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Memorandum

To: Public and Private/Independent Institutions of Higher Education
From: DeChà Reid
Director III, Student Financial Aid Programs (SFAP) Operations
Date: June 10, 2024
Subject: 2024-25 (FY 2025) Program Guidelines – Texas First Scholarship Program

The Office of Student Financial Aid Programs is pleased to announce new guidelines for the Texas First Scholarship program for the 2024-25 academic year (FY 2025). These guidelines, in alignment with recent changes to the Texas Education Code (TEC) and the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), aim to improve the guidance provided to institutions for administering state financial aid programs.

Key updates include:

- **Student Eligibility Requirements:** Criteria for eligibility, including early high school graduation under the Texas First Early High School Completion Program.
- **Application Process for Administrators:** Detailed steps for administrators to follow when processing applications.
- **Award Distribution Information:** Timelines and methods for the disbursement of scholarship funds.
- **Reporting Requirements for Institutions:** Procedures to ensure compliance with state regulations.
- **Appendices:** Additional resources to support program administration.
- **Alert Box Addition:** An explanation of the transition from the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to the federal methodology for calculating a student's financial need.

For questions, please call 844-792-2640 or submit an online inquiry through [CONTACT US](#) (select “Financial Aid Question” for the Contact Reason).

Enclosed: [2024-25 Texas First Scholarship Program Guidelines](#)