

Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

| <u>Question</u> | <u>Answer</u> |
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| GENERAL QUESTIONS | |
| Is there a list of 501 (c) (3) providers institutions can partner with? | Unfortunately, we do not currently have a list of eligible non-profits that institutions can partner with. We encourage you to share the grant opportunity with your local organizations and express your willingness to collaborate. |
| Does the ACE funding only support students who attend certain kinds of programs or attend certain Texas educational institutions? | Students must be pursuing a credit-bearing credential (Certificate, Associate's, or Bachelor's) at any eligible public junior college, public state college, or public technical institute, as specified in the RFA, Section 3.1. |
| Where can we find the 2020 data according to the THECB Accountability System? | Visit https://www.highered.texas.gov/ . Under the Data & Reporting header you will select accountability. This will lead you to the Accountability System website. From there, select Public Two-Year Colleges, Community Colleges, or Technical Institutions. Then, choose Completion or Marketable Skills, select the Institution, and explore the specific data set you're looking for. |
| Where can I find the link to the poverty guidelines? | Visit the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation website: https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines . |
| Do the certifications obtained need to be credit bearing? | Yes |
| Where can I find information on the ACE program previous grantees? | The ACE Program page provides a list of previous grantees and the grant amount: https://www.highered.texas.gov/ace-grant/ . |
| Would an institution's foundation with a 501 (c) (3) status be eligible to apply with its institution as the partner? | Unfortunately, institutions or their foundations are not eligible to apply directly. This grant is intended for non-profit workforce intermediary and job training organizations to serve their communities in partnership with local colleges. |
| On matching funds, what budget categories can the matching funds be used for? | The matching funds can be included in any of the allowable budget categories. |

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| Is an institution that has a training arm allowed to apply without another partner? | Unfortunately, not at this time. |
| If the students we serve receive <u>continuing education</u> credits rather than actual college credit after completion of the certification program at a community college, would our program still be eligible? | Yes, you are eligible as long as the continuing education credits are credit-bearing and applicable towards a degree or certificate. |
| Where can I find a link to the Webinar recording? | https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/yqjStfOvyl0t4lLdLs3Dq_iZI9HmuPLX07q84BEfRa5m5DupBLWz8ApwB66Qf6gQ.BJgUYNxepQA7EiNW Passcode: yqCfjH7? |
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APPLICATION PROCESS

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| Do you require a letter of commitment regarding the matching funds to be provided? | Yes, a letter of commitment from donor(s) providing matching funds is required and/or documentation of contractual agreements. |
| What documentation or evidence can be submitted for past awardees? | Notification of receipt of grant award |
| What if your nonprofit organization supports students at several different schools, more than the 3-5 that there is space to provide data for in the SMART goals? | Please include an additional attachment with any additional data or goals that should be captured and considered when submitting your application. |
| Should the numerical goals be based on our entire student population or just ACE funded students? | ACE funded students |
| Is there a template for a letter of commitment regarding matching funds? | No, we do not have a template. The letter must contain a statement that the organization is committing to matching 50% of the grant amount. |

ALLOWABLE COSTS

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| Is a portion of the cost for software to track metrics an allowable cost? | Yes, since it is directly related to tracking outcomes from the program. |
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