

Perkins Excellence in Access and Opportunity Program (PEAOP) **Funded by U.S Department of Education**

What is the intent of PEAOP?

THECB intends to award grants for the Perkins Excellence in Access and Opportunity Program (PEAOP), spanning a period of up to twelve months. Grants for this initiative will fall within the range of \$175,000 to \$200,000. The primary aim of this competition is to offer support for high-quality, evidence-based programs designed to enhance equitable access to Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. Additionally, the competition seeks to create equitable opportunities for success for both new and existing students who encounter documented barriers in obtaining high-value CTE credentials. This initiative is particularly focused on advancing access and success for Perkins special populations students as defined in Perkins V [Sec. 3(48)].

Who Is eligible to apply for/receive funds?

PEAOP grant funding is available through a competitive selection process to all Texas public, two-year institutions offering Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses leading to technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree to support the advancement of CTE programs and services for eligible CTE students. PEAOP grants are available to Perkins V Basic grant recipients.

Application information:

1. Following the grant application announcement, typically in May of each year, applicants may apply for the PEAOP grant.
2. The applicant shall complete and submit the application in the Perkins Portal by 11:59 p.m. CT, by the designated due date along with the additional materials:
 - a. Application Cover Page
 - b. Certification Regarding Lobbying
 - c. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Certification

Documents shall be signed by the applicant representative who is authorized to bind the applicant. Cover pages and other required forms may be signed in hard copy or electronically.

History/Impact of this grant:

Perkins V, which went into effect on July 1, 2019, established a new emphasis on the success of Perkins special populations students and new accountability for states and Perkins grant awardees. Perkins V, Section 2(8), added a new statutory purpose of “increasing the employment opportunities for populations who are chronically unemployed or underemployed, including individuals with disabilities, individuals from economically disadvantaged families, out-of-workforce individuals, youth who are in, or have aged out of, the foster care system, and homeless individuals.”

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