SAGE ACADEMY GRANBURY · FOR SAGE FAMILIES · UPDATED NOVEMBER 4, 2026

Texas will help pay for your learner's education here.

Sage Academy Granbury is an approved school in the **Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA)** program — the state's education savings account for private school families. This page explains what that means for your family, in plain language.

$10,474 TEFA award per student (2026–27) **–** **$9,735** Discovery annual tuition **=** **$739** left over for enrollment fees & more

Example: one Discovery (elementary) student with a full 2026–27 award. For a funded family, tuition and enrollment fees at Sage can be fully covered — with room to spare. Award amounts are set by the state each year and published at educationfreedom.texas.gov.

What is TEFA?

The Texas Education Freedom Accounts program gives eligible families a **state-funded education savings account** — money that can be spent on private school tuition, fees, and other approved educational expenses.

Families apply through the state. If awarded, funds go into a secure account (a "student wallet") managed by Odyssey, the state's program administrator. Families then choose an approved school, and payments flow directly from the wallet to the school.

It is **not a loan and not a reimbursement** — the state funds the account, and you direct it.

Where Sage stands

- ✓ Approved TEFA school for the 2026–27 program year and beyond.
- ✓ Accredited PreK through 12th grade by the International Association of Learner-Driven Schools, recognized by the Texas Education Agency.
- ✓ Approved Pre-K provider through our state child care licensing.
- ✓ Listed on the official TEFA School Finder, where funded families choose their school.

What TEFA funds can cover at Sage

A funded student's wallet can pay for tuition and the one-time fees below. TEFA families pay the same published rates as every Sage family — the program simply changes who pays.

EXPENSE	AMOUNT	COVERED BY TEFA?
Discovery (elementary) annual tuition	$9,735	Yes
Spark (early childhood) tuition, 3–5 day options	$6,265–$8,030	Yes, for eligible Pre-K students
Application fee	$60	Yes
Reservation & technology fee (new families)	$250	Yes
Reservation fee (returning families)	$200	Yes

2026–27 rates shown; 2027–28 rates publish with re-enrollment.

Leftover funds stay in the student's wallet and can be spent on approved items in the Odyssey Marketplace — tutoring, curriculum, school supplies, and more. Browse approved vendors and services on the TEFA Finder.

Get your documents ready now

You'll need fewer documents than you might expect. **Residency:** your Texas driver's license or state ID number. **Income:** the first two pages of your most recently filed Form 1040, showing your adjusted gross income, with your learner claimed as a dependent. Your learner's citizenship is usually verified automatically through your license or [his/her] Social Security number — keep a birth certificate scan as backup.

Have these numbers ready: your SSN, your driver's license number, and your learner's SSN. A Texas Unique Student ID only applies if your learner previously attended a public or charter school. **If your learner has a disability** — a current or past IEP, an evaluation, or a condition a practitioner can certify — say so in the application: students with disabilities receive the highest funding priority.

How it works, start to finish

1. **Apply during the state's application window.** The next window is expected around **February 2027** for the 2027–28 school year — last year's ran Feb 4 to Mar 31, roughly eight weeks. Applications are submitted through the state's parent portal at educationfreedom.texas.gov. A Texas driver's license or state ID verifies residency, and your most recent Form 1040 verifies income (full checklist on page 1). Find step-by-step help at support.withodyssey.com.
2. **Receive your award decision.** Awards are prioritized by state rules — students with disabilities and lower-income households come first, then other income tiers. Funding is limited, so not every applicant receives an award.
3. **Choose Sage in your Odyssey portal.** Once funded, you select Sage Academy Granbury as your school. We confirm your learner's enrollment on our end.
4. **Funds flow automatically.** The state deposits your award in installments through the year. Tuition and any fee requests from Sage appear in your wallet for your one-tap approval — no checks, no reimbursement paperwork.
5. **Keep your award.** Families in good standing don't reapply every year — once your learner is funded, the award continues as long as the state funds the program.

The honest fine print

Applications for this school year are closed. The 2026–27 awards have already been distributed statewide. If your family already holds an award, talk to us — we can connect it now. Everyone else is positioning for the next window.

Demand exceeds funding. In the first year, more than 274,000 students applied for roughly 100,000 funded spots — nearly 3 applicants for every award. Awards go in priority order — students with disabilities first, then by household income. Applying anytime in the window counts the same — what matters is applying **complete**, with documents ready, before it closes.

Pre-K eligibility is narrower. Pre-K students must be at least 3 years old and meet an additional state condition — such as household income limits, military family status, or foster care. Toddler care is not covered by TEFA. Review the state's Pre-K eligibility rules at educationfreedom.texas.gov before you apply.

What we know after the November 2026 election. TEFA is state law, and this year's $1 billion in awards is already funded. Funding for 2027–28 will be decided in the spring 2027 legislative session, under a new governor. No one can promise what that budget will hold. From what we can tell, families will apply — and may even receive award decisions — before the budget is final in June; treat any early award as conditional until then. Applying costs nothing, and we'll tell you plainly what we know as the session unfolds.

Questions families ask

Do we qualify?

For kindergarten through 12th grade, most Texas families can apply — awards are then prioritized by disability status and household income. For Pre-K, the state adds eligibility conditions (see the fine print above). **And a rule worth knowing for multi-learner families:** if one of your learners is accepted during an application period, any eligible sibling who applies in the same window is accepted too. Official eligibility rules and FAQs: educationfreedom.texas.gov · Program support for families: support.withodyssey.com

Is this the same as a scholarship from Sage?

No — TEFA funds come from the State of Texas, not from Sage. We don't decide who receives an award, and the money never passes through us until it pays tuition. Separately, Sage has partnered with ACE Scholarships for the new federal **Education Freedom Tax Credit (EFTC)** — a different program with its own email series coming your way.

What do we pay if our award doesn't cover everything?

You pay the difference at our normal rates, on our normal payment plans. And if the award exceeds your Sage costs, the remainder stays in your learner's wallet for other approved educational expenses.

Does TEFA change how Sage teaches?

No. Sage remains an independent private school — same Montessori foundation, same learner-driven studios, same guides. The state requires annual nationally-normed assessment for funded students in grades 3 and up, which we already do for second grade and up — with a lower-pressure, no-teaching-to-the-test approach to the Iowa Assessments.

Get ready for the next window

The strongest position is a prepared one. **Two things to do today:** join the state's interest list at **educationfreedom.texas.gov** so you're notified the moment the application window opens, and tell us your family is interested (**tasha@sageacademygranbury.com**) — we'll walk beside you through the whole process.

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