State Financial Aid Programs

Webcast

March 8, 2022
Financial Aid Services
TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- FY 2023 Annual Award Amounts
- B.1.10 Strategy - Funds Request Form
- Statutory Requirement Reminder
- Financial Aid Database Modernization
- Online Texas Application for State Financial Aid
- Deadlines and Updates
- Questions
FY 2023 Award Amounts
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*The calculated priority EFC for 2022-2023 is $6,454.*
## TEG FY 2023 – Award Amounts

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<th>Type of Institution</th>
<th>TEG Maximum Award</th>
<th>Exceptional TEG Need Maximum Award (Undergraduate Only)</th>
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<td>Private Universities/Independent Colleges</td>
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Institutions can award undergraduate students with Exceptional TEG Need (defined as students with an EFC less than or equal to $1,000) up to 150% of the basic award ($3,497 x 150% = $5,246), not to exceed the student’s need or tuition differential.
B.1.10 Strategy Funds Request Form
The THECB received additional state appropriations for the TEXAS Grant, TEOG and TEG programs through the B.1.10 Strategy in the General Appropriations Act, SB 1, 87th Texas Legislature, Article III.

- Complete the online funds request form for funding, not CBPass.
- Deadline to request allocated funding, including B.1.10 Strategy funds, is **Aug. 1, 2022**.
- FY 2022 funds can be carried forward to FY 2023, if unexpended.
To make any modifications to the total student count for the 2021-22 award year, institutions will need to log into GPP.

- To **increase** the Student Count:
  - ✓ Enter the number of students being added (the difference) under the Request Funds tab.
  - ✓ Enter $0 for funds being requested.
- To **decrease** the Student Count:
  - ✓ Enter the number of students being reduced (the difference) under the Return Funds tab.
  - ✓ Enter $0 for funds being returned and a comment to clarify changes to the Student Count.
Statutory Requirements
Reminders
Memo was sent Sept. 29, 2021 to communicate:

• Selective Service Status Statement is required to confirm either registration or exemption under TEC, Section 51.9095.

• **Update** - This requirement applies to state-funded financial aid and “federal funds or gifts and grants accepted by this state.”
A statement is **required** for the following:

- **State appropriated funds**
  - **Examples:** TEXAS Grant, TEOG, TEG, EAE, CAL, TCWS, WSMP, TASSP, Bilingual Education

- **Federal funds that pass through the state Treasury or Governor’s office**
  - **Example:** GEER

- **Institutional Aid**
  - **Examples:** Programs funded by tuition set asides, exemptions, or waivers
To reduce administrative burden:

- Institutions will no longer be required to collect “proof” of registration or exemption from students.
- Institutions are not required to verify the accuracy of the statement against external databases or other resources if there is no conflicting information.
Institutions must determine the **best method** to collect the required Selective Service Status Statement.

Any of the following can be used to meet the statutory statement requirement:

- THECB Selective Service Status Statement
- Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) until 2023-24
- Print out from SSS.gov website

Institutions can implement now but will not be **required until 2022-23 award year**.
Statement of Student Eligibility

Memo was sent Sept. 29, 2021 to communicate:

The eligibility requirement found under Texas Education Code that include the phrase:

“a person is not eligible to receive a grant under this subchapter if the person has been convicted of a felony or an offense under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act)…”

This relates to convictions of any felony, as well as convictions of any offense under Chapter 481. The phrase is not limited to controlled substance felonies.

Reference: Toward Excellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant under Sections 56.304 and 56.305 and Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) under Sections 56.404 and 56.405.
Action Needed by Institutions

- Institutions that collect statements for the TEXAS Grant and TEOG program need to revise any language that limits this requirement to offenses only related to controlled substance offenses to also include all felony convictions.
- Institutions are only required to collect the statement and are not required to verify the accuracy of that statement against external databases or other resources if there is no conflicting information.

Institutions can implement now but will not be required until 2022-23 award year.
Financial Aid Database (FAD) Modernization
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Current Process

- Upload a file and retrieve reports through MOVEit DMZ
- Required to send an email for overrides
- Validation and Certification is done through CBPass
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Future Process

- Platform similar to CBPass which is going to reduce overall processing time.
- The same location will be used to do the following:
  - Upload file and view all reports in the same location
    - Reports will have enhancements such as format (e.g., excel)
  - Overrides will be submitted online which will eliminate the use of emails
  - Validation and Certification will be requested and completed through the new portal.
Online Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)
Updates

- Continuing TASFA programming
- Testing in progress
- Collaborating with vendors and the TASFA workgroup on file layout
- Setting up institutions in MoveIt
- Communication about online TASFA sent to institutions and school districts
Deadlines and Updates
**Declarations**

- State Opt In/Out Form - **March 11, 2022**
- Financial Aid Advisory Committee Nomination Form - **March 11, 2022**
- Good Neighbor Program Nomination Forms - **March 15, 2022**
- Financial Aid Database - Cycle One - **April 11, 2022**

**Updates**

**Institutional Calendar - Spring Edition Available**
- The spring institutional calendar are available on the SFAP webpage and include deadlines, alerts and agency closures.

**Annual User Access Review Coming soon**
- The annual review will take place in spring 2022. Please make sure to continue submitting any accounts that need to be added, updated or removed to ensure security.

**Net Price Calculator 2020-21 Coming Soon**
- The annual Net Price Calculator upload will take place in spring 2022 to align with the release of the federal template that is provided.
Contacting Student Financial Aid Programs

The following phone lines are available for borrower and the public:

- **Borrower Services**
  - Student Borrowers (Cosigners): (800) 242-3062

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

Contact Financial Aid Services in one of the following ways:

- **FAS Institutional Phone Line**
  - Institutions Only: (844) 792-2640

- Submit inquiries online through the [CONTACT US](http://www.example.com) web form at any time.

Phone lines – Hours of Operation:
Mon-Fri
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 12-1 daily)
Submitting a CONTACT US

To ensure inquiries are routed correctly, complete these steps:

- Select “Institution” in Received From box
- Enter the institution’s full name
- Always select “Financial Aid Question” as the Contact Reason
- Provide the best direct phone number

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.
Questions?