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From: David R. Troutman, PhD
Deputy Commissioner, Academic and Workforce Initiatives

Date: April 22, 2026

Subject: Invitation: Introducing the Workforce Pell Grant (WPG) Program and Implementation Processes

The Workforce Pell Grant (WPG) Program officially launches on July 1, 2026. In preparation for program implementation and the expansion of federal Pell financial aid to short-term, high-value workforce education training programs, we invite you to attend an informational webinar to explore how this program will support accelerated pathways aligned with Texas economic priorities and the steps to take, to become a WPG program.

Webinar Details:	Webinar Details:
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026	Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026
Time Options:	Time Options:
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What you will learn:

Eligibility Requirements: A review of specific performance standards, including the 70% completion and 70% job placement rates required of programs that are at least 8 and less than 15 weeks in length.

Texas-Specific Alignment: Insights on how the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and partners are identifying in-demand industries and occupations.

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WPG Certification and Approval Process: Step-by-step guidance on how institutions can participate in WPG.

Who should attend?

All Institutions of higher education, financial aid officers, and regional employer partners interested in strengthening local workforce talent.

Please forward this notification to anyone who may be interested.
We look forward to your participation as we prepare for WPG program implementation.

For questions, contact the Workforce Pell Grant Program Team at WorkforcePellTexas@highered.texas.gov.

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