

Student Need Summary Information Sheet

The Need Index Module will be modernized to provide a more comprehensive view of a student's financial need and financial aid package; this expanded dataset will be known as the Student Need Summary. To help departments prepare for this transition, the new Student Need Summary is available now for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 aid years.

Background Information

The Students Need Summary was created in response to several changes:

1. Enrollment Management continues to standardize various business processes in alignment with the President's goal to modernize UT's technology and data operations.
2. The University is moving to an updated, cloud-based financial aid system ([Oracle SFP](#)), which will replace the legacy Mainframe system.
 - Legacy Mainframe pulled data from multiple modules to produce the former Need Index (0-9) data. The Student Need Summary consolidates this into a single call to Oracle SFP.
3. Starting with aid year 2024-2025, the Federal Department of Education will replace the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) data point with the Student Aid Index (SAI) data point, as part of the FAFSA Simplification Act.
 - Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) data will also be updated to provide a Student Aid Index.

The Student Need Summary will integrate with the new [Scholarship Management System](#), which will be available early in the Spring 2024 semester.

New Methodology

The Student Need Summary will provide our campus with a more holistic view of a student's financial need and their financial aid package.

The Student Need Summary will return a **1-3 Need Index**, with levels aligning to the University's Texas Advance Commitment, intended to fund students at certain adjusted gross income levels.

New Need Index	Family AGI
1	\$0 - \$65,000
2	\$65,001 – \$125,000
3	\$125,001+

In addition, the Student Need Summary will provide a **Yes or No flag** for the following attributes:

- If the student is Pell Grant eligible. This will allow you to identify the students in your candidate pools with the highest level of financial need.
- If the student shows financial need (as defined by the Federal Department of Education: if their EFC/SAI less than cost of attendance). This can help ensure that you are satisfying any endowment criteria that require the student to have financial need.

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid will not have the ability to produce the Student Need Summary on demand at the request of a campus scholarship coordinator.

Who to Contact?

Department Technical staff, [contact James Loague](#), Project Director in Academic Information Systems

Scholarship Coordinators, [contact Lauren Brown](#), Director of Scholarships in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid