

# Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

## **Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship Program**

### **Contract Extensions List T-STEM 2019**

The Coordinating Board approved a one-year extension of and increased funding for 23 awards to public technical and community colleges under the T-STEM Challenge Scholarship Grant Program. Original awards were for Fiscal Years (FY) 2017 and 2018 and followed the issuance of the T-STEM RFA as approved by the Board at its January 2016 meeting. Original awards totaled \$7 million to support approximately 2,670 scholarships in STEM majors across the state. The Coordinating Board made available \$1,170,423 in unexpended funds from previous award cycles to support approximately an additional 445 scholarships. Institutions will be able to award scholarships through August 31, 2019.

#### Summary

Total amount of unexpended funds to be awarded: \$1,170,423

Total amount of original awards: \$7,000,000

Potential total amount of amended awards: \$8,170,423

Original award period: Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018

Extended award period: Fiscal Year 2019

#### Background

Funding for T-STEM is based solely on a \$25 million donation, in FY12, by the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TG). The program funds merit scholarships at Texas public community and technical colleges. Administration is involved because of stringent merit requirements. Twenty-two of the 23 awarded institutions accepted contract extensions and increased funding. The Coordinating Board made awards of \$1,109,197 in unexpended funds from previous award cycles. This is the last T-STEM fund distribution.

The distribution was approved in accordance with Board Rule 1.16 (h), with approval from the majority of the board chair, board vice chair, and chair of CAWS for the issuance of contract amendments larger than 10 percent (16.6 percent) of the original award amounts and longer than six months extension of the award period (12 months).

#### Description of the project that that the contracts/grants will support

Extending the grant period for the FY 2017 and 2018 awards for an additional year will allow institutions to award scholarships to students based on merit. Fund distribution is proportional to the fund allocation for T-STEM in FY 2017 and 2018. Adding the unexpended funds proportionally to the award amount increases the potential total scholarships by 445 additional scholarships, or 17 percent of the current total. The grant is non-competitive. Administrative funds are limited to no more than five percent of the award amount. Table 1 shows institutions' total awards, additional awards, scholarship and administration breakouts, and number of scholarships supported for each institution.

Student success data show that 90 percent of T-STEM scholarship students have continued their education in STEM or entered the workforce. Institutions opting to receive additional funds will be able to award scholarships through August 31, 2019.

**Table 1: 2016-2018 Awards, Contract Extension Totals, Scholarships, Administration**

<b>T-STEM 2016-2018</b> Award List	T-STEM Awards for Academic Years 2016-2018	<b>Contract Extension Total *</b>	5 % Administration	Additional Scholarship Funds	Number of Additional Scholarships #
TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$1,247,415	<b>\$208,572</b>	\$10,429	\$198,143	79
ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	\$1,129,416	<b>\$188,842</b>	\$9,442	\$179,400	72
AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$596,549	<b>\$99,745</b>	\$4,987	\$94,758	38
SAN JACINTO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$525,000	<b>\$87,782</b>	\$4,389	\$83,393	33
BLINN COLLEGE	\$398,948	<b>\$66,705</b>	\$3,335	\$63,370	25
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM	\$398,948	<b>\$66,705</b>	\$3,335	\$63,370	25
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE	\$368,980	<b>\$61,695</b>	\$3,085	\$58,610	23
TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE ^	\$366,171				
LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM DISTRICT	\$315,200	<b>\$52,702</b>	\$2,635	\$50,067	20
EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	\$288,441	<b>\$48,228</b>	\$2,411	\$45,817	18
DALLAS CO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	\$262,219	<b>\$43,844</b>	\$2,192	\$41,652	17
PARIS JUNIOR COLLEGE	\$131,200	<b>\$21,937</b>	\$1,097	\$20,840	8
LEE COLLEGE	\$147,030	<b>\$24,584</b>	\$1,229	\$23,355	9
CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE	\$131,110	<b>\$21,922</b>	\$1,096	\$20,826	8
NAVARRO COLLEGE	\$129,237	<b>\$21,609</b>	\$1,080	\$20,528	8
TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT	\$117,062	<b>\$19,573</b>	\$979	\$18,594	7
MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$100,205	<b>\$16,755</b>	\$838	\$15,917	6
GRAYSON COLLEGE	\$66,491	<b>\$11,118</b>	\$556	\$10,562	4
VICTORIA COLLEGE	\$50,000	<b>\$8,360</b>	\$418	\$7,942	3
RANGER COLLEGE	\$53,380	<b>\$8,925</b>	\$446	\$8,479	3
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE	\$49,634	<b>\$8,299</b>	\$415	\$7,884	3
ODESSA COLLEGE	\$48,698	<b>\$8,142</b>	\$407	\$7,735	3
LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$78,666	<b>\$13,153</b>	\$658	\$12,496	5
Totals:	\$7,000,000	<b>\$1,109,197</b>	\$55,460	\$1,053,738	422

\* Contract extensions figures are proportional to institution's percentage of original award for AY 2016-2018.

# A scholarship has a maximum value of \$2,500 per year. Institutions may award partial scholarships or scholarships with lower monetary value.

^ Tyler Junior College elected not to participate in the extended contract arrangement.