, this form does not need to be completed. Please update your FAFSA to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool or provide a signed copy of your 2017 IRS Tax Return Transcript.
	<b>2017 Student W-2 Forms - Document Requested</b> Please submit legible copies of all your and/or your spouse's 2017 W-2 forms. <p> <a href="#">Upload this document to Scholarships &amp; Financial Aid.</a></p>
	<b>Verification Form - Dependent Student - Document Requested</b> This form is used to verify information that you and/or your parents submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. When accessing this form in the Financial Aid Portal, you will be directed to DocuSign to complete and sign this form electronically. Instructions for your parents to sign this form electronically will be sent to them via email once the student has signed electronically. If you and/or your parents do not wish to sign electronically, you will be able to print the Verification Form from the DocuSign site, sign by hand, and upload the document to the Financial Aid Portal. Please visit <a href="http://financialaid.tamu.edu">http://financialaid.tamu.edu</a> for more information regarding the verification process.
	<b>Student Data Form</b> This form is required for all students receiving any non-Texas A&M scholarships/fellowships, corporate sponsorships, and/or outside resources. Additionally, we highly encourage all new transfer students to complete this form so that we may assess your continued eligibility for specific state aid programs. This form may be accessed on this page at any time and updated as many times as necessary.






# Portal Example

Request Summary for Academic Year 2019-2020

## Incomplete Requirements

	<p><b>Verification Form - Independent Student - Received - In process</b></p> <p>This form is used to verify information that you and your spouse (if married) submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. When accessing this form in the Financial Aid Portal, you will be directed to DocuSign to complete and sign this form electronically. If you do not wish to sign electronically, you will be able to print the Verification Form from the DocuSign site, sign by hand, and upload the document to the Financial Aid Portal. Please visit <a href="http://financialaid.tamu.edu">http://financialaid.tamu.edu</a> for more information regarding the verification process.</p>
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## Complete Requirements

	Student Data Form - You have filled out the student data form. <a href="#">Click Here</a> to make revisions or to report outside scholarships.
	We have received your application for financial aid.
	Student Income Tax Return



# Verification Reminders

- We do not want any documents that are not requested in the portal
  - Each student has specific documents requested based on their FAFSA data
- Be proactive in following up on turning in documents
- Our standard processing times have been slower but remind students to check the portal frequently

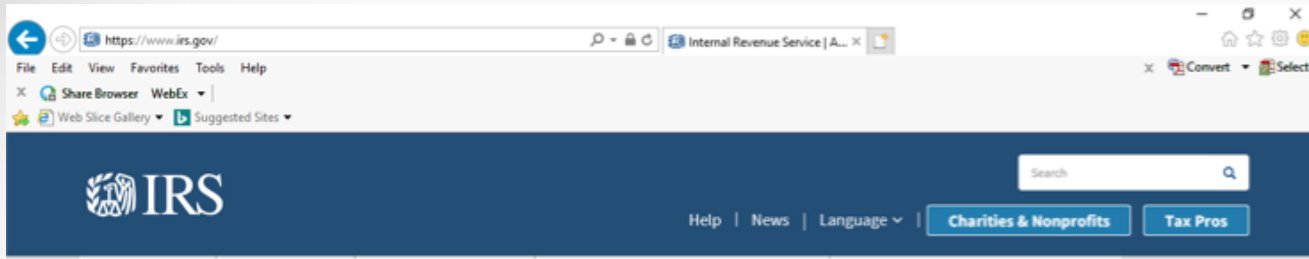


# **How to Request a Tax Transcript**

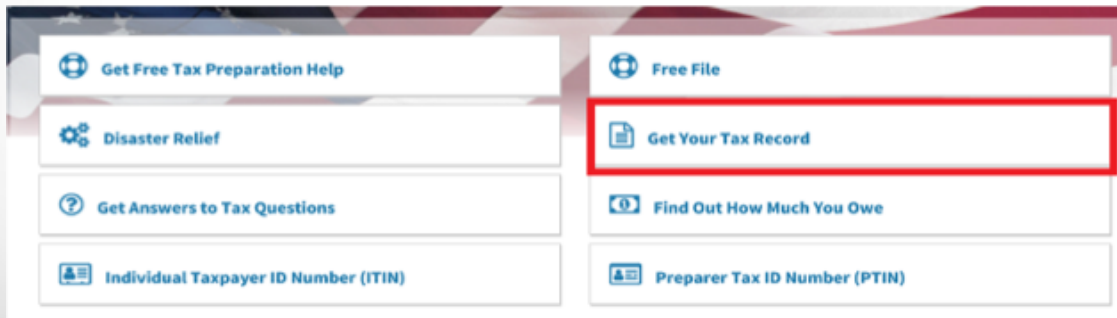




Step 1: <https://www.irs.gov/>



Step 2: Select "Get Your Tax Record"



Step 3: Click on one of the two retrieval options and follow the instructions.

The image shows two side-by-side panels comparing retrieval options. The left panel is titled "Get Transcript Online" and the right panel is titled "Get Transcript by Mail". A red arrow points to the "Get Transcript by Mail" button, and another red arrow points to the "What You Need" section of the "Get Transcript Online" panel.

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# About the Cooke Foundation

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# Cooke Scholarship Programs

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**The Young Scholars Program** is a 5-year pre-college scholarship open to high-performing 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Recipients develop an Individualized Learning Plan each year in high school that is supported by an annual scholarship budget.

**The College Scholarship Program** is open to high-achieving high school seniors who have financial need, seeking to attend the nation's top 4-year colleges and universities. Recipients can receive up to \$40,000 per year.

**The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship** is open to top community college students seeking to transfer to a 4-year institution to complete their bachelor's degree. Recipients can receive up to \$40,000 per year.





# Educational Adviser

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The educational adviser's role includes:

- Conducting regular check-ins and annual Scholar visits.
- Helping navigate educational resources.
- Helping connect to a variety of educational enrichment opportunities.
- Creating academic support plans.
- Supporting the college or graduate school application process.

# Active Scholars Network

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Cooke Scholars attend colleges and universities spanning the country and globe.

Each year, the Foundation hosts a Scholars Weekend event attended by approximately 300 Cooke Scholars.





# Young Scholar Eligibility

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- Entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2019
- Has earned all or mostly As in core academic subjects in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Submission of most recent standardized test scores
- Residing in the U.S. or a U.S. territory and plan to attend high school in the U.S.
- Demonstrate unmet financial need



# College Scholar Eligibility

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- Graduating from a U.S. high school in spring 2020
- Enrolling in a four-year college in fall 2020
- Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above
- SAT score of 1200+ or ACT score of 26+
- Demonstrate unmet financial need





# Selection Criteria

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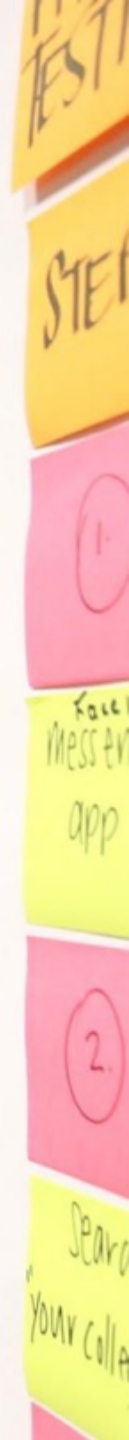
Academic Achievement

Persistence

Leadership

Service to Others

Unmet Financial Need



# Common Application

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JKCF is a “member college” on the Common App and uses the Common App platform to host our Cooke College Scholarship application



# Additional Info

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**Applications are open now!**

Young Scholars application opens:

Monday, January 14, 2019

[www.jkcf.org/ysp](http://www.jkcf.org/ysp)

College Scholarship Application opens:

Early Fall 2019

Stay connected:

[www.jkcf.org/educator](http://www.jkcf.org/educator)



# Scholarship and Financial Aid Resources

- Texas OnCourse module resources
- Pinterest boards
- DACA and undocumented student resources

Green Light

Repository in Scholarship application module

Create a virtual financial aid night

Use these resources, websites, downloadable PDF's

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- FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019: Advising and Teaching Career Pathways
- MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019: Assessments and Test Taking Strategies
- APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2019: Essays, Writing Samples and Resumes
- MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2019: College Readiness and the TSIA Exam
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# Questions?

Join us February 5th, 2018 10:00 am

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