

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

## **Programs, projects, and activities at Texas two-year institutions of higher education**

### **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 programs, projects, and activities at Texas two-year institutions of higher education to achieve recognition through the Star Award for *60x30TX*, a program, project, or activity must be nominated for the award (self-nominations are welcome). Nominees should be those programs, projects, or activities 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 applicants 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 program, project, or activity; (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 programs, projects, or activities must be in operation for at least two years at one of the following types of Texas two-year institutions of higher education:

- public and independent two-year community colleges;
- public and independent two-year technical and state colleges; and
- career colleges and schools that offer certificates or degrees up to the associate level.

### **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 program, project, or activity 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](mailto:StarAward@thehb.state.tx.us).

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### PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES AT TEXAS TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

#### NOMINATION COVER SHEET

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

#### INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATED PROGRAM, PROJECT, OR ACTIVITY (Please complete all fields)

**TITLE OF PROGRAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTITUTION NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE CONTACT TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE CONTACT EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE CONTACT PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE NOMINATED PROGRAM, PROJECT, OR ACTIVITY CONTRIBUTES TO THE  
FOLLOWING *60x30TX* GOAL(S):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **EDUCATED POPULATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ **COMPLETION**

\_\_\_\_\_ **MARKETABLE SKILLS**

\_\_\_\_\_ **STUDENT DEBT**

**NOMINATED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Email*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Title, Institution*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**DESCRIPTION OF NOMINATED PROGRAM, PROJECT, OR ACTIVITY**

**Please note: Description of nominated program, project, or activity is limited to two pages.**

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