

DON'T BLOW YOUR TOPS

2023 Homestudy Graduates You Need to Know This To Qualify for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS)

APPLICATION

The TOPS priority deadline for 2022 graduates is February 1, 2023. The final TOPS application deadline is July 1 following the one year anniversary of high school graduation.

You MUST file your FAFSA so that it is received by the federal processor by July 1, 2024 to receive full TOPS funding.

No payment of a TOPS award will be made until the initial FAFSA or on-line application has been received and you have been determined eligible for a TOPS award.

Initial application receipt date	Receives TOPS funding for:
Oct. 1, 2022 - July 1, 2024	8 semesters (12 quarters) Beginning with Academic Year 2022-2023
July 2 - Aug. 30, 2024	7 semesters (10 quarters) Beginning with Academic Year 2022-2023
Aug. 31 - Oct. 29, 2024	6 semesters (9 quarters) Beginning with Academic Year 2022-2023
Initial applications received after Oct. 29, 2024	Ineligible for TOPS award

Students who enroll full time before their initial application is received must also have met the TOPS Continuing Eligibility Requirements to be eligible for TOPS funding for semesters, quarters or terms after the semester of first-time, full-time enrollment.

For Federal Student Aid, TOPS, GO Grant, and other state aid programs:

2023-2024 FAFSA: www.studentaid.gov

Federal Student Aid Programs include Pell grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Student Loans (Subsidized and unsubsidized), Parent Loans for undergraduate students (PLUS), and the federal work study program.

To Apply for TOPS and all the programs listed above, you must complete all questions on the FAFSA for the school year 2023-2024. Be sure to PRINT and RETAIN your dated FAFSA confirmation page (with confirmation number) in case verification of timely filing is required.

FOR TOPS ONLY:

TOPS On-line Application: mylosfa.la.gov

In order to apply for TOPS only using the on-line TOPS application, families must be able to demonstrate that the student does not qualify for federal grant aid. To make that determination, use Finaid's Financial Aid Calculator available on the internet at www.finaid.org/calculators.

Funding for TOPS Awards is contingent upon appropriations.

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Schedule Virtual Office Hours
(Available 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on
Monday - Friday)

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ACT AND SAT

Students who are enrolled in an BESE Approved Home-Study program qualify for TOPS under Alternate Eligibility based on the ACT score in lieu of the GPA and core curriculum requirements.

The ACT score to qualify for the TOPS Opportunity Award is equal to the prior year's state average, but never less than a 20. For 2023 home study students, the minimum score for the TOPS Opportunity Award is a 22 (or 1100 SAT), based off the prior years state average. This average will be released in October 2022.

The minimum ACT score to qualify for the TOPS Performance Award is a 24 (or 1160 SAT).

The minimum ACT score to qualify for the TOPS Honors Award is a 28 (or 1300 SAT).

The minimum ACT score to qualify for the TOPS Tech Award is a 19 (or 990 SAT).

The highest composite score achieved on a single exam of either the ACT or SAT will be used to determine the eligibility. TOPS does not consider the essay portion of the ACT or SAT in calculating the composite score needed to qualify. **TOPS does not use a superscore when determining eligibility for a TOPS Award.**

For 2023 high school graduates, a qualifying ACT or SAT score must be achieved by the ACT National Test Date: April 15, 2023. A first-time qualifying score earned on the June 10 or July 15, 2023 ACT National Test Date or a first-time qualifying SAT score earned on the May 6 or June 3, 2023 exams will be accepted, but you will be penalized one semester (or two quarters) of eligibility.

Initial qualifying scores on special tests taken before July 1, 2023 for students with disabilities will be accepted. A first time qualifying score earned before September 30, 2023, may be accepted if the Board of Regents finds you were prevented from taking the test prior to August 1 of the year of graduation due to circumstances beyond your control and attributable to the administration of the test.

When registering for the ACT or SAT you must enter scholarship code 1595 on the ACT registration form or scholarship code 9019 on the SAT registration form for LOSFA to receive your scores..

When resitering for the ACT or SAT, you must enter the following codes for the high schools code:

ACT - 969999

SAT - 970000

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