

To: Perkins Colleagues

From: Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner, Workforce Education

Subject: THECB Invites Applications for the Carl D. Perkins Basic FY 2027 (Basic) Grant Program

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) is pleased to announce its annual funding opportunity for Texas public junior colleges, public state colleges and public technical institutes via the Carl D. Perkins Basic (Basic) fiscal year (FY) 2027 (September 1, 2026-August 31, 2027) Grant Program. The Basic program supports students who enroll in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses and programs in preparation for high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand occupations.

The FY 2026 Perkins Basic Grant Application will open May 13, 2026, after FY 2027 Perkins Basic Orientation, via the [THECB Grant Management System \(GMS\)](#). For more information, visit the [Perkins Basic Page](#).

The [Administration of Perkins V Grant Manual](#) addresses Perkins V year under the four-year *Texas State Plan for Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act*. The [Administration of Perkins V Grant Manual](#) sets forth the full requirements for grant awards to institutions for FY 2027, including incorporation of a college's [Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment \(CLNA\)](#) findings and goals and the local application. Please note:

1. The [Administration of Perkins V Grant Manual](#) requires that each college incorporate CLNA results into the local application, performance improvement plan (if required), local use of funds and budget.
2. The Perkins V Act, the [Administration of Perkins V Grant Manual](#), and the approved CLNA will serve as the basis for the local basic application.
3. The FY 2027 Perkins Basic Orientation will be held virtually on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 1:30 PM CT**. [Register Here](#) for the orientation.
4. **Each college will submit a single application in GMS.** The individual responsible for creating the application account will then add the second Perkins staff member (if applicable), as well as the President/CEO/Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer. When it is time to sign documents, the signatures will be obtained via Docusign through an email notification sent through GMS. While the signing process occurs outside of GMS, this setup ensures that all parties have access to the application and can review and sign the necessary documents electronically.
5. **The application and required state/federal certification forms are due June 30, 2026.** Certification forms should be submitted online through [GMS](#).
6. If have any questions about Basic grant requirements or completing the local application, please email [Dr. Melinda Valdez](#) or your [THECB grant advisor](#).