**Border County Waiver (PASE) Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is the Mexican Citizens with Financial Need-Border County Waiver (PASE)?**

The Mexican Citizens with Financial Need-Border County Waiver, also known as Programa de Asistencia Estudiantil (PASE), is a waiver that allows eligible Mexican Nationals, who demonstrate financial need, to pay in-state tuition. This program is valid for one academic year (fall, spring, and summer), and must be re-certified prior to the beginning of each academic year.

**Where can I get the PASE application?**

Applicants must complete the PASE Application and the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA). The PASE application and TASFA can be found on our website by [clicking here](https://www.tamuk.edu/academicaffairssupport/oisss/pase.html):

* On the bottom of that page you will find the PASE application and TASFA in English and Spanish.

**What other Information do I need to turn in with my application?**

Students must submit various supporting documents with the PASE Application and TASFA. Such documents include federal income tax returns, W-2s, foreign tax returns, non-filer tax information form, etc. Please read the TASFA application carefully, as it states what documents are required for each section of the application.

**How much do I need to show?**

This is our most frequently asked question about the PASE Application. Students should be honest about income so their application can be processed accurately. There is no set “amount” that students can show on the application itself to ensure that they will qualify for the PASE Program. We cannot tell whether students will qualify until after their application is processed.

**Do my parents have to be the contributors on my application?**

If you are considered a “dependent” student for financial aid purposes, you will be required to provide applicable parent information to process your TASFA.

**What if I don’t qualify for the PASE?**

Unfortunately, all decisions are final. Applicants are required to demonstrate financial need as determined by TASFA; therefore, decisions cannot be appealed.