



**2008- 2009 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCEDURES  
AND REQUEST FORM  
FOR NORIEGA/NON-NORIEGA STUDENTS**



The Richland College (RLC) financial aid program is designed to assist students whose family or personal circumstances make financial assistance necessary to meet tuition expenses. The Texas Public Education Grant program may be available for eligible students enrolling in a degree program.

TPEG grants are awarded on the basis of financial need. RLC adheres to the "federal financial need formula" to determine a student's financial need. This "formula" is used to determine the difference between the student's cost of attendance and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is derived from the Student/spouse or student/parent information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or TASFA. RLC uses an approved federal calculation software program, which calculates the EFC. **The award maximum is \$500 per semester for Fall 2008 and Spring 2009.**

Students are required to reapply annually for the TPEG grant. Award periods cover an award year, which includes the fall and spring semesters. The qualifications to receive this grant are:

1. have graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this state.
2. have resided in this state for at least three years as of the date the person graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma.
3. have registered as an entering student in an institution of higher education not earlier than the 2001 fall semester.
4. have not established a residence outside this state (must have lived in Texas the 12 months prior to enrollment).

RLC students interested in applying for the state aid program are required to undertake the following steps:

1. **Students must complete a RLC Admissions/Registration application.**
2. Complete, sign and submit the attached Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or TASFA to the RLC Financial Aid Office. Your previous year's tax return (for the 2008-2009 school year, the 2007 tax return is needed) must be used to answer the income questions.
3. Attach signed copies of the student's 2007 tax return. If parent or spouse information was required on the FAFSA, parents or spouse 2007 tax return must be submitted also.
4. Sign and submit this application procedures and request form to the Financial Aid Office.
5. Provide other documentation, as required from the FAFSA review (selective service, income, household clarification, etc).

The general application deadlines for financial aid are:

- Fall Semester - June 1
- Spring Semester - November 1
- Summer 1 Semester - April 15

**Attention Rising Star Applicants:**

The Rising Star Program requires all applicants to complete a financial aid application in addition to other requirements for admission into the program. If you need help completing this application or have questions regarding the information being requested to determine your eligibility for admission into the Rising Star Program, please contact the Rising Star office- 972-238-6122 or 972-761-6729.

**For Rising Star program deadlines, please check with program coordinator.**

**Please print and sign your name below to indicate your request to be considered for a 2008-2009 Noriega/Non Noriega grant and to acknowledge that you have read and understand the application requirements and procedures:**

<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>SSN/ID</b>	<b>Date</b>
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Financial Aid Office - Thunderduck Hall, Rm T130 - 12800 Abrams Road, Dallas, TX 75243 - 972-238-6188
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Double click below to go to the online FAFSA. Fill out, print and submit with the above request.



**FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID**  
**July 1, 2008 — June 30, 2009**



Use this form to apply free for federal and state student grants, work-study and loans.

Or apply free online  
 at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**Applying by the Deadlines**

For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than January 1, 2008. We must receive your application no later than June 30, 2009. Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2008–2009 school year.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as January 2008. See the table to the right for state deadlines. You may also need to complete additional forms. Check with your high school guidance counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student aid and deadlines.

If you are filling close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). This is the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid.

**Using Your Tax Return**

If you are supposed to file a 2007 federal income tax return, we recommend that you complete it before filling out this form. If you have not yet filed your return, you can still submit your FAFSA, but you must provide income and tax information. Once you file your tax return, correct any income or tax information that is different from what you initially submitted on your FAFSA.

**Filling Out the FAFSA**

Fill the answer fields directly on your screen or print the form and complete it by hand. Your answers will be read electronically; therefore, if you complete the form by hand:

- use black ink and fill in squares completely:
- print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words:
- report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.41) like this:

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If you or your family has unusual circumstances (such as loss of employment), complete this form to the extent you can, then submit it as instructed and consult with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

For more information or help in filling out the FAFSA, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). TTY users (for the hearing-impaired) may call 1-800-730-8913. Or visit our Web site at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov).

**Mailing Your FAFSA**

After you complete this application, mail only pages 7 through 10 to: Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 4692, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-4692. Do not send the worksheets on page 6. Print or make a copy of the entire completed form for your records.

If you do not receive the results of your application—a *Student Aid Report (SAR)*—within three weeks, please check online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or call 1-800-433-3243. If you provided your e-mail address in question 13, you will receive information about your application within a few days after we process it.

**Let's Get Started!**

Now go to page 7 of the application form and begin filling it out. Refer to the notes as instructed.

**STATE AID DEADLINES**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Check with your financial aid administrator for these states and territories:

AL, \*AS, CO, \*FM, GA, \*GU, \*HI, \*MH, \*MP, NE, \*NM, \*NV, OR, PR, \*PW, \*SD, \*TX, UT, \*VA, \*VI, \*VT, WA, WI and \*WY

- AK April 15, 2008 (date received)
- AR Academic Challenge - June 1, 2008  
Workforce Grant - Contact your financial aid administrator  
Higher Education Opportunity Grant - June 1, 2008 (fall term)  
- November 1, 2008 (spring term) (date received)
- AZ June 30, 2009 (date received)
- \*\*CA Initial awards - March 2, 2008  
Additional community college awards - September 2, 2008 (date postmarked)
- \*# CT February 15, 2008 (date received)
- \* DC June 30, 2008 (date received by state)
- DE April 15, 2008 (date received)
- FL May 15, 2008 (date processed)
- ^IA July 1, 2008 (date received)
- \*# ID March 1, 2008 (date received)
- # IL First-time applicants - September 30, 2008 (date received)  
Continuing applicants - August 15, 2008 (date received)
- IN March 10, 2008 (date received)
- \*# KS April 1, 2008 (date received)
- # KY March 15, 2008 (date received)
- ^LA July 1, 2008 (date received)
- \*# MA May 1, 2008 (date received)
- MD March 1, 2008 (date received)
- ME May 1, 2008 (date received)
- MI March 1, 2008 (date received)
- MN 30 days after term starts (date received)
- MO April 1, 2008 (date received)
- # MS MTAG and MESH Grants - September 15, 2008 (date processed)  
HELP Scholarship - March 31, 2008
- # MT March 1, 2008 (date received)
- NC March 15, 2008 (date received)
- ND March 15, 2008 (date received)
- NH May 1, 2008 (date received)
- ^NJ June 1, 2008, if you received a Tuition Aid Grant in 2007–2008  
All other applicants - October 1, 2008, fall & spring terms  
- March 1, 2009, spring term only (date received)
- \*\* NY May 1, 2009 (date received)
- OH October 1, 2008 (date received)
- # OK April 15, 2008 (date received) for best consideration
- \* BA All 2007–2008 State Grant recipients & all non-2007–2008 State Grant recipients in degree programs - May 1, 2008  
All other applicants - August 1, 2008 (date received)
- # RI March 1, 2008 (date received)
- SC Tuition Grants - June 30, 2008 (date received)
- # TN State Grant - March 1, 2008  
State Lottery - September 1, 2008 (date received)
- \*\* WV March 1, 2008 (date received)

STATE AID DEADLINES

- # For priority consideration, submit application by date specified.
- ^ Applicants encouraged to obtain proof of mailing.
- \* Additional form may be required.