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Memorandum

To: Directors of Financial Aid, Public Institutions of Higher Education

From: DeChà Reid, Director III, Student Financial Aid Programs –
Operations

Date: July 17, 2025

Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 Educational Aide Exemption Program Application

The Fiscal Year 2026 (2025-26) Educational Aide Exemption Program application is now available for distribution to eligible students at participating institutions. The application and other program resource documents are posted for institutions on the [Student Financial Aid Programs webpage](#) and for students on the [Educational Aide Exemption webpage](#).

Highlighted below are the overarching changes:

- Annual updates were made to year references.
- Participating Institutions list, which includes those receiving an allocation, was updated for 2025-26.
- The critical shortage areas were confirmed to align with Texas Education Agency's 2025-26 critical shortage areas.

For questions, please call 844-792-2640 or submit a [Help Desk ticket](#) through the Grant and Aid Processing Platform (GAPP).

Enclosed:

- [2025-26 Educational Aide Exemption Program – Application](#)
- [2025-26 Educational Aide Exemption Program - Participating Institutions](#)
- [2025-26 Educational Aide Exemption Program - Frequently Asked Questions](#)