

State Financial Aid Webcast

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Today's Agenda

- **Legislative Recap**
- **Review EFC Priority**
- **Program Guidelines**
- **SFAP Webpage (Live Demo)**
- **Online Inquiry (Live Demo)**
- **Upcoming Events & Deadlines**



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Legislative Recap

A Few Proposed Bills

- SB 1192 & HB 3042 – Texas WORKS Program
- HB 2968 – CAL Program (Bonding Authority)
- SB 34 – TEXAS Grant Lifetime Eligibility Reduction
- SB 330 & HB 3137 – TEOG for Bachelor Degree Students at Commy Colleges

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Legislative Session Resources

Texas Legislature Online

Look up specific bills:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/BillNumber.aspx>

Sign up for Alerts:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/MyTLO/Login/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fMyTLO%2fAlerts%2fBills.aspx>

Texas Tribune

News Resource:

<https://www.texastribune.org/>

Higher Education Interview:

<https://www.texastribune.org/2019/03/07/watch-higher-education-conversation-sen-creighton-rep-turner/>

Financial Aid Advisory Committee (FAAC)

Meeting Broadcast - March 6, 2019:

<http://www.thech.state.tx.us/apps/Events/Broadcasts/webcast.cfm?youtube=Oj4xt7M9wA0>



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EFC Priority



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TEXAS Grant & TEOG EFC Changes

As of 01/30/2019, the THECB clarified the use of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) when awarding Initial Year (IY) funds.

In prior years, the guidance given for the TEXAS Grant and TEOG programs provided an EFC maximum for IY awards to determine eligibility.

To align with statute and administrative rules, institutions must give highest priority to students who demonstrate the *greatest financial need* without limiting awards with an EFC maximum.

TEXAS Grant & TEOG EFC Priority

The calculated priority EFC for 2019-20 is **\$5,875** and should only serve as a method for prioritizing awards, and is not an eligibility requirement to receive an IY award.

TEXAS Grant: 19 TAC, Section 22.233

TEOG: 19 TAC, Section 22.259

2018-19 Program Guidelines

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Selective Service Statement

A statement must be collected for newly enrolled or transferring male students that have not been validated on the ISIR.

Required Statement of Selective Service Status

Are you currently registered for Selective Service, as required by federal law?

Registered (Proof of registration required)
 Not Registered
 Exempt (Documentation required)

I, _____, hereby certify that the selective service status provided is true and correct. I understand that I must provide documentation if requested by my institution that I may be required to complete a new statement for each academic year for continued eligibility.

 Student Signature

 Date

NOTE: Institutions can determine how to collect this statement (e.g. online form, signed award letter, etc.). The statement and all documentation must be retained in the student's record for 7 years after the date of completion for the applicable award period.

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Elimination of Grant Reallocation

**Beginning this award year, institutions have until
AUGUST 1ST OF EACH YEAR
to request grant program funds.**

Institutions no longer lose claim to program funds on February 20th.

Grant Funding

Starting in the 2019-20 award year, institutions will be able to roll-over unused grant funds from the first year in a biennium to the second year of the biennium.

Next Biennium 2019-2021

FY 2019-2020

- Funds are requested throughout each term on an as-needed basis prior to **August 1, 2020**
- Unused funds are rolled over to be spent in the following year

FY 2020-2021

- Funds are requested throughout each term on an as-needed basis prior to **August 1, 2021**
- Unused funds are surrendered to the state and used for processing by the THECB

2019-20 Program Guidelines

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Selective Service Statement

When will you collect the statement?

- When the ISIR is flagged "not registered" for male student that has not been validated through the social security administration database match on the ISIR.
- When a male student is not eligible to complete the FAFSA and wishes to apply for state financial assistance.

When do you NOT collect the statement?

- When a male student's Selective Service registration has been validated through the social security administration database match on the ISIR.
- When a student is female at birth.
- When documentation was already collected prior to 2018-19 using the institutions prior SS process.

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Summer Awarding

Institutions can award **TEXAS Grant, TEOG and TEG** funds during the summer if any allocation funding is available.

Official guidance will be provided and available in the 2019-20 Program Guidelines.

A pie chart divided into three segments: a green segment labeled 'Summer', a blue segment labeled 'Fall', and a yellow segment. The 'Summer' segment is the largest, followed by 'Fall', and the yellow segment is the smallest.

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Live Website Demonstration

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Our Mission

The mission of the THECB is to provide leadership and coordination for Texas higher education and to promote access, affordability, quality, success, and cost efficiency through 60x30TX, resulting in a globally competitive workforce that positions Texas as an international leader.

Learn More

Graduate Education Advisory Committee
Broadcast In Progress

Our Work

In 2015, Texas launched 60x30TX, the state's higher education strategic plan which aims to position Texas among the highest achieving states in the country and maintain its global competitiveness.

60x30TX is entirely student-centered: its overarching goal is that 60 percent of young adults (25-34) in Texas will hold some type of postsecondary credential by 2030.

It also proposes that at least 550,000 students in that year will complete a certificate, associate, bachelor's, or master's from a Texas institution of higher education; graduates will have identifiable marketable skills regardless of major; and students (statewide) will not graduate with debt exceeding 60 percent of their first-year wages.

Upcoming Events

- 02/20/2019 Graduate Education Advisory Committee (GEAC)
- 02/23/2019 Apply Texas Advisory Committee Meeting
- 02/28/2019 Nursing Innovation Grant Program (NIGP) - Building Simulation and Skills Lab Capacity

Topics of Interest

- Hurricane Harvey Information
- Student Academic Records and Transcript Information
- Closure of Virginia College, Brightwood College, and Golf Academy of America

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Online Inquiry Demonstration

When to use the Contact us link:

- Loan reporting requests
- Loan processing changes
- Eligibility questions

Why use the "Contact Us" link?

- "Contact Us" is never closed or on vacation.
- Inquiries can be tracked and documented.

Student Financial Aid Programs Information (SFAP) Webpage

INSTITUTIONAL TOLL-FREE NUMBER: 1-844-792-2640

ONLINE INQUIRIES: [CONTACT US](#) select "Financial Aid Question" option under contact reason)

The Financial Aid Services Department is unavailable every third Thursday in the morning to allow for a monthly staff meeting.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

- The FAD Reporting Cycle One is available for submissions as of **February 11, 2019**.
- The Annual Opt In/Out form is due **February 28, 2019** and is available under the applicable memos through the Stay Connected page.
- The Good Neighbor Scholarship recommendations must be submitted by **March 15, 2019** through [CBPass](#).
- The 2019-20 maximum award amounts have been released for all programs and are available under Recent Communications under the Stay Connected page.
- School Allocation Report accessed through the HelmNet online portal is still unavailable. Please submit a request through [CONTACT US](#) for these reports until further notice.

STAY CONNECTED

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Links

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Training

- TASFAA Regional Training
 - THECB will be host site April 10, 2019
- New Aid Officer Workshop (NAOW) – May 2019
- FAS Webcast – April 9, 2019

Deadlines

- TASSP nomination period to open by April 15
- Validation Deadline Date for 2018-19 FAD Reporting Cycle One - April 15

Updates

- Auto Grant Processing
- Allocations
- On-line ACH, including discount interest rate of 0.25%, moved to Production on January 31
- Credit card processing fee targeted for April 26, 2019
- CAL Interest rate reduction from 5.3% to 5.2% for CAL applications received on/after May 1

Financial Aid Services Institutional Toll-Free Number

**For questions call:
(844) 792-2640**



Institutional toll-free number is available M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Questions?

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Contact Information and Feedback

Email: leah.smalley@theccb.state.tx.us

Customer Satisfaction Survey: <http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/apps/CustomerService/>

Financial Aid Services Phone Line (Schools): 844-792-2640

Texas Financial Aid Information Center Line (Students): 888-311-8881

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