# TOWARD EXCELLENCE, ACCESS, AND SUCCESS (TEXAS) GRANT PROGRAM

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#### §22.225 AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

(a) Authority. Authority for this subchapter is provided in the Texas Education Code, Chapter 56, Subchapter M, Toward EXcellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program. This subchapter establishes procedures to administer Texas Education Code, §§56.301 - 56.311.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this program is to provide need-based grants of money to enable eligible students to attend eligible public institutions of higher education in this state.

**Source Note:** The provisions of this §22.225 adopted to be effective August 16, 2004, 29 TexReg 7988; amended to be effective February 26, 2014, 39 TexReg 1143; amended to be effective November 22, 2020, 45 TexReg 8340

#### §22.226 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the words and terms defined in §22.1 of this Chapter, the following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) Continuation grant--A TEXAS Grant offered to a person who has previously received an initial year grant.

(2) Degree program of four years or less--A baccalaureate degree program, other than a program determined by the Board to require more than four years to complete.

(3) Degree program of more than four years--A baccalaureate degree program determined by the Board to require more than four years to complete.

(4) Encumbered Funds--Funds ready for disbursal to the institution, based on the institution having submitted to the Board the required documentation to request funds.

(5) General Academic Teaching Institution--As the term is defined in Texas Education Code, §61.003(3).

(6) Initial year grant--The TEXAS Grant offered in the student's first year in the TEXAS Grant Program, typically made up of a fall and spring disbursement.

(7) Medical or dental unit--As the term is defined in Texas Education Code, §61.003(5).

(8) Public Institution--As the term, institution of higher education, is defined in Texas Education Code, §61.003(8).

(9) Prior-prior year--For allocation purposes, the state fiscal year that began two years earlier than the fiscal year for which the allocation is being calculated.

(10) Private Institution--As the term, private or independent institution of higher education, is defined in Texas Education Code, §61.003(15).

(11) Program--The Toward EXcellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant program.

(12) Public state college--As the term is defined in Texas Education Code, §61.003(16).

(13) Required fees--A mandatory fee (required by statute) or discretionary fee (authorized by statute, imposed by the governing board of a public institution) and that a public institution charges to a student as a condition of enrollment at the public institution or in a specific course.

(14) Target grant amount--An amount set by the Coordinating Board, in consultation with public institutions participating in the TEXAS Grant Program, and used as the recommended average grant amount for the TEXAS Grant Program for a biennium and in establishing renewal year allocations to participating public institutions as described in §22.236(a)(1) of this title (relating to Allocation and Reallocation of Funds).

(15) Tuition--Statutory tuition, designated and/or Board-authorized tuition.

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#### §22.227 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

(a) Eligibility.

(1) Institutions eligible to make initial year and continuation grants in the program are medical or dental units and general academic teaching institutions, other than the public state colleges. Other public institutions, including public state colleges, are only eligible to make continuation grants, and can make continuation grants only to persons who initially received TEXAS Grants prior to fall 2014 through a public state college, community college, or technical college.

(2) No participating public institution may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability exclude an individual from participation in, or deny the benefits of the program described in this subchapter.

(3) Each participating public institution must follow the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI (Public Law 88-353) in avoiding discrimination in admissions or employment.

#### (b) Approval.

(1) Agreement. Each eligible public institution must enter into an agreement with the Board, the terms of which shall be prescribed by the Commissioner or his/her designee, prior to being approved to participate in the program.

(2) Approval Deadline. An eligible public institution must enter into an agreement with the Board and indicate an intent to participate in the program by April 1 in order for qualified students enrolled in that public institution to be eligible to receive grants in the following fiscal year.

(c) Responsibilities. Participating public institutions are required to abide by the General Provisions outlined in subchapter A of this Chapter.

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#### §22.228 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

(a) To qualify for an initial year grant, a person who graduates from high school must:

(1) be enrolled in a medical or dental unit or general academic teaching institution other than public state colleges;

- (2) be a resident of Texas;
- (3) meet financial need requirements established by the Board;
- (4) have applied for any available financial aid assistance;
- (5) meet applicable standards outlined in Subchapter A of this Chapter; and

(6) Except as provided under §22.231 of this title (relating to Hardship Provisions), to receive an initial year grant, an otherwise eligible person must enroll in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible public institution on at least a three-quarter time basis as:

(A) an entering undergraduate student not later than the end of the 16th month after the calendar month in which the person graduated from high school; or

(B) an entering undergraduate student who entered military service not later than the first anniversary of the date of high school graduation and enrolled in an eligible public institution no later than 12 months after being released from active duty military service with an Honorable Discharge, General Discharge under Honorable Conditions, or Honorable Separation or Release from Active Duty, as documented by the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214) issued by the Department of Defense;

(C) a continuing undergraduate student not later than the end of the 12th month after the calendar month in which the student received an associate degree; or

(D) a continuing undergraduate student who has:

(i) previously attended a public institution;

(ii) received an initial Texas Educational Opportunity Grant under Subchapter M of this Chapter for the 2014 fall semester or a subsequent semester;

(iii) completed at least 24 semester credit hours at any public institution(s) or private institution(s);

(iv) earned an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on all course work previously attempted; and

(v) has never previously received a TEXAS Grant.

(b) Continuation Grants. To receive a continuation grant through the TEXAS Grant Program, a student must:

(1) have previously received an initial year grant through this program;

(2) show financial need in the semester(s) in which a TEXAS Grant is offered;

(3) be enrolled at least three-quarter time in the semester(s) in which a TEXAS Grant is offered unless granted a hardship waiver of this requirement under §22.231 of this title;

(4) be enrolled in a baccalaureate program at the eligible public institution;

(5) make satisfactory academic progress towards a baccalaureate degree at the eligible public institution, as defined in §22.229 of this title (relating to Satisfactory Academic Progress);

(6) meet applicable standards outlined in Subchapter A of this Chapter; and

(7) if a student's eligibility was based on the expectation that the student would complete a high school diploma or associate degree in time to meet the requirements for Program eligibility, and the student failed to do so, then, in order to resume eligibility, such a student must:

(A) receive an associate degree;

(B) meet all other qualifications for a TEXAS Grant;

(C) if required to do so by the institution through which the TEXAS Grant was made, repay the amount of the TEXAS Grant that was previously received; and

(D) enroll in a higher-level undergraduate degree program in an eligible public institution not later than the 12th month after the month the student received an associate degree.

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#### §22.229 SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

(a) To qualify for a continuation grant after the academic year in which a person receives an initial year grant, each recipient of the TEXAS Grant shall meet the academic progress requirements as indicated by the financial aid office of his or her institution.

(b) To receive a subsequent grant after he or she receives a continuation grant, a recipient shall, unless granted a hardship postponement in accordance with §22.231 of this title (relating to Hardship Provisions):

(1) complete at least 24 semester credit hours in his or her most recent academic year; and,

(2) maintain an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four point scale or its equivalent, for all coursework attempted at public institutions and private institutions.

(3) An entering undergraduate student enrolling in a participating public institution for the second or later semester in a given academic year meets the semester-credit-hour requirement outlined in subparagraph (1) of this subsection for continuing in the program if he or she completes at least 12 semester credit hours or its equivalent during that semester.

(c) The calculation of a student's GPA is to be completed in accordance with the General Provisions outlined in Subchapter A of this Chapter.

(d) The completion rate calculations may be made in keeping with institutional policies.

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#### §22.230 DISCONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY OR NON-ELIGIBILITY

(a) A student may not receive a TEXAS Grant after having already being granted a baccalaureate degree.

(b) A student may not receive a TEXAS Grant for a semester in which he or she is enrolled for fewer than six hours.

(c) Unless granted a hardship postponement in accordance with §22.231 of this title (relating to Hardship Provisions), eligibility for a TEXAS Grant for a student whose eligibility for an initial year TEXAS Grant was not based on the receipt of an associate degree ends:

(1) five years from the start of the semester in which the student received his or her first disbursement of an initial year TEXAS Grant, if the student is enrolled in a degree program of four years or less;

(2) six years from the start of the semester in which the student received his or her first disbursement of an initial year TEXAS Grant, if the student is enrolled in a degree program of more than four years.

(d) Unless granted a hardship postponement in accordance with §22.231 of this title, eligibility for a TEXAS Grant for a student whose eligibility was based on receiving an associate degree ends:

(1) three years from the date of the semester in which the student received his or her first disbursement of an initial year TEXAS Grant if the student is enrolled in a degree program of four years or less;

(2) four years from the date of the semester in which the student received his or her first disbursement of an initial year TEXAS Grant if the student is enrolled in a degree program of more than four years.

(e) A student's eligibility ends one year from the date of the semester in which the student received his or her first disbursement of an initial year TEXAS Grant, if the student's eligibility was based on the expectation that the student would complete the initial year grant requirements as outlined in §22.228 of this title (relating to Eligible Students), but the student failed to do so. However, if such a student later receives an associate degree and again qualifies for TEXAS Grants, he or she can receive an additional three years of eligibility if enrolled in a degree program of four years or less, or an additional four years if enrolled in a degree program of more than four years.

(f) A student's eligibility for a TEXAS Grant ends once he or she has attempted 150 semester credit hours or the equivalent unless the student is granted a hardship extension in accordance with §22.231(d) of this title (relating to Hardship Provisions).

(g) A person is not eligible to receive an initial year or continuation grant if the person has been convicted of a felony or an offense under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act), or under the law of any other jurisdiction involving a controlled substance as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, unless the person has met the other applicable eligibility requirements under this subchapter and has:

(1) received a certificate of discharge by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or a correctional facility or completed a period of probation ordered by a court, and at least two years have elapsed from the date of the receipt or completion; or

(2) been pardoned, had the record of the offense expunged from the person's record, or otherwise been released from the resulting ineligibility to receive a TEXAS Grant.

(h) Other than as described in §22.231 of this title, if a person fails to meet any of the requirements for receiving a continuation grant as outlined in §22.228(b) of this subchapter after completion of any semester, the person may not receive a TEXAS Grant until he or she completes a semester while not receiving a TEXAS Grant and meets all the requirements as outlined in §22.228(b) of this subchapter as of the end of that semester.

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#### §22.231 HARDSHIP PROVISIONS

(a) In the event of a hardship or for other good cause, the Program Officer at an eligible public institution may allow an otherwise eligible person to receive a TEXAS Grant under the following conditions:

(1) while enrolled in less than nine semester credit hours;

(2) if the student's grade point average falls below the satisfactory academic progress requirements of §22.229 of this title (relating to Satisfactory Academic Progress);

(3) if the student's completion rate falls below the satisfactory academic progress requirements of §22.229 of this subchapter;

(4) if the student's number of completed hours falls below the satisfactory academic progress requirements of §22.229 of this subchapter; or

(5) if the student requires an extension of the year limits found in §22.230 of this subchapter to complete his or her degree.

(b) Hardship or other good causes are not limited to, but include:

(1) a showing of a severe illness or other debilitating condition that may affect the student's academic performance;

(2) an indication that the student is responsible for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person and that the student's provision of care may affect his or her academic performance; or

(3) the requirement of fewer than nine hours to complete one's degree plan.

(c) The Program Officer may allow a student to receive his/her initial year grant after the time limits described in Section 22.228(a)(6) (relating to Eligible Students) if the student and/or the student's family has suffered a hardship that would now make the student rank as one of the institution's neediest.

(d) The Program Officer may allow a student to receive a grant after attempting more hours than allowed under §22.230(f) of this title (relating to Discontinuation of Eligibility or Non-Eligibility) in the event of hardship. However, the total number of hours paid for, at least in part, with TEXAS Grant funds may not exceed 150 semester credit hours or the equivalent.

(e) Documentation justifying the eligibility granted through the hardship provisions outlined in this rule must be kept in the student's file. Institutions must identify to the Board those students granted eligibility through hardship provisions, so that the Board may appropriately monitor each student's period of eligibility.

(f) Each participating public institution shall adopt a hardship policy under this section and have the policy available in writing in the financial aid office for public review upon request.

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## §22.233 PRIORITY IN GRANTS TO STUDENTS

(a) If appropriations for the program are insufficient to allow grants to all eligible students, priority shall be given to those students demonstrating continuing TEXAS Grant eligibility pursuant to §22.228(b) of this subchapter (relating to Eligible Students).

(b) In determining student eligibility for a TEXAS Grant pursuant to §22.228(a) of this subchapter, priority shall be given to those students who demonstrate the greatest financial need at the time the offer is made.

(c) In determining student eligibility for a TEXAS Grant pursuant to §22.228(a) of this subchapter, priority shall be given to those students who have an expected family contribution that does not exceed 60 percent of the average statewide amount of tuition and required fees for general academic teaching institutions for the relevant academic year.

(d) In determining initial student eligibility for a TEXAS Grant pursuant to §22.228(a) of this subchapter, priority shall be given to those students who graduate or are on track to graduate from a public or accredited private high school in Texas on or after May 1, 2013, and complete or are on track to complete the Foundation High School program, or its equivalent as amended in keeping with Texas Education Code, §56.009. The person must also be on track to have accomplished any two or more of the following at the time a TEXAS Grant was offered:

(1) successful completion of the course requirements of the international baccalaureate diploma program, or earning of the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours of college credit in high school through courses described in Texas Education Code, §28.009(a)(1), (2), and (3), or if graduating prior to September 1, 2020, graduate under the Recommended or Advanced high school curriculum specified in the Texas Education Code, §28.025 as it existed as of January 1, 2013, and the rules promulgated thereunder by the State Board of Education;

(2) satisfaction of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) college readiness benchmarks prescribed by the Board under Texas Education Code, §51.3062(f) on any assessment instrument designated by the Board under Texas Education Code, §51.3062(c) or qualification for an exemption as described by Texas Education Code, §51.3062(p), (q), or (q-1);

(3) graduation in the top one-third of the person's high school graduating class or graduation from high school with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale or the equivalent; or

(4) completion for high school credit of at least one advanced mathematics course following the successful completion of an Algebra II course, or at least one advanced career and technical or technical applications course;

(e) If funds remain after TEXAS Grants are offered to all students meeting the criteria in subparagraph (d) of this paragraph, remaining funds may be offered to persons who are otherwise eligible for TEXAS Grants.

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### §22.234 GRANT AMOUNTS

(a) The amount of a TEXAS Grant offered through an eligible public institution may not be reduced by any gift aid for which the person receiving the grant is eligible, unless the total amount of a person's grant plus any aid other than loans received equals or exceeds the student's financial need.

(b) The Board shall determine and announce the maximum amount of a TEXAS Grant not later than the final day of January prior to the start of each fiscal year. The calculation of the maximum amount per semester will be based on the mandates contained in Texas Education Code, §56.307. However, no student's TEXAS Grant shall be greater than the amount of the student's financial need.

(c) An eligible public institution may not charge a person receiving a TEXAS Grant through that institution, an amount of tuition and required fees in excess of the amount of the TEXAS Grant received by the person in that semester unless it also provides the student sufficient aid other than loans to meet his or her full tuition and required fees for that semester. Nor may it deny admission to or enrollment in the institution based on a person's eligibility to receive or actual receipt of a TEXAS Grant.

(d) The eligible public institution may require a student to forgo or repay the amount of an initial year grant if the student is determined to have failed to complete the necessary High School Program or Associate Degree, upon which eligibility for the program was determined, as evidenced by the final high school or college transcript.

(e) Grant calculations and disbursements are to be completed in accordance with the General Provisions outlined in Subchapter A of this Chapter.

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#### §22.236 ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

(a) Allocations for Fiscal Year 2017 and Later.

(1) The share of funds for each institution eligible to make both initial and continuation awards will equal:

(A) the number of Initial Award TEXAS Grant recipients at the institution in the Prior-Prior Year multiplied by the percentage of Initial Award TEXAS Grant recipients in the year prior to the Prior-Prior Year who received a Renewal Award in the Prior-Prior Year; plus the number of Renewal Award TEXAS Grant recipients at the institution in the Prior-Prior Year multiplied by the percentage of Renewal Award TEXAS Grant recipients in the year prior to the Prior to the Prior-Prior Year who received a Renewal Award TEXAS Grant recipients in the year prior to the Prior-Prior Year who received a Renewal Award TEXAS Grant recipients in the year prior to the Prior-Prior Year who received a Renewal Award in the Prior-Prior Year, multiplied by the institution's average TEXAS Grant award in the Prior-Prior Year, up to the amount of the Target Award for the fiscal year for which allocations are occurring; plus

(B) the institution's proportions of the remaining appropriation is based on the sum of the number of students who were reported as a first time enrolling freshman; or an entering undergraduate transfer student who completed an associate's degree within the prior 12 months to enrolling; or an entering undergraduate transfer student who received an Initial TEOG award for the Fall 2014 semester or later, has completed at least 24 semester credit hours, and has earned an overall GPA of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale on all course work previously attempted, and:

(i) were enrolled as undergraduate students and had not yet received a Bachelor's degree;

(ii) were identified as Texas residents;

(iii) were enrolled at least 3/4-time; and

(iv) had a 9-month Expected Family Contribution, calculated using federal methodology, that was less than or equal to the cap established for TEXAS Grant in the Prior-Prior Year.

(2) Institutions who are only eligible to make continuation awards will not receive a specific allocation. Those schools will have until August 1, or the first working day thereafter if it falls on a weekend or holiday, to submit for reimbursement any award for a student who is identified as eligible and is awarded a TEXAS Grant. Those awards will be funded through any unencumbered program funds.

(3) The TEXAS Grant allocation spreadsheet will be provided to the institutions for review and the institutions will be given 10 working days, beginning the day of the notice's distribution and excluding State holidays, to confirm that the spreadsheet accurately reflects the data they submitted or to advise Board staff of any inaccuracies.

(b) Disbursement of Funds to Institutions. As requested by institutions throughout the academic year, the Board shall forward to each participating institution a portion of its allocation of funds for timely disbursement to students. Institutions will have until the close of business on August 1, or the first working day thereafter if it falls on a weekend or holiday, to encumber program funds from their allocation. After that date, institutions lose claim to any funds in the current fiscal year not yet drawn down from the Board for timely disbursement to students. Funds released in this manner in the first year of the biennium become available to the institution for use in the second year of the biennium. Funds released in this manner in the second year of the biennium become available for the next biennium's program, revised allocations, calculated according to the allocation methodology outlined in this rule, will be issued to participating institutions during the fall semester.

(c) Reductions in Funding.

(1) If annual funding for the program is reduced after the start of a fiscal year, the Board may take steps to help distribute the impact of reduced funding across all participating institutions by an across-the-board percentage decrease in all institutions' allocations.

(2) If annual funding is reduced prior to the start of a fiscal year, the Board may recalculate the allocations according to the allocation methodology outlined in this rule for the affected fiscal year based on available dollars.

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#### §22.237 FUNDS PROVIDED FROM STUDENT DEPOSIT FEES

Excess student deposit funds remitted to the Coordinating Board pursuant to Texas Education Code, §54.5021(c), may only be used to make TEXAS Grants. If the year-end unobligated and unexpended balance of student deposit funds at an institution exceeds 150 percent of the total deposits to that fund during that year, the excess funds shall be forwarded to the Coordinating Board for disbursement through the TEXAS Grant Program. If an institution established an endowment fund from excess funds prior to the end of state Fiscal Year 2001, no additional excess funds may be added to the endowment corpus. All excess funds and their earnings (including the earnings of the endowment fund) must be used in calculating the year-end balance subject to the 150 percent limit.

Source Note: The provisions of this §22.237 adopted to be effective November 28, 2005, 30 TexReg 7870

### §22.241 TOLLING OF ELIGIBILITY FOR INITIAL YEAR GRANT

(a) A person is eligible for consideration for an Initial Year award under this subsection if the person was eligible for an initial year grant under §22.228 of this title (relating to Eligible Students) in an academic year for which the Texas Legislature failed to appropriate sufficient funds to make initial year grant to at least 10 percent of the eligible student population, and:

(1) has not received a TEXAS Grant in the past;

(2) has not received a baccalaureate degree; and

(3) meets the eligibility requirements for a continuation grant as described in §22.228(d) of this title.

(b) A person who meets the requirements outlined in subsection (a) of this section:

(1) cannot be disqualified for a TEXAS Grant by changes in program requirements since the time he or she was originally eligible or by the amount of time that has passed since he or she was originally eligible;

(2) is to receive highest priority in the selection of recipients if he or she met the priority model requirements of §22.233(d) of this title (relating to Priority in Awards to Students), when originally determined to be eligible;

(3) may continue receiving grants as long as he or she meets the requirements for such continuation grants; and

(4) may not receive TEXAS Grants for prior academic years.

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