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TO: Directors of Financial Aid
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RE: 2020-2021 (FY 2021) Program Guidelines

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) announces the annual release of the 2020-2021 (FY 2021) program guidelines. The enclosed guidelines are also 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) and to improve guidance to assist institutions with the administration of state financial aid programs. Highlighted below are some of the substantive changes:

- Updated guidance on the Selective Service Status Statement.
- Added a fillable Selective Service Status Statement (English and Spanish).
- Added provisions specific to grant and work-study programs found in [TAC, Section 22.11](#).
- Updated priorities for awarding Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant funding.
- Updated the Priority EFC amounts in TEXAS Grant and Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG).
- Added information regarding ministry-related degrees in Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG).
- Removed tuition differential information in TEG due to the extension of College Student Budgets (CSB).
- Added new examples on how to calculate a College Access Loan (CAL) award.
- Added frequently asked questions resource documents for institutions and students participating in Educational Aide Exemption (EAE).
- Updated the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) guidelines comprehensively with the recently adopted TAC rule changes.
- Removed the repealed TEC off-campus job requirement for the Texas College Work-Study (TCWS) program.

These and other changes in the guidelines will be reviewed on **May 12, 2020 at 2 p.m.** during the monthly Financial Aid Services webcast. To join the webcast, click on [Stay Connected](#) on the SFAP webpage.

If you have questions, contact Financial Aid Services through [CONTACT US](#) (select "Financial Aid Question" under **Contact Reason**).

Enclosed:

[2020-21 TEXAS Grant program guidelines](#)

[2020-21 TEOG program guidelines](#)

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[2020-21 CAL program guidelines](#)

[2020-21 EAE program guidelines](#)

[2020-21 TASSP program guidelines](#)

[2020-21 TCWS program guidelines](#)