

TO: Directors of Financial Aid

Public and Private/Independent Institutions of Higher Education

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RE: 2022-23 (FY 2023) Program Guidelines – Toward EXcellence, Access, and

Success (TEXAS) Grant, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG), Tuition

Equalization Grant (TEG)

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board announces the annual publication of the 2022-23 (FY 2023) program guidelines. This release includes the TEXAS Grant, TEOG, and TEG. 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:

- Updated 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.
- Updated program award amounts, and dates.
- Updated Selective Service Section (English and Spanish) to match the recent changes under Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Section 22.3.

Program-specific changes include:

- Updated Eligibility section for TEXAS Grant to expand military pathway language based on TAC rules.
- Added an alert box in the three grant programs to make institutions aware of the
 Child Support Arrearages section in the Texas Family Code.
- Updated Conviction Restrictions for TEXAS Grant and TEOG to clarify that the eligibility requirement is not limited to controlled substance felonies, but any felony or convictions under any offense under the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 481.

- Updated the priority expected family contribution (EFC) amounts in TEXAS Grant and TEOG.
- Update the **Hardship** section in the three grant programs to better align with TAC rules.
- Added additional information in the Processing Funds section in the three grant programs to clarify the steps to request funds, report refunds and make adjustments in the Grant Payment Portal system through CBPass.
- Updated Authority to Transfer Funds section in the three grant programs to align with recent changes under Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Chapter 22, section 22.11.

The program guidelines will be reviewed on **May 24, 2022, 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.

For questions, contact Financial Aid Services at 844-792-2640 or through <u>CONTACT US</u> (select "Financial Aid Question" under Contact Reason).

Enclosed:

2022-23 TEXAS Grant Program Guidelines
2022-23 TEOG Program Guidelines

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