

SENATE BILL 1528 (formerly HOUSE BILL 1403) State and/or Institutional Financial Aid Eligibility Through Texas Residency

Since September 1, 2001, Texas Legislation (House Bill 1403) has allowed schools in the state of Texas the opportunity to award certain state and/or institutional financial aid to assist students pursuing an undergraduate degree if they met the state's criteria for Texas Residency. New legislation enacted effective Fall 2006 (Senate Bill 1528) expands the option for residency to other students, too (not just international students).

For the Fall 2006/Spring 2007 award period, the University of North Texas will accept the paper Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for Federal Student Aid (TASFA) application to consider eligible new and continuing students for state and/or institutional financial aid.

- 1) The University of North Texas Admissions Office determines if students meet the state's requirements for Texas Residency. If you believe your residency should be reclassified, please contact the Admissions Office. Please Note: You must be classified as a Texas resident in order to qualify for state and/or institutional student financial aid. Also, keep in mind that state definitions of residency have NO impact on a student's eligibility for federal student financial aid.
- 2) If you meet the state's requirement for Texas Residency, please download the <u>TAFSA</u> <u>application</u> using the link on our website, and forward the completed application to our office for review and consideration.
- 3) In order to receive state and/or institutional financial aid, program and student eligibility as well as availability of funding may affect the financial aid awarded to you.

Please contact us at 877-881-1014 or financialaid@unt.edu if you have additional questions.

Sincerely, Student Financial Aid and Scholarships University of North Texas