

State Financial Aid Webcast

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Agenda Topics

- **State FA Resource Updates**
- **Upcoming Deadlines & Events**
- **Exemption & Waiver Resources**
 - Six new exemption guidelines
 - College For All Texans website updates
 - TEC 54.351 **vs.** TEC 54.354
 - Good Neighbor Program (GNP) online recommendation process



State Financial Aid Resource Updates

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- Institutions Calendar – Spring 2020
- Loan Automation
- The “Institutions” webpage was permanently removed from the HHLoans website as of Jan. 9, 2020. These resources are now located under [“Loan Programs”](#).

- FAD Report Manual – FY 2020
- Grant Payment Enhancement
- Consanguinity or Affinity Scholarship Statement

[01/27/2020 State Financial Aid Resource Update Memo \[PDF\]](#)

Upcoming Deadlines & Events

Deadlines

- BOT Loan certification - deadline Feb. 20
- Opt In/Out Survey (all institutions) - deadline Feb. 28
 - ✓ Texas College Work-Study (TCWS)
 - ✓ Work-Study Student Mentorship (WSMP)
 - ✓ Educational Aide Exemption (EAE)
 - ✓ Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG)
- Good Neighbor Recommendations – deadline Mar. 15

Training

- TASFAA Regional Trainings:
<https://www.tasfaa.org/>
- FAS Webcast – Mar. 10

Updates

- State Grant Award Amounts - FY 2021
- Tuition Set Asides – Uniform Standards
- FAD Cycle One - opens Feb. 11

⚠️ ALERT → REQUIRED [CONTACT US](#) INQUIRY INFORMATION

To ensure inquiries are routed correctly, the following steps must be completed:

- Received From: Select Institution
- Institution: Enter the Institution's Full Name
- Contact Reason: Select Financial Aid Question (regardless of the inquiry reason)

Questions?

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.

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Contact Us

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Please do NOT include your full Social Security Number inside the issue description. If you have a question about the status of a new loan application, accounts in repayment, or deferments, please use the last four digits of your SSN instead.

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.

Exemption & Waiver Resources

Six New Exemption Program Resources

The following six program were the primary focus for the resources created:

- Children of Disabled or Deceased Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers
- Education Benefits for Certain Survivors
- Firefighters Enrolled in Fire Science Courses
- Good Neighbor Program
- Peace Officers and Firefighters Disabled in the Line of Duty
- Peace Officers Enrolled in Certain Courses

More resources to come...

Exemptions and Waivers

CHILDREN OF DISABLED OR DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

- [Children of Disabled or Deceased Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers Guidelines \[PDF\]](#)
- [Eligibility Determination Form \[PDF\]](#)

EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN SURVIVORS

- [Education Benefits for Certain Survivors Guidelines \[PDF\]](#)

EDUCATIONAL AIDE EXEMPTION (EAE)

- [Educational Aide Exemption FY 2020 Allocations \[PDF\]](#)
 - [Educational Aide FY 2020 Guidelines \[PDF\]](#)
 - [Educational Aide FY 2019 Guidelines \[PDF\]](#)
- [Educational Aide FY 2020 Funds Request Form \[PDF\]](#)
 - [Educational Aide Exemption Funds Request Form \[PDF\]](#)
- [Educational Aide Exemption 2019-20 Application](#)
 - [Educational Aide Exemption - Institution Information \[PDF\]](#)
 - [Educational Aide Exemption - Student Information \[PDF\]](#)

FIREFIGHTERS ENROLLED IN FIRE SCIENCE COURSES

- [Fire Fighters Enrolled in Fire Science Courses Guidelines \[PDF\]](#)

GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM (GNP)

- [Good Neighbor Program \(GNP\) Guidelines \[PDF\]](#)
- [GNP Online Recommendation Instructions](#)
- [CBPass log-in](#)

PEACE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

- [Peace Officers and Firefighters Disabled in the Line of Duty Guidelines \[PDF\]](#)

PEACE OFFICERS ENROLLED IN CERTAIN COURSES

- [Peace Officers Enrolled in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice Courses \[PDF\]](#)

The screenshot shows the 'College for All Texans' website. The header includes a search bar and navigation links: 'GET ALL THE FACTS', 'MAKE A PLAN', 'FINANCIAL AID', 'APPLY FOR COLLEGES', and 'HELPFUL INFO'. Below the header is a banner with photos of four diverse students and a large star. The main content area is titled 'Types of Financial Aid - Exemptions' and lists various programs available to Texas residents. The list includes:

- Adopted Students Formerly under the Conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS)
- Blind/Deaf Student Exemption Program
- Children of Disabled or Deceased Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers
- Children of Professional Nursing Program Faculty and Staff
- Clinical Preceptors and Their Children
- Combat Exemption for Children of Military Service Members
- Concurrent Enrollment Waiver
- Education Benefits for Certain Survivors of Individuals in Specific Public Servant Positions
- Educational Aide Exemption
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- Good Neighbor Program (Students from Other Nations of the American/Western Hemisphere)
- Hazlewood Exemption (for Texas Veterans)
- Highest Ranking High School Graduate
- Irrelevant Fees
- Military - Children of U.S. Military who are Missing in Action or Prisoners of War (MIA/POWs)
- Military - Orphans of Texas Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard
- Military - Texas National Guard Tuition Assistance Program
- Out-of-District Fees for Certain Students Living Outside a Public Community/Junior College's Taxing District
- Peace Officers and Firefighters Disabled in the Line of Duty
- Peace Officers Enrolled in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice Courses
- Senior Citizen 55 or Older Tuition Reduction Program

College for All Texans - Updates

The College for All Texans webpages were updated to better align the new guidelines.



COLLEGE FOR ALL TEXANS Search

GET ALL THE FACTS
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HELPFUL INFO

College for All Texans

Home /Get All the Facts /Paying For College /Types of Financial Aid

Military

Adult Learners

Types of Financial Aid - Exemptions
Exemptions are a type of financial assistance allowing some Texas residents to attend a public college or university in Texas without paying tuition or, in some cases, tuition and fees.
Listed below are the exemption programs available to Texas residents.

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General Requirements



**Eligible
Courses**



**Continuation of
Eligibility**



**Hardship
Provisions**



**Selective Service
Requirements**

Eligible Courses

These programs exempt the cost of tuition and fees for eligible courses attempted by the student. Eligible courses are those for which an institution receives formula funding ([TEC, Section 54.2002](#)).

- **Formula funding** is defined as the method used to allocate appropriated sources of funds among institutions of higher education. Formula-funded courses are those that do not depend solely on student tuition and fees to cover their costs.

Some exemptions apply only to courses that are a part of a specific degree or certificate program.

Continuation of Eligibility

Impact of 54.2001:

After initially qualifying, a person may continue to receive the exemption for a subsequent semester or term only if the person:

- Meets institutional GPA/SAP (graduate and undergraduates)

A student may **not** continue to receive this exemption while enrolled as an undergraduate if the student:

- Has enrolled in hours considered to be excessive under TEC, Section 54.014.

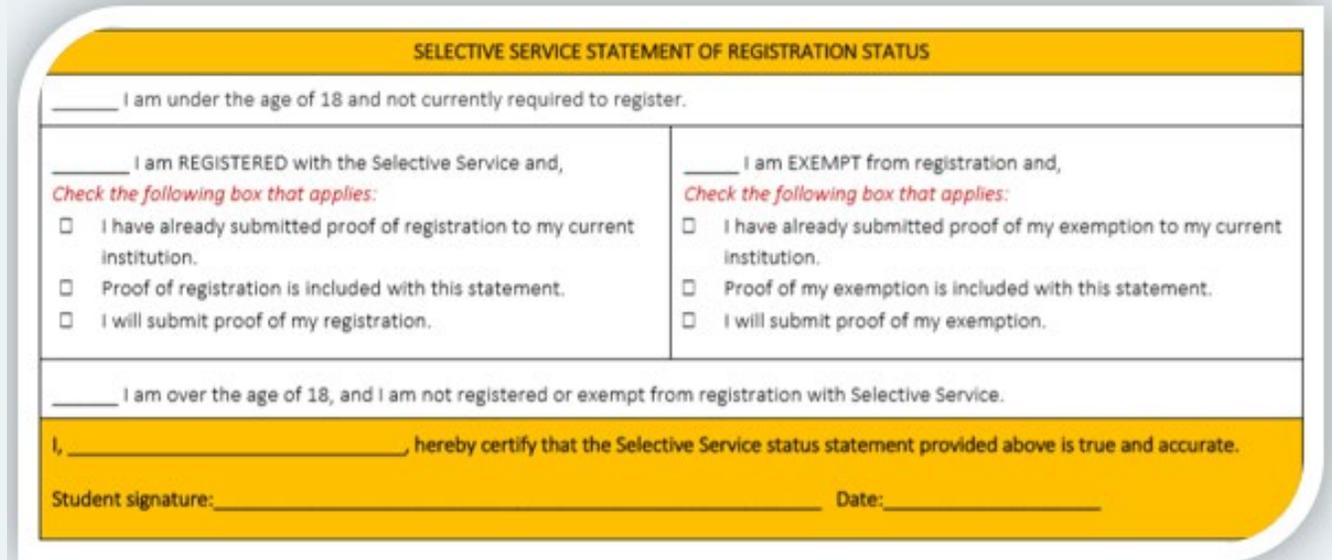
Hardship Provisions

Impact of 54.2001:

Students may be granted an exception from meeting the institution's GPA requirement, or an extension of eligibility for excess undergraduate hours, under a hardship provision.

Selective Service Requirement

Male students cannot receive financial assistance without filing a Selective Service Status Statement ([TEC, Section 51.9095](#)).



The form is titled "SELECTIVE SERVICE STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION STATUS". It is divided into three main sections. The first section is for students under 18, with a line for a name and the text "I am under the age of 18 and not currently required to register." The second section is for students 18 and over, split into two columns. The left column is for "REGISTERED" students, and the right column is for "EXEMPT" students. Each column has a line for a name and the text "I am REGISTERED with the Selective Service and," or "I am EXEMPT from registration and," followed by the instruction "Check the following box that applies:". Below this are three checkboxes for each category: "I have already submitted proof of registration/exemption to my current institution.", "Proof of registration/exemption is included with this statement.", and "I will submit proof of my registration/exemption." The third section is for students over 18 who are not registered or exempt, with a line for a name and the text "I am over the age of 18, and I am not registered or exempt from registration with Selective Service." The bottom section is a yellow bar with the text "I, _____, hereby certify that the Selective Service status statement provided above is true and accurate." and lines for "Student signature:" and "Date:".

Exception: Male students who attend a public community college do NOT need to file a selective service statement.

Texas Education Code (TEC) 54.351 vs. 54.354

REQUIREMENTS	CHILDREN OF DISABLED OR DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS <u>TEC 54.351</u>	EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN SURVIVORS (Dependent Children and Spouses) <u>TEC 54.354</u>
Eligible Student	Children of an eligible parent who: - died in the line of duty before 09/01/2000, OR - suffered a work-related injury at any time that resulted in their permanent disability.	Surviving spouse or dependent child of an eligible public servant whose work-related death occurred on or after 09/01/2000.
Age Requirements	Children must initially apply before the age of 21 (or age 22 if eligible to participate in a special education program under TEC, Section 29.003).	Dependent child must have been under the age of 18 on the date the death. NOTE: Eligible children and spouse can apply at any age.
Application Process	All necessary supporting documentation proving a student's eligibility is submitted to the THECB. The THECB is responsible for confirming a student's eligibility.	All necessary supporting documentation proving a student's eligibility is submitted to the institution. Institutions are responsible for confirming a student's eligibility.
Enrollment Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be under the age of 26 at the start of the semester or term. - Be enrolled as an undergraduate student or attending only undergraduate courses. - Be registered with Selective Service or be exempt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be enrolled full-time - Be enrolled as an undergraduate student or attending only undergraduate courses. - Be registered with Selective Service or be exempt
Eligible Courses	Courses are those for which an institution receives formula funding (TEC, Section 54.2002).	Courses are those for which an institution receives formula funding (TEC, Section 54.2002).
Exemption	Tuition and fees for first 120 undergraduate registered semester credit hours or until age 26, whichever occurs first.	Tuition and fees for 200 hours of course credit or until bachelor's degree is earned.
Living Allowance	N/A	The cost of housing and food for students that qualify to reside in institutional housing and elects to reside in that housing.
Textbook Assistance	N/A	Institution must provide an allowance for textbooks.

Children of Disabled or Deceased Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers

Program Purpose

Provide tuition assistance in the form of exemption of all dues, fees, and charges for any child of an eligible disabled or deceased firefighter or law enforcement officer injured in the line of duty.

Eligibility Requirements

To be determined eligible for this exemption by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), the following criteria must be met by the **parent**:

Parent was once a paid or volunteer:

- Firefighter
- Municipal peace officer
- County peace officer
- State peace officer
- State game warden; OR
- Paid custodial officer of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice—in the state of Texas; and

Parent suffered a work-related injury in the line of duty that resulted in death* or disability.

- If parent was disabled, the disability determination must be issued by a physician designated to make disability reports to the Social Security Administration.

*Note: If the parent's death occurred on or after **Sept. 1, 2000**, the student may be eligible for **Education Benefits for Certain Survivors of Individuals in Specific Public Servant Positions**.

To qualify for this exemption, the applicant must:

- Apply before reaching the age of 21 (or 22 if the student was eligible to participate in a school district's special

Eligible Institutions

All **Texas public colleges and universities** are **required** to participate in this program.

Award Amount

The award exempts an eligible person from the payment of dues, fees, and charges for the first 120 undergraduate semester credit hours for which the student registers.

- Exemption from tuition is only for courses in which the institution receives formula funding (i.e., a course that does not depend solely on student tuition and fees to cover its costs).

Application Process

Step One: Employer Certification

Employer mails the following documentation to the THECB:

- **Certification letter** on official letterhead.

Step Two: Supporting Documentation

Student mails the following documentation to the THECB:

- **Supporting Documentation** form.
- Copy of the student's birth certificate.
- If the parent is deceased and death occurred **before Sept. 1, 2000**, a copy of the death certificate is required.

Step Three: Eligibility Determination

Documentation submitted will be reviewed by the THECB.

- Additional documentation may be requested.

If the student is eligible, the THECB will email an official Eligibility Determination Letter to the:

- Student;
- Authorizing official at institution where student is enrolled.

Additional Information

- Contact your Texas public college or university if you have questions.
- Program statute—**Texas Education Code, Section 54.351**
- General questions? Call **888-311-8881**
- **Contact Us!**

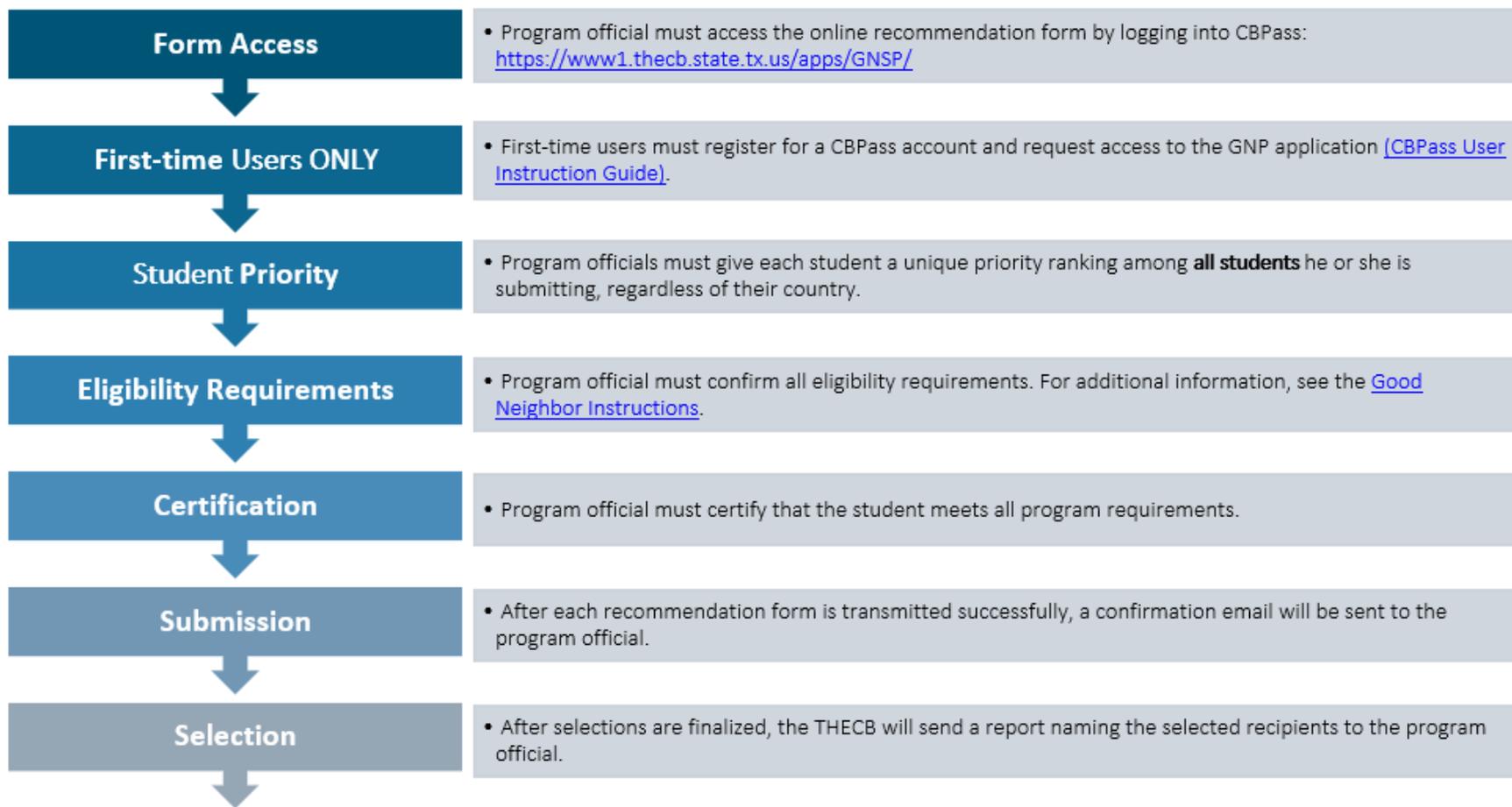
Good Neighbor Program

Good Neighbor Program Process

ONLINE STUDENT RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

Participating institutions are required to use the **Online Recommendation Form** to submit recommendations for eligible applicants to the THECB. Student recommendations must be submitted to the THECB by **March 15** of each year.

Below is the process flow that occurs when an institution submits student recommendations:



GNP Online Recommendation Demonstration

Good Neighbor Program Recommendation 2020-21 (FY 2021)

Logout

Clear Form

Fiscal Year

2021

FICE Code

012345

Institution Name

Tester University



Contact Information and Feedback

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

Webcast Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/58YRM92>

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

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

