



PARENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program will be accepting applications from February 4 through March 17, 2026. All Texas children are eligible to apply if they live in Texas and are a United States citizen or were lawfully admitted into the U.S. To prepare for the TEFA application, parents should gather the following documents.

ALL APPLICANTS NEED

- Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number for the parent.
- SSN for the child.
- Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, for 2024 or 2025.

TEXAS RESIDENCY DOCUMENTS

- Texas Driver's license number or state ID number.

If your driver's license or state ID number cannot be verified, proof of residency can be established by uploading one of the following:

- utility bill;
- lease agreement;
- mortgage statement; or
- voter registration certificate.

STUDENT DOCUMENTS

If your child's SSN cannot be verified, proof of lawful status can be established by uploading one of the following:

- birth certificate;
- report of birth abroad;
- certificate of naturalization;
- certificate of citizenship; or
- other official documentation affirming lawful admission.

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS

For Prioritization Purposes:

- Texas Individualized Education Program (IEP) or authorization to verify the IEP with the Texas Education Agency;
- Full Individual and Initial Evaluation
- Out-of-state IEP verified by the issuing state or school district; or
- [TEFA Disability Certification Form](#) issued by the Comptroller and signed by one or more qualified professionals.

For Additional Funding and Prioritization:

- Your child must have a Texas IEP from school year 2023-24, 2024-25 or 2025-26 on file with TEA and must not have been exited from special education services.

Your IEP will be verified using the child's Texas unique student identification number (this can be provided by the student's school district).

This number exists if the student has ever been enrolled in a public school or charter school within the state of Texas OR if the student has a registered IEP with the TEA. For the additional funding, an IEP must be on file with TEA by the end of the application period. If you need an IEP, please start that process as soon as possible.

Funding decisions will be made after the close of the application window to allow for priority determinations and will not be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Note: all eligible children are not guaranteed funding; participation will be determined via a lottery process if eligible applicants exceed available program funding. For more information, visit educationfreedom.texas.gov.

PRE-K ELIGIBILITY

A child between the ages of 3 and 5 may be eligible to enroll in a participating pre-K program if the child is at least three years old and:

- is unable to speak and comprehend English;
- is eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program;
- is homeless;
- is the child of an active-duty member of the U.S. armed forces;
- is the child of a member of the U.S. armed forces who is injured or killed in the line of duty;
- is in foster care;
- is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award; or
- is the child of a classroom teacher at a public school that offers a pre-K class.

Additional documentation may be permitted and/or required to verify pre-K eligibility before TEFA funds are distributed.

PRE-K DOCUMENTS

In addition to the documents listed on the reverse page, parents should gather the following documents for their pre-K child.

*If your child is in foster care, the application must include **one** of the following:*

- court order;
- adoption documents;
- Department of Family and Protective Services foster/kinship placement orders;
- pre-K verification letter; or
- other valid proof of foster care.

*If your child's parent is active duty, or injured, or killed in the line of duty, the application must include **one** of the following:*

- statement of service;
- line of duty determination document;
- Purple Heart orders; or
- other applicable citations.

*If you or one of your child's parents is a Star of Texas recipient, then the application **must** include the Star of Texas Certificate.*



德州教育自由帳戶 (TEFA)

家長申請清單

德州教育自由帳戶 (TEFA) 計劃將於 2026 年 2 月 4 日至 3 月 17 日接受申請。所有居住在德州且為美國公民或合法入境美國的德州兒童均符合申請資格。為準備 TEFA 申請，家長應收集以下文件。

所有申請人都需要

- 家長的社會安全號碼 (SSN) 或個人納稅人識別號碼 (ITIN)。
- 兒童的社會安全號碼 (SSN)。
- 2024 年或 2025 年的 1040 表格，即美國個人所得稅申報表。

德州居住證明文件

- 德州駕駛執照號碼或州身分證號碼。
- 如果您的駕駛執照或州身分證號碼無法被驗證，可以上傳以下其中一項文件來證明居住地：
 - 公用事業帳單 (Utility bill)；
 - 租賃協議；
 - 按揭 (房貸) 對帳單；或
 - 選民登記證。

學生文件

如果無法驗證您孩子的 SSN，可以上傳以下其中一項文件來證明其合法身分：

- 出生證明；
- 海外出生報告；
- 歸化證明書；
- 公民身分證明書；或
- 其他確認合法入境的官方文件。

可選文件

用於優先排序目的：

- 德州個別化教育計劃 (IEP)；
- 或授權向德州教育局 (TEA) 驗證 IEP；
- 完整且初始的個別評估；

- 由發證州或學區驗證的外州 IEP ；或
- 由主計長簽發並由一名或多名合格專業人員簽署的 TEFA 殘疾證明表 。

用於額外資助和優先排序：

- 您的孩子必須在 TEA 存有 2023-24 、 2024-25 或 2025-26 學年的德州 IEP ，且不得已退出特殊教育服務 。
- 您的 IEP 將使用孩子的德州唯一學生識別號碼 (Texas unique student identification number) 進行驗證 (此號碼可由學生的學區提供) 。
- 如果學生曾在德州境內的公立學校或特許學校就讀，或者學生在 TEA 擁有註冊的 IEP ，則此號碼即存在 。
- 為了獲得額外資助， IEP 必須在申請期結束前存檔於 TEA 。
- 如果您需要 IEP ，請盡快開始該流程 。

資助決定將在申請窗口關閉後做出，以便進行優先順序判定，且不會採取「先到先得」的方式。 **注意：** 並非所有符合資格的兒童都保證獲得資助；如果符合資格的申請人數超過可用的計劃資金，將透過抽籤程序決定參與資格 。

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欲了解更多資訊，請造訪 educationfreedom.texas.gov 。

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學前班 (PRE-K) 資格

3 至 5 歲的兒童如果年滿三歲並符合以下條件，則可能有資格參加參與計劃的學前班

(Pre-K) 課程：

- 無法說和理解英語 ；
- 有資格參加全國免費或減價午餐計劃 ；
- 無家可歸 ；
- 是美國武裝部隊現役成員的子女 ；
- 是在執行任務時受傷或陣亡的美國武裝部隊成員的子女 ；
- 處於寄養護理中 ；
- 是有資格獲得德州之星獎 (Star of Texas Award) 人士的子女 ；或
- 是提供學前班課程的公立學校課堂教師的子女 。

學前班 (PRE-K) 文件

除了前頁列出的文件外，家長還應為其學前班兒童收集以下文件 。

如果您的孩子處於寄養護理中，申請必須包含以下其中一項：

- 法院命令；
- 收養文件；
- 家庭和保護服務部 (Department of Family and Protective Services) 的寄養/親屬安置命令；
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- 學前班驗證信；或
- 其他有效的寄養證明。

如果您孩子的父母是現役軍人，或在執行任務時受傷或陣亡，申請必須包含以下其中一項：

- 服役證明書；
- 因公受傷/陣亡認定文件；
- 紫心勳章命令 (Purple Heart orders)；或
- 其他適用的引證文件。

如果您或您孩子的父母之一是德州之星 (Star of Texas) 獲獎者，則申請必須包含德州之星證書。

在 TEFA 資金發放之前，可能允許和/或需要額外文件以驗證學前班資格。

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