



WHAT PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES NEED TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING?



WHEN APPLYING FOR THE TEXAS EDUCATION ACCOUNT (TEFA) PROGRAM, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS YOU'LL SEE ASKS WHETHER YOUR CHILD QUALIFIES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

ANSWERING "YES" (WHEN ACCURATE AND DOCUMENTED) CAN MAKE YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR:

- Additional funding and
- Priority placement in the TEFA lottery

THIS QUESTION IS VERY IMPORTANT

YES/NO

IF YOU ANSWER "NO", YOUR CHILD CANNOT RECEIVE THIS EXTRA FUNDING OR PRIORITIZATION, EVEN IF THEY HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS.

YES?

ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WILL VERIFY ELIGIBILITY:

- A TEFA Disability Certification Form approved by the Texas Comptroller
- A Full and Individual Initial Evaluation (FIEE) from a public school ISD
- A current Texas IEP (Individualized Education Program)
- An out-of-state IEP

QUICK CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

- ✓ My child has one of the 13 qualifying diagnoses
- ✓ I have an approved certification, FIEE or IEP
- ✓ My child has an IEP from 2023-24 or later
- ✓ I contacted my ISD to upload the IEP to APEX
- ✓ I selected "Yes" to the special education question on the TEFA application

[MORE INFO](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

[EDUCATIONFREEDOM.TEXAS.GOV](https://educationfreedom.texas.gov)

DETAILS ON QUALIFYING DISABILITIES:

<https://supportwithdosesy.com/he/en-us/artClas/4319/79551963>. What Disabilities Qualify==Child-the-Eligibility In a School-Distnet a Special Education Program

13 DIAGNOSES FOR QUALIFICATION

- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Emotional Disability
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment
- Development Delay



ANSWER ACCURATELY. PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION. DON'T MISS OUT ON FUNDING YOUR CHILD MAY QUALIFY FOR.

