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DATE: May 6, 2021

RE: 2021-22 (FY 2022) Program Guidelines – Toward Excellence, Access, and

Success (TEXAS) Grant, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG), Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG), Texas College Work-Study (TCWS) and

Work-Study Student Mentorship Program (WSMP)

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board announces the second release for the annual publication of the 2021-22 (FY 2022) program guidelines. This release includes the Toward Excellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG), Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG), Texas College Work-Study (TCWS) and Work-Study Student Mentorship Program (WSMP). All program guidelines are now 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.

Program-specific changes include:

- Added Summer Awarding clarifications for grants and work-study programs.
- Updated Awarding sections for TEXAS Grant and TEG to clarify priority for awarding funds.
- Updated language in the **Alert box** for TEG to clarify degrees leading to religious ministry.
- Removed **Proration Requirements** to align with the deletion from the TAC provisions for all three grant programs.
- Removed **Award Adjustments** and **Over Awards** sections to align with updates made in the TAC General Provisions for TCWS and WSMP.
- Removed Tuition Differential chart for TEG. All tuition rates (including public law schools) will be published at a later date in an updated version of the TEG guidelines.

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 TEXAS Grant Program Guidelines

2021-22 TEOG Program Guidelines

2021-22 TEG Program Guidelines

2021-22 TCWS Program Guidelines

2021-22 WSMP Program Guidelines