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FROM: DeChà Reid

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RE: 2017-18 Program Guidelines - College Access Loan, B-On-Time, Top Ten

Percent, Educational Aide Exemption, and Texas Armed Services Scholarship

Program

The annual 2017-18 Program Guidelines are now available for the College Access Loan (CAL), B-On-Time (BOT), Top Ten Percent (Top 10%), Educational Aide Exemption (EAE) and Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program. Individual documents are being released this year as they become available. All versions of the 2017-18 guidelines and a comprehensive document will be available by mid-August on the <u>Student Financial Aid Programs Information Website</u>.

This year, the guidelines include additional information banners and alert boxes that provide examples to assist administrators with common questions or program specific scenarios. As with last year's guidelines, hyperlinks directly to the Texas Education Code (TEC) and the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) are included. Using these links ensures that institutions can easily access the program statute and rules that are required when administering state financial aid programs.

If you have any questions, please contact Financial Aid Services at (844) 792-2640 or CONTACT US. (Select the applicable option in the drop-down selection under **Contact Reason**).

Enclosed:

College Access Loan (CAL)

B-On-Time (BOT)

Top Ten Percent (Top 10%)

Educational Aide Exemption (EAE)

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP)

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