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Dr. Charlie McCormick, President  
Schreiner University  
2100 Memorial Blvd.  
Kerrville, Texas 78028

Dear Dr. McCormick,

I am attaching the final report on *A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of College Access Loan at Schreiner University*, Report No. THECB-CM-FA-21-034. There were no findings resulting from this engagement.

This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the THECB Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board, on July 22, 2021.

The cooperation of your staff during this review is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Poehl".

Mark A. Poehl, CPA, CIA, CISA, CFE  
Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Schreiner University complied with relevant Coordinating Board (THECB) rules and regulations for the College Access Loan (CAL) Program and with Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 22, Subchapter C, Sections 22.42 - 22.55.

We reviewed the following areas:

### **Award Amounts**

No reportable findings were noted.

### **Student Eligibility**

No reportable findings were noted.

### **Financial Need**

No reportable findings were noted.

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress**

No reportable findings were noted.

### **Residency**

No reportable findings were noted.

### **Enrollment Requirement**

No reportable findings were noted.

### **Approved Degree Program**

No reportable findings were noted.

### **Reconciliation of CAL Funds**

No reportable findings were noted.

## **Scope, Objective, and Methodology**

Our review included tests of CAL eligibility requirements data reported and certified by Schreiner University. Our review focused on CAL data for the financial aid year 2019-2020.

Our work included procedures to verify:

- Students met all eligibility criteria including SAP requirements;
- Students demonstrated financial need;
- Students fulfilled residency requirements;
- Reported award amounts reconciled with student information system data and payment records;

- Students were enrolled at least half-time; and
- Students were in a course of study leading to an associate, bachelor's, graduate, or higher degree.

## **Background**

The CAL Program provides alternative educational loans to Texas students who are unable to meet the cost of attendance. Students must meet the following eligibility requirements to receive a CAL:

- Be a Texas resident;
- Be enrolled at least half-time in a course of study leading to an associate, bachelor's, graduate, or higher degree or be enrolled in an approved Alternative Educator Certification Program; and
- Meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements set by the institution.

Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Section 1.13 (b)(2) states, "The purpose of the Board's risk assessment process and compliance methodologies is to maximize the effectiveness of monitoring funds allocated by the Board and data reported to the Board. The agency-wide, risk-based compliance monitoring function is established for... (A) funds allocated by the Board to institutions of higher education, private or independent institutions of higher education, and other entities, including student financial assistance funds, academic support grants, and any other grants, to ensure that those funds are distributed in accordance with applicable law and Board rule."

Schreiner University disbursed approximately \$2.5 million in College Access Loans for the financial aid year 2019-2020.

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