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Memorandum

To: Directors of Financial Aid, Public Institutions of Higher Education

From: DeChà Reid
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Subject: Updated Webpage: Texas First Program

The Texas First Program was established to allow public high school students who demonstrate early readiness for college to graduate early from high school. Eligible students can graduate early with the Distinguished Level of Achievement and receive a scholarship.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has updated its informational webpage to assist students and high school counselors with administering the Texas First program. To learn more, visit the dedicated program webpage that includes detailed information on the eligibility requirements.

In addition, Financial Aid Services has added the Texas First program to the Program Resources-Work-Study & Scholarships Program webpage along with the enclosed fact sheet to assist institutions with the administration of the program.

Beginning **Friday, September 29,** program rosters containing a list of students who have been issued a scholarship certificate can be accessed via the institution's Grant_Output folder in MOVEit DMZ. Program rosters can be used to validate a student's eligibility for a Texas First Program Scholarship which will be applied to the student's account in the form of a state credit (see TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 22.555(c)). Roster updates will be made available when new students are added to the roster. As a reminder, MOVEit DMZ does not generate a "file upload" notification, so institutions should determine their file retrieval frequency,

Additional training will be provided during the October 11 webcast. Information to register and join the webcast will be sent in a separate communication.

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

Enclosed: Texas First Program Fact Sheet