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DATE: April 29, 2021

RE: 2021-22 (FY 2022) Program Guidelines – College Access Loan (CAL),

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) and Educational

Aide Exemption (EAE)

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board announces the annual publication of the 2021-22 (FY 2022) program guidelines. The first release includes the College Access Loan (CAL), Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) and Educational Aide Exemption (EAE) Program and the remaining guidelines will be provided through future announcements. All program guidelines will be posted on the Student Financial Aid Programs (SFAP) webpage under Program Resources.

Each year, updates to the guidelines are made to align with any changes to the Texas Education Code (TEC) and the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) along with improving guidance to assist institutions with the administration of state financial aid programs. Highlighted below are some of the substantive changes:

- Added copies of the statute (TEC) and program rules (TAC) that were used when creating the guidelines for reference since changes can periodically be made throughout the year.
- Added TEC and TAC hyperlink references throughout the various sections to align eligibility requirements.
- Added a frequently asked questions (FAQ) appendix in all guidelines as an additional resource.
- Customized the Quick Reference resource tables for all guidelines to match program needs.
- Updated program award amounts and dates.
- Updated Selective Service Status Statement (English and Spanish) to match the 2021-22 TASFA updates.

The program guidelines will be reviewed on **May 11, 2021 at 1:30 p.m**. during the monthly Financial Aid Services webcast. To join the webcast, visit <u>Stay Connected</u> on the SFAP webpage for additional information.

If you have questions, contact Financial Aid Services at 844-792-2640 or through CONTACT US (select "Financial Aid Question" under Contact Reason).

Enclosed:

2021-22 CAL Program Guidelines

2021-22 TASSP Program Guidelines

2021-22 EAE Program Guidelines