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Memorandum

To: Directors of Financial Aid, Public Universities and Health Related Institutions (HRI's)

From: DeChà Reid Director III, Student Financial Aid Programs (SFAP) OperationsDate: March 5, 2024

Subject: NOTICE: Texas Transfer Grant (Transfer Grant) Program

The Texas Transfer Grant (Transfer Grant) Program provides need-based grants to enable eligible students to transfer from two-year to four-year institutions of higher education within Texas. During the 88th Legislative Session, the program received state appropriated funds for participating institutions for the 2023-24 (FY 2024) and 2024-25 (FY 2025) academic years. On January 25, 2024, the Board adopted rules that reflect the newly established program, which is separate from the "pilot program" that was administered during the 2022-23 academic year.

To assist institutions with the administration of the program, below are some of the overarching rules:

- All eligible institutions must indicate an intent to participate in the program. A separate communication will be sent to Directors of Financial Aid inviting them to confirm their participation in the program.
- Each participating institution will be given allocations for both years of the biennium (the two-year state budget period) at the same time based on their share percentage of the appropriated program funds to offer grants to eligible students.
- In determining first-time recipients for 2023-24, an institution shall give highest priority to eligible students that meet the following criteria:
 - Have an expected family contribution (EFC) of **\$6,464** and demonstrated the highest levels of academic achievement prior to transfer as determined by the participating institution.

• The maximum semester grant amount will be consistent with the maximum semester grant amount for the Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program. For 2023-24, the maximum semester

grant amount is **\$5,387**. For the 2024-25 (FY 2025) maximum semester grant award for TEXAS Grant and calculated Student Aid Index (SAI), please refer to <u>memo dated</u> <u>January 31, 2024</u>.

• Each institution shall have until the close of business on August 1 to submit their request for funds through the Grant and Aid Processing Platform. Funds not requested in the first year will be carried forward for use in the second year.

To learn more about the Transfer Grant program, please review <u>Texas Administrative Code</u>, <u>Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 22, Subchapter K</u>. Additional resources will be published in the coming months to further support institutions.

For questions, call 844-792-2640 or submit an online inquiry through <u>CONTACT US</u> (select "Financial Aid Question" for the Contact Reason).