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TO: Graduate Deans  
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FROM: DeChá Reid  
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DATE: November 29, 2017

RE: 2018-19 Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship Program

The Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship Program was established in 1997 by the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board) to honor Dr. Ashworth for his 21 years of service as Commissioner of Higher Education. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to a student with financial need who is enrolled in a graduate program leading to a career in public affairs, public service or public administration.

The 2018-19 application is enclosed and also available on the College For All Texans website under the [Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship Program page](#). Graduate Deans are invited to submit nomination packets for up to two applicants enrolled in graduate programs of study in one of the three designated career areas. Each packet must include a completed and ranked nomination application, a personal essay from the nominee, the nominee's resume, and two letters of recommendation. Please refer to the application instructions for additional details regarding the nomination process.

All packets **must** be submitted to the Coordinating Board by the nominating Graduate Dean via U.S. certified mail. Do not send by email or fax. The nomination application deadline is **February 20, 2018**. The Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship award committee will determine and announce the award recipient at the end of April 2018.

For questions, please contact Financial Aid Services at 1-844-792-2640 or [CONTACT US](#). (Select the "State and Federal Grants and Scholarships" option in the drop-down selection under **Contact Reason**).

Enclosures: [Kenneth H. Ashworth Nomination Application and Instructions](#)

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