

Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA)

Overview for 2026–2027 School Year

This brief overview helps pastors inform families in their congregations about a new opportunity available to Texas students for the upcoming school year. Registration closes Tues, March 31 @ 11:59pm.

Key Information	Details
Application Deadline	Updated & Extended: Tues, March 31 at 11:59pm
Funding Amount	\$10,474 per student (K–12) \$30,000 max available for special needs students
Students Served	100,000 Texas students will be selected statewide
Total State Funding	\$1 Billion allocated by the State of Texas
Application Time	Approximately 15–20 minutes.
Selection Method	You are not too late. Selection is based upon: 80% of students will be special needs, low income & middle income. Remaining 20% of students selected are not determined by financial need.
Phone# to Learn More	(737) 379-2362 Toll Free
Website to Register	educationfreedom.texas.gov

KEY DATES:

- New Extended Deadline: March 31 at 11:59 pm – Registration is Closed
- April or May - Families will be notified if accepted into this program
- June 1 – Final selection by parents of a private school if not already selected
- July 1 – Funding to your child’s TEFA account begins with 25% of their allotted award. All funds will be sent quarterly to TEFA account

FUNDING FOR EACH STUDENT PER YEAR:

- \$2,000 - Home School Students
- \$10,474 – Private School students
- \$30,000 – max per child if there are any special needs (verified by a certified IEP or 504 plan)

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- Those selected will have a TEFA account. Parents will manage this like a Health Savings Account (HSA). Funds may only be used toward pre-approved educational expenses: Tuition, Curriculum, School Uniforms, Tutoring, Special Therapies, In some cases: Transportation Costs, and more...
- Every parent should register their children. If (1) child in the home is approved, the following year all of the children in the same household will automatically be approved.
- Families are not obligated to accept the TEFA funds if they decide to stay in public school after being approved. A family has until the summer months to change the private school they have selected, or to stay in the public school system. The funds either follow the student to a private school through a TEFA account, or the child’s education costs will be paid by their local school district and the TEFA funds will be used for another student’s private school education.

This information has been compiled by your friends at embassyacademy.org and ambassadorstothenations.org.