

Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success Grant

Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Chapter 56, Subchapter M

Sec. 56.301. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

- (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- (2) "Eligible institution" means a general academic teaching institution or a medical and dental unit that offers one or more undergraduate degree or certification programs. The term does not include a public state college.
- (3) "General academic teaching institution," "institution of higher education," "medical and dental unit," "public junior college," "public state college," and "public technical institute" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1590, Sec. 1, eff. June 19, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1181 (S.B. 1227), Sec. 30, eff. September 1, 2005.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155 (S.B. 215), Sec. 5, eff. September 1, 2013.

Sec. 56.302. PROGRAM NAME; PURPOSE. (a) Except as provided under Section 56.310(c), the student financial assistance program authorized by this subchapter is known as the Toward EXcellence, Access, & Success (TEXAS) grant program, and an individual grant awarded under this subchapter is known as a TEXAS grant.

(b) The purpose of this subchapter is to provide a grant of money to enable eligible students to attend eligible institutions in this state.

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1590, Sec. 1, eff. June 19, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1181 (S.B. 1227), Sec. 31, eff. September 1, 2005.

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 91 (S.B. 1303), Sec. 7.015, eff. September 1, 2011.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155 (S.B. 215), Sec. 6, eff. September 1, 2013.

Sec. 56.303. ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM. (a) The coordinating board shall administer the TEXAS grant program and shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the TEXAS grant program or this subchapter. The coordinating board shall consult with the student financial aid officers of eligible institutions in developing the rules.

(b) The coordinating board shall adopt rules to provide a TEXAS grant to an eligible student enrolled in an eligible institution in the most efficient manner possible.

(c) The total amount of TEXAS grants awarded may not exceed the amount available for the program from appropriations, gifts, grants, or other funds.

(d) From money appropriated by the legislature for the purposes of this subchapter, the coordinating board annually shall determine the allocation of money available for TEXAS grants among general academic teaching institutions and other eligible institutions and shall distribute the money accordingly.

(d-1) In allocating among eligible institutions money available for initial TEXAS grants for an academic year, the coordinating board shall ensure that each of those institutions' proportional share of the total amount of money for initial grants that is allocated to eligible institutions under this section for that year does not, as a result of the number of students who establish eligibility at the institution for an initial grant under Section 56.3041(2)(A), change from the institution's proportional share of the total amount of money for initial grants that is allocated to those institutions under this section for the preceding academic year.

(e) In determining who should receive a TEXAS grant, the coordinating board and the eligible institutions shall give priority to awarding TEXAS grants to students who demonstrate the greatest financial need and whose expected family contribution, as determined according to the methodology used for federal student financial aid, does not exceed 60 percent of the average statewide amount of tuition and required fees described by Section 56.307(a). In giving priority based on financial need as required by this subsection to students who meet the requirements for the highest priority as provided by Subsection (f), an eligible institution shall determine financial need according to the relative expected family contribution of those students, beginning with students who have the lowest expected family contribution.

(f) Beginning with TEXAS grants awarded for the 2013-2014 academic year, in determining who should receive an initial TEXAS grant, each eligible institution, in addition to giving priority as provided by Subsection (e), shall give highest priority to students who meet the eligibility criteria described by Section 56.3041(2)(A). If there is money available in excess of the amount required to award an initial TEXAS grant to all students meeting those criteria, an eligible institution shall make awards to other students who meet the eligibility criteria described by Section 56.304(a)(2)(A), provided that the institution continues to give priority to students as provided by Subsection (e).

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1590, Sec. 1, eff. June 19, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1197 (S.B. 28), Sec. 2, eff. September 1, 2011.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155 (S.B. 215), Sec. 7, eff. September 1, 2013.

Sec. 56.304. INITIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANT. (a) To be eligible initially for a TEXAS grant, a person who graduated from high school before May 1, 2013, must:

(1) be a resident of this state as determined by coordinating board rules;

(2) meet either of the following academic requirements:

(A) be a graduate of a public or accredited private high school in this state who graduated not earlier than the 1998-1999 school year and who completed the recommended or advanced high school curriculum established under Section 28.002 or 28.025 or its equivalent; or

(B) have received an associate degree from a public or private institution of higher education not earlier than May 1, 2001;

(3) meet financial need requirements as defined by the coordinating board;

(4) be enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible institution;

(5) be enrolled as:

(A) an entering undergraduate student for at least three-fourths of a full course load for an entering undergraduate student, as determined by the coordinating board, not later than the 16th month after the date of the person's graduation from high school; or

(B) an entering student for at least three-fourths of a full course load for an undergraduate student as determined by the coordinating board, not later than the 12th month after the month the person receives an associate degree from a public or private institution of higher education;

(6) have applied for any available financial aid or assistance; and

(7) comply with any additional nonacademic requirement adopted by the coordinating board under this subchapter.

(b) A person is not eligible to receive a TEXAS 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 another 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 has been released from the resulting ineligibility to receive a grant under this subchapter.

(c) A person is not eligible to receive a TEXAS grant if the person has been granted a baccalaureate degree.

(d) A person may not receive a TEXAS grant for more than 150 semester credit hours or the equivalent.

(e) If a person is initially awarded a TEXAS grant before the 2005 fall semester, the person's eligibility for a TEXAS grant ends on the sixth anniversary of the initial award of a TEXAS grant to the person and the person's enrollment in an eligible institution, unless the person is provided additional time during which the person may receive a TEXAS grant under Subsection (e-2).

(e-1) If a person is initially awarded a TEXAS grant during or after the 2005 fall semester, unless the person is provided additional time during which the person may receive a TEXAS grant under Subsection (e-2), the person's eligibility for a TEXAS grant ends on:

(1) the fifth anniversary of the initial award of a TEXAS grant to the person, if the person is enrolled in a degree program of four years; or

(2) the sixth anniversary of the initial award of a TEXAS grant to the person, if the person is enrolled in a degree program of more than four years.

(e-2) The coordinating board shall adopt rules to provide a person who is otherwise eligible to receive a TEXAS grant additional time during which the person may receive a TEXAS grant in the event of a hardship or other good cause shown that prevents the person from continuing the person's enrollment during the period the person would otherwise have been eligible to receive a TEXAS grant, including a showing of a severe illness or other debilitating condition or that the person is or was responsible for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person.

(f) The requirement in Subsection (a)(2) that a person must have completed the recommended or advanced high school curriculum does not apply to a person who:

(1) attended a public high school in a school district if that district certifies to the commissioner of education that the high school did not offer all the necessary courses for a person to complete all parts of the recommended or advanced high school curriculum; and

(2) completed all courses at the high school offered toward the completion of the recommended or advanced high school curriculum.

(g) Not later than March 1 of each year, the commissioner of education shall provide to the coordinating board a list of all the public high schools that do not offer all the courses necessary to complete all parts of the recommended or advanced high school curriculum as described by Subsection (f)(1).

(h) The coordinating board shall adopt rules to allow a person who is otherwise eligible to receive a TEXAS grant, in the event of a hardship or for other good cause shown, including a showing of a severe illness or other debilitating condition that may affect the person's academic performance or that the person is responsible for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person and that the person's provision of care may affect the person's academic performance, to receive a TEXAS grant while enrolled in a number of semester credit hours that is less than the number of semester credit hours required under Subsection (a)(5) or Section 56.3041(5), as applicable. The coordinating board may not allow a person to receive a TEXAS grant while enrolled in fewer than six semester credit hours.

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1590, Sec. 1, eff. June 19, 1999. Amended by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1261, Sec. 1, eff. June 15, 2001.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1181 (S.B. 1227), Sec. 33, eff. September 1, 2005.

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1230 (H.B. 1172), Sec. 6, eff. June 18, 2005.

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1197 (S.B. 28), Sec. 3, eff. September 1, 2011.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155 (S.B. 215), Sec. 8, eff. September 1, 2013.

Sec. 56.3041. INITIAL ELIGIBILITY OF PERSON GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 2013. (a) To be eligible initially for a TEXAS grant, a person graduating from high school on or after May 1, 2013, and enrolling in an eligible institution must:

(1) be a resident of this state as determined by coordinating board rules;

(2) meet the academic requirements prescribed by Paragraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) as follows:

(A) be a graduate of a public or accredited private high school in this state who completed the foundation high school program established under Section 28.025 or its equivalent and have accomplished any two or more of the following:

(i) 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 Sections 28.009(a)(1), (2), and (3);

(ii) satisfaction of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) college readiness benchmarks prescribed by the coordinating board under Section 51.334 on any assessment instrument designated by the coordinating board under that section or qualification for an exemption as described by Section 51.338(b), (c), or (d);

- (iii) 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
- (iv) 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 technology applications course;
- (B) have received an associate degree from a public or private institution of higher education;
- (C) be an undergraduate student who has:
 - (i) previously attended another institution of higher education;
 - (ii) received an initial Texas Educational Opportunity Grant under Subchapter P for the 2014 fall semester or a subsequent academic term;
 - (iii) completed at least 24 semester credit hours at any institution or institutions of higher education; and
 - (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; or
- (D) if sufficient money is available, meet the eligibility criteria described by Section 56.304(a)(2)(A);
- (3) meet financial need requirements established by the coordinating board;
- (4) be enrolled in an undergraduate degree or certificate program at an eligible institution;
- (5) except as provided under rules adopted under Section 56.304(h), be enrolled as:
 - (A) an entering undergraduate student for at least three-fourths of a full course load, as determined by the coordinating board, not later than the 16th month after the calendar month in which the person graduated from high school;
 - (B) an entering undergraduate student who entered military service not later than the first anniversary of the date the person graduated from high school and who enrolled for at least three-fourths of a full course load, as determined by the coordinating board, at the eligible institution not later than 12 months after being honorably discharged from military service;
 - (C) a continuing undergraduate student for at least three-fourths of a full course load, as determined by the coordinating board, not later than the 12th month after the calendar month in which the person received an associate degree from a public or private institution of higher education; or
 - (D) an undergraduate student described by Subdivision (2)(C) who has never previously received a TEXAS grant;
- (6) have applied for any available financial aid or assistance; and
- (7) comply with any additional nonacademic requirements adopted by the coordinating board under this subchapter.
- (b) Expired.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 919, Sec. 1, eff. June 20, 2003.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1197 (S.B. 28), Sec. 4, eff. September 1, 2011.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 211 (H.B. 5), Sec. 68(a), eff. June 10, 2013.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155 (S.B. 215), Sec. 9, eff. September 1, 2013.

Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 842 (H.B. 2223), Sec. 2.08, eff. June 15, 2017.

Sec. 56.3042. INITIAL QUALIFICATION OF PERSON ON TRACK TO MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. (a) If at the time an eligible institution awards TEXAS grants to initial recipients for an academic year an applicant has not completed high school or the applicant's final high school transcript is not yet available to the institution, the student is considered to have satisfied the eligibility requirements of Section 56.304(a)(2)(A) or 56.3041(2)(A) if the student's available high school transcript indicates that at the time the transcript was prepared the student was on schedule to graduate from high school and to meet the eligibility requirements, as applicable to the student, in time to be eligible for a TEXAS grant for the academic year.

(a-1) If at the time an eligible institution awards TEXAS grants to initial recipients for an academic year an applicant who is an associate degree candidate has not completed that degree or the applicant's final college transcript is not yet available to the institution, the student is considered to have satisfied the associate degree requirement of Section 56.304(a)(2)(B) or 56.3041(2)(B) if the student's available college transcript indicates that at the time the transcript was prepared the student was on schedule to complete the associate degree in time to be eligible for a TEXAS grant for the academic year.

(b) The coordinating board or the eligible institution may require the student to forgo or repay the amount of an initial TEXAS grant awarded to the student as described by Subsection (a) or (a-1) if the student fails to meet the eligibility requirements described by Subsection (a) or (a-1), as applicable to the student, after the issuance of the available high school or college transcript.

(c) A person who is required to forgo or repay the amount of an initial TEXAS grant under Subsection (b) may subsequently become eligible to receive an initial TEXAS grant under Section 56.304 or 56.3041 by satisfying the associate degree requirement prescribed by Section 56.304(a)(2)(B) or 56.3041(2)(B) and the other requirements of those sections applicable to the person at the time the person reapplies for the grant.

(d) A person who receives an initial TEXAS grant under Subsection (a) or (a-1) but does not satisfy the applicable eligibility requirement that the person was considered to have satisfied under the applicable subsection and who is not required to forgo or repay the amount of the grant under Subsection (b) may become eligible to receive a subsequent TEXAS grant under Section 56.305 only by satisfying the associate degree requirement prescribed by Section 56.304(a)(2)(B) or 56.3041(2)(B), as applicable to the person, in addition to the requirements of Section 56.305 at the time the person applies for the subsequent grant.

Added by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1197 (S.B. 28), Sec. 4, eff. September 1, 2011.

Amended by:

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155 (S.B. 215), Sec. 10, eff. September 1, 2013.

Sec. 56.3045. TOLLING OF ELIGIBILITY FOR INITIAL AWARD. (a) This section applies only to a person who:

(1) was eligible to receive an initial TEXAS grant in an academic year for which sufficient money was not available through legislative appropriations to allow the coordinating board to award initial TEXAS grants to at least 10 percent of the persons eligible for initial TEXAS grants in that year, as determined by the coordinating board;

(2) has not previously been awarded a TEXAS grant; and

(3) has not received a baccalaureate degree.

(b) Provided that the person meets the requirements described by Section 56.305(a), a person to whom this section applies is eligible to receive an initial TEXAS grant in any academic year in which funding is sufficient to award initial TEXAS grants to eligible applicants for that year. The person's eligibility for an initial TEXAS grant under this section is not affected by:

(1) the period for which the person has been enrolled at an eligible institution; or

(2) any statutory changes to the eligibility requirements for initial TEXAS grants that are enacted after the person first established eligibility for an initial TEXAS grant as described by Subsection (a)(1).

(c) A person who is eligible for an initial TEXAS grant under this section is entitled to the highest priority as described by Section 56.303(f) if the person was entitled to that priority when the person first established eligibility for an initial TEXAS grant as described by Subsection (a)(1).

(d) A person who receives an initial TEXAS grant under this section:

(1) may receive subsequent TEXAS grants as provided by Section 56.305; and

(2) is not entitled to TEXAS grants for any previously completed academic year.

Added by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1197 (S.B. 28), Sec. 5, eff. September 1, 2011.

Sec. 56.305. CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS. (a) After initially qualifying for a TEXAS grant, a person may continue to receive a TEXAS grant during each semester or term in which the person is enrolled at an eligible institution only if the person:

(1) meets financial need requirements as defined by the coordinating board;

(2) is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible institution;

(3) is enrolled for at least three-fourths of a full course load for an undergraduate student, as determined by the coordinating board;

(4) makes satisfactory academic progress toward a baccalaureate degree; and

(5) complies with any additional nonacademic requirement adopted by the coordinating board.

(b) A person is not eligible to continue to receive a TEXAS grant under this section 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 another 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 has been released from the resulting ineligibility to receive a grant under this subchapter.

(c) If a person fails to meet any of the requirements of Subsection (a) after the completion of any semester or term, the person may not receive a TEXAS grant during the next semester or term in which the person enrolls. A person may become eligible to receive a TEXAS grant in a subsequent semester or term if the person:

- (1) completes a semester or term during which the student is not eligible for a scholarship; and
- (2) meets all the requirements of Subsection (a).

(d) A person who qualifies for and subsequently receives a TEXAS grant, who receives an undergraduate certificate or associate degree, and who, not later than the 12th month after the month the person receives the certificate or degree, enrolls in a program leading to a higher-level undergraduate degree continues to be eligible for a TEXAS grant to the extent other eligibility requirements are met.

Text of subsection as amended by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1230 (H.B. 1172), Sec. 7

(e) For the purpose of this section, a person who is initially awarded a TEXAS grant before the 2005 fall semester makes satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree or certificate only if:

(1) in the person's first academic year the person meets the satisfactory academic progress requirements of the institution at which the person is enrolled; and

(2) in a subsequent academic year, the person:

(A) completes at least 75 percent of the semester credit hours attempted in the student's most recent academic year; and

(B) earns an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on coursework previously attempted at institutions of higher education.

Text of subsection as amended by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1181 (S.B. 1227), Sec. 34

(e) For the purpose of this section, a person makes satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree or certificate only if:

(1) in the person's first academic year the person meets the satisfactory academic progress requirements of the institution at which the person is enrolled; and

(2) in a subsequent academic year, the person:

(A) completes at least 75 percent of the semester credit hours attempted in the student's most recent academic year; and

(B) earns an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on coursework previously attempted at public or private institutions of higher education.

(e-1) For purposes of this section, a person who is initially awarded a TEXAS grant during or after the 2005 fall semester makes satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree or certificate only if:

(1) in the person's first academic year the person meets the satisfactory academic progress requirements of the institution at which the person is enrolled; and

(2) in a subsequent academic year, the person:

(A) completed at least 24 semester credit hours in the student's most recent academic year; and

(B) has earned an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on coursework previously attempted at institutions of higher education.

(f) A person who is eligible to receive a TEXAS grant continues to remain eligible to receive the TEXAS grant if the person enrolls in or transfers to another eligible institution.

(g) The coordinating board shall adopt rules to allow a person who is otherwise eligible to receive a TEXAS grant, in the event of a hardship or for other good cause shown, including a showing of a severe illness or other debilitating condition that may affect the person's academic performance or that the person is responsible for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person and that the person's provision of care may affect the person's academic performance, to receive a TEXAS grant:

(1) while enrolled in a number of semester credit hours that is less than the number of semester credit hours required under Subsection (a)(3); or

(2) if the student's grade point average or the student's completion rate or number of semester credit hours completed, as applicable, falls below the satisfactory academic progress requirements of Subsection (e) or (e-1).

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1590, Sec. 1, eff. June 19, 1999. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 919, Sec. 2, eff. June 20, 2003.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1181 (S.B. 1227), Sec. 34, eff. September 1, 2005.

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1230 (H.B. 1172), Sec. 7, eff. June 18, 2005.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155 (S.B. 215), Sec. 11, eff. September 1, 2013.

Sec. 56.306. GRANT USE. A person receiving a TEXAS grant may use the money to pay any usual and customary cost of attendance at an eligible institution incurred by the student. The institution may disburse all or part of the proceeds of a TEXAS grant directly to an eligible person only if the tuition and required fees incurred by the person at the institution have been paid.

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1590, Sec. 1, eff. June 19, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155 (S.B. 215), Sec. 12, eff. September 1, 2013.

Sec. 56.307. GRANT AMOUNT. (a) The amount of a TEXAS grant for a semester or term for a person enrolled full-time at an eligible institution is an amount determined by the coordinating board as the average statewide amount of tuition and required fees that a resident student enrolled full-time in a baccalaureate degree program would be charged for that semester or term at general academic teaching institutions.

(b) Repealed by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1181, Sec. 55, eff. September 1, 2005.

(c) Repealed by Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155, Sec. 62(5), eff. September 1, 2013.

(d) Repealed by Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155, Sec. 62(5), eff. September 1, 2013.

(d-1) The coordinating board shall determine the average statewide tuition and fee amounts for a semester or term of the next academic year for purposes of this section by using the amounts of tuition and required fees that will be charged by the eligible institutions for that semester or term in that academic year. The board may estimate the amount of the charges for a semester or term in the next academic year by an institution if the relevant information is not yet available to the board.

(e) The coordinating board may adopt rules that allow the coordinating board to increase or decrease, in proportion to the number of semester credit hours in which a student is enrolled, the amount of a TEXAS grant award under this section to a student who is enrolled in a number of semester credit hours in excess of or below the number of semester credit hours described in Section 56.304(a)(5) or 56.305(a)(3).

(f) The amount of a TEXAS grant 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 gift aid received exceeds the student's financial need.

(g) Not later than January 31 of each year, the coordinating board shall publish the amounts of each grant established by the board for each type of institution for the academic year beginning the next fall semester.

(h) Repealed by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1230, Sec. 17, eff. June 18, 2005.

(i) A public institution of higher education may not:

(1) unless the institution complies with Subsection (j), charge a person attending the institution who also receives a TEXAS grant an amount of tuition and required fees in excess of the amount of the TEXAS grant received by the person; or

(2) deny admission to or enrollment in the institution based on a person's eligibility to receive a TEXAS grant or a person's receipt of a TEXAS grant.

(i-1) A public institution of higher education may elect to award a TEXAS grant to any student in an amount that is less than the applicable amount established under Subsection (a) or (e).

(j) A public institution of higher education shall use other available sources of financial aid, other than a loan, to cover any difference in the amount of a TEXAS grant awarded to the student and the actual amount of tuition and required fees at the institution if the difference results from:

(1) a reduction in the amount of a TEXAS grant under Subsection (i-1); or

(2) a deficiency in the amount of the grant as established under Subsection (a) or (e), as applicable, to cover the full amount of tuition and required fees charged to the student by the institution.

(k) The legislature in an appropriations act shall account for tuition and required fees received under this section in a way that does not increase the general revenue appropriations to that institution.

(l) Repealed by Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1243, Sec. 8(2), eff. September 1, 2015.

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1590, Sec. 1, eff. June 19, 1999. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 919, Sec. 3, eff. June 20, 2003.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1181 (S.B. 1227), Sec. 35, eff. September 1, 2005.

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1181 (S.B. 1227), Sec. 55, eff. September 1, 2005.

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1230 (H.B. 1172), Sec. 17, eff. June 18, 2005.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155 (S.B. 215), Sec. 13, eff. September 1, 2013.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1155 (S.B. 215), Sec. 62(5), eff. September 1, 2013.

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1243 (H.B. 700), Sec. 8(2), eff. September 1, 2015.