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TO: Directors of Financial Aid  
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FROM: DeChà Reid  
Director, Financial Aid Services

DATE: June 13, 2017

RE: Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) Award Amount

This memo is to announce the maximum award amount for TASSP during the 2017-18 academic year.

The purpose of the TASSP is to encourage students to become members of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, United States Coast Guard or United States Merchant Marine, or to become commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States. Each year the governor and the lieutenant governor may each appoint two students, and each state senator and each state representative may appoint one student to receive an initial conditional TASSP award.

Given the decrease in appropriate funding, and the legislative intent to fund both initial and renewal awards, the 2017-18 TASSP annual amount for both initial and renewal awards is \$4,000. Any TASSP certifications already submitted through the Higher Education Loan Management System (HELMS) will be adjusted by Coordinating Board staff if the certified amount exceeds the maximum award amount.

For questions or concerns, please contact Financial Aid Services at (844) 792-2640 or [CONTACT US](#). (Select the "Student Loan-School Info Request" option in the drop-down selection under **Contact Reason**).

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