

1. How to apply for gift aid at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

- U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizen students must submit [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#), the FAFSA collects information which determines financial need and aid eligibility.
- Include UTHHealth Houston's federal school code on the FAFSA: 013956.
- Apply on <https://studentaid.gov> to complete and submit FAFSA.
- Submit FAFSA as early as October 1st, the Office of Student Financial Services does not have any hard deadline for gift aid, but it is best to apply earlier than later.

Submit TASFA if Ineligible for FAFSA

If you're a Texas resident but **not eligible for FAFSA**, you can apply using the [Texas Application for State Financial Aid \(TASFA\)](#)

Students who have completed the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should not complete the Texas Application for State Financial aid (TASFA). Completing a FAFSA allows students to be considered for federal, state and institutional financial aid.

- TASFA is only for state financial aid programs.
- TASFA is for Texas residents only

2. The timeline for financial aid processes at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, including application deadlines, suggested deadlines to report gift aid, and other deadlines of which the institution determines a prospective student should be made aware

- **October 1st** – Earliest date to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which will determine your eligibility for federal aid such as the Pell Grant, state grants and Direct Loans. UTHHealth Houston code: 013956
- **January 15th** - State aid priority filing deadline for the TASFA.

- Scholarship Organizations should report any external scholarships to Student Financial Services to ensure financial aid packages are adjusted to avoid exceeding cost of attendance for awardees.

3. A list of recommendations to aid a prospective student in maximizing gift aid awards, as determined by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

- Apply on or before recommended deadlines
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Please refer to SAP guidelines located at <https://www.uth.edu/sfs/policies-and-disclosures/sap>
- Maintain full time status to receive maximum Federal PELL Grant program
- Maintain at least half-time enrollment for other grants (Texas Public Education Grant, Designated Tuition grant, etc.)

4. A list of recommendations for a prospective student to ensure the student's gift aid will not be reduced.

- Once awarded, gift aid will only be reduced upon formal request from the awarding organization.
- If students receive gift aid, student loans may be reduced or canceled to prevent exceeding student's cost of attendance in accordance with Federal regulations.

5. Contact information for an employee or office from whom a prospective student may seek advice regarding gift aid.

Financial Aid

Contacting our Office			
Phone: (713) 500-3860		Web:	https://www.uth.edu/sfs/
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Mailing Address: UTHHealth Student Financial Services P.O. Box 20036 Houston, Texas 77225		Physical Address:	UTHealth Financial Aid 7000 Fannin Street Suite 2220 Houston, Texas 77030

Students may find their assigned Financial Aid Counselor by referring to <https://www.uth.edu/sfs/contact.htm>.

Link to the THECB Financial Aid Displacement Advisory:

<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/policies-and-procedures/financial-aid-displacement-advisory/>