

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board 2019 Star Award for *60x30TX*

Texas Groups, Organizations, or Partnerships

Purpose

The Texas Higher Education Star Award was originally established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in 2001 to recognize exceptional contributions toward achieving one or more of the goals of the former long-range Texas higher education plan *Closing the Gaps by 2015*, which brought Texas from 2000 to 2015. The state's current higher education plan, *60x30TX*, adopted by the Coordinating Board in July 2015, builds on the success of *Closing the Gaps* and is designed to establish a globally competitive workforce in Texas by 2030. The new plan establishes four goals – educated population, completion, marketable skills, and student debt.

General Eligibility

For Texas groups, organizations, or partnerships to achieve recognition through the Star Award for *60x30TX*, a group, organization, or partnership must be nominated for the award (self-nominations are welcome). Nominees should be those groups, organizations, or partnerships that are making a contribution to *60x30TX*. Award recipients will be chosen by a designated committee after review of the nominees who complete Star Award for *60x30TX* Applications. The most important criteria in evaluating final applications will be the clear demonstration of: (1) successful outcomes in the areas of educated population, completion, marketable skills, or student debt that are attributable to the efforts of the group, organization, or partnership; (2) improvement and excellence over time through the use of benchmarks and other comparison data that allow progress to be monitored and evaluated; and (3) an efficient cost/benefit ratio per student for the purpose of potential replication by others.

Eligibility Criteria for the Star Award for *60x30TX*

Nominated Texas groups, organizations, or partnerships must have been in operation for at least two years and focused on helping to meet the goals of *60x30TX* (such as those that help promote student completion of a certificate or degree) and be one of the following:

- a business;
- a community organization: or
- a partnership among higher education institutions, public/private schools/districts, businesses, or community organizations.

Nomination Submission Requirements

The completed Nomination Cover Sheet and Summary Description must be received at the Coordinating Board offices no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2019.

1. Complete the Nomination Cover Sheet. This is a form completed by the nominator that includes the nominee's contact information. Please note self-nominations are welcome.
2. Complete the Nomination Summary Description. This is a summary that includes a brief overview of the nominated group, organization, or partnership and explains how the nominee is making an outstanding contribution to *60x30TX* in educated population, completion, marketable skills, and/or student debt.
3. Save your form and accompanying description as a PDF file.
4. Email the PDF file to StarAward@thehb.state.tx.us.

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NOMINATION COVER SHEET

This form is to be the first page of the nomination materials; nominee description limited to two pages.

**INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATED GROUP, ORGANIZATION, OR PARTNERSHIP
(Please complete all fields)**

GROUP, ORGANIZATION, OR PARTNERSHIP NAME:

DEPARTMENT NAME: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT NAME: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT TITLE: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT EMAIL: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT PHONE: _____

THE NOMINATED GROUP, ORGANIZATION, OR PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTES TO THE FOLLOWING 60x30TX GOAL(S):

_____ **EDUCATED POPULATION**

_____ **COMPLETION**

_____ **MARKETABLE SKILLS**

_____ **STUDENT DEBT**

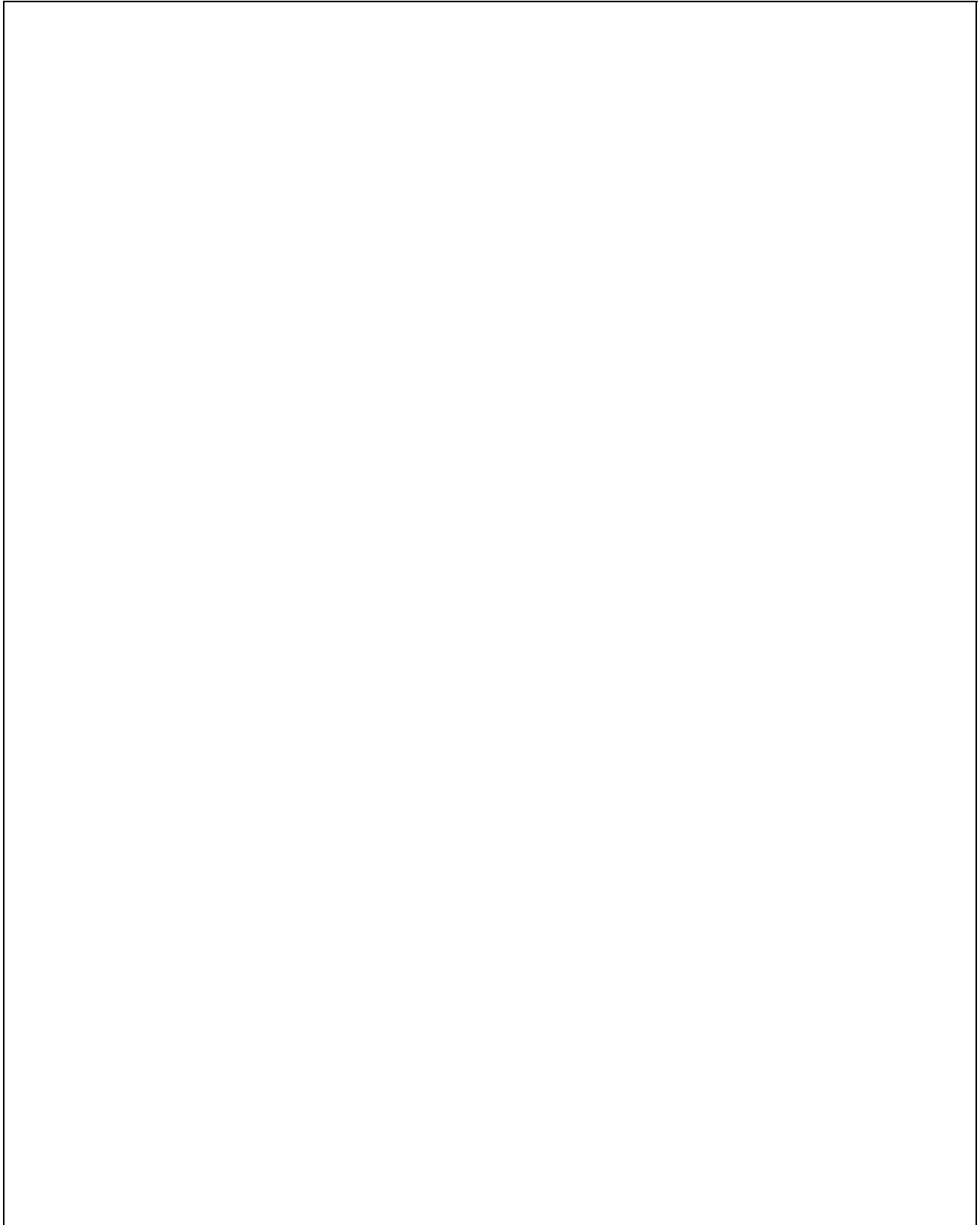
NOMINATED BY:

_____ *Name* _____ *Email*

_____ *Title, Institution* _____ *Date*

DESCRIPTION OF NOMINATED GROUP, ORGANIZATION OR PARTNERSHIP

Please note: Description of nominated group, organization, or partnership is limited to two pages.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to provide a description of the nominated group, organization, or partnership. The box occupies most of the page below the header and note.

