

# **Student Financial Aid Programs**

## **Transform Thursday**

Navigating Success: Program Overviews

July 25, 2024

# Topics of Discussion



2024-2025  
Program Guidelines  
Overview

Nursing Students  
Scholarship

GAPP: Intent to  
Participate Process

Deadlines, Reminders,  
& Notifications

Questions

# 2024-2025 Program Guidelines Overview

# Overarching Annual Updates



**Program Years**



**Deadline Dates**



**Award Amounts**

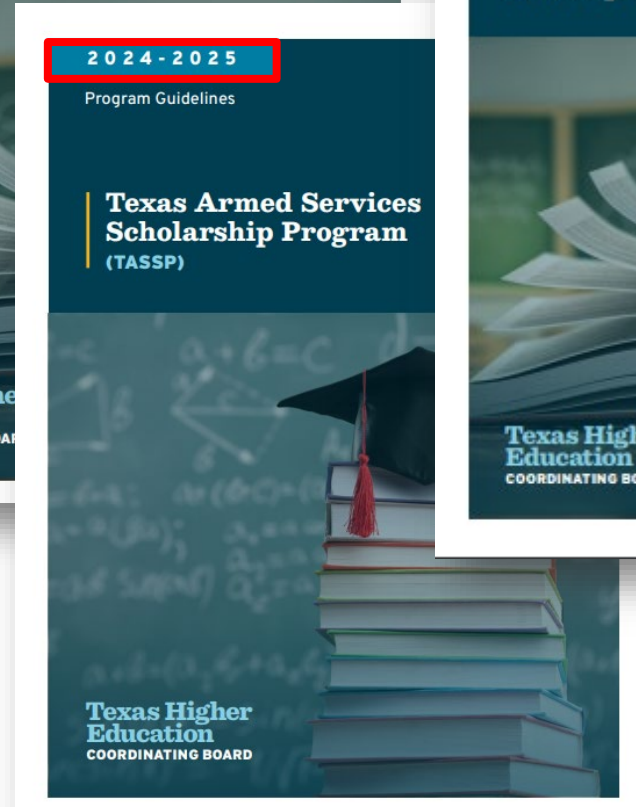
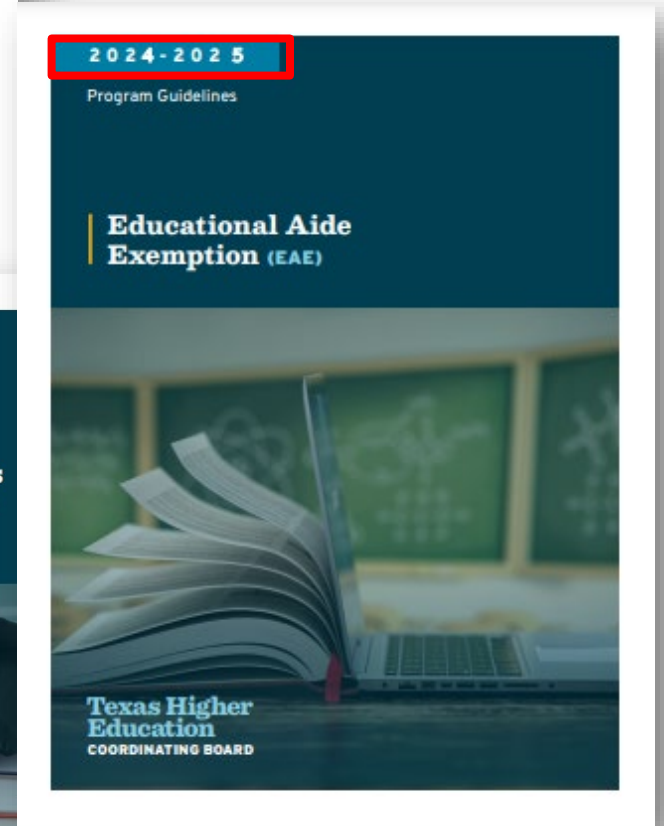
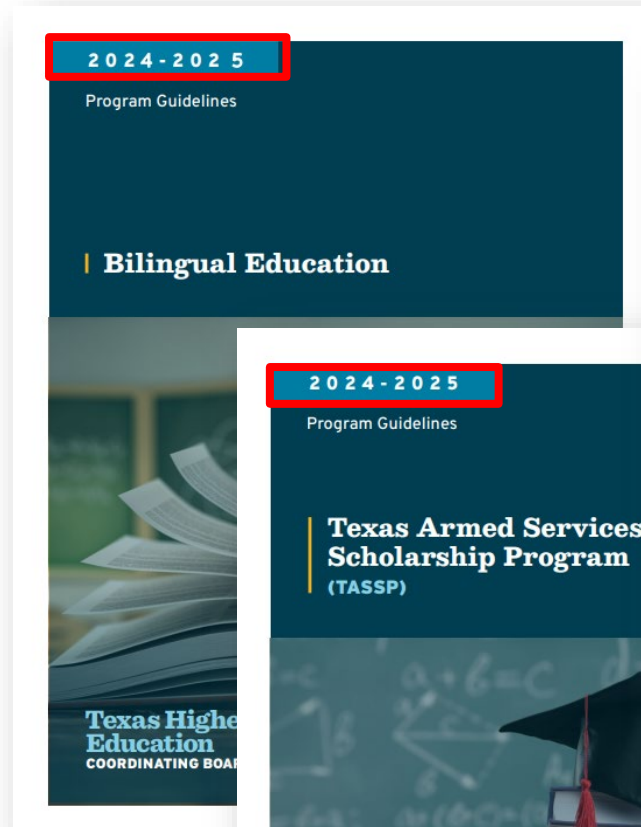


**Appendices**



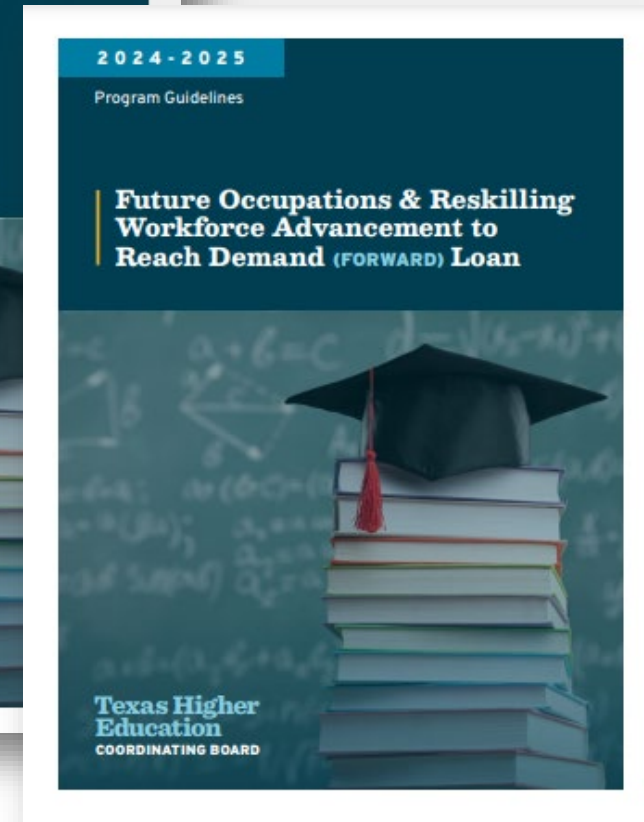
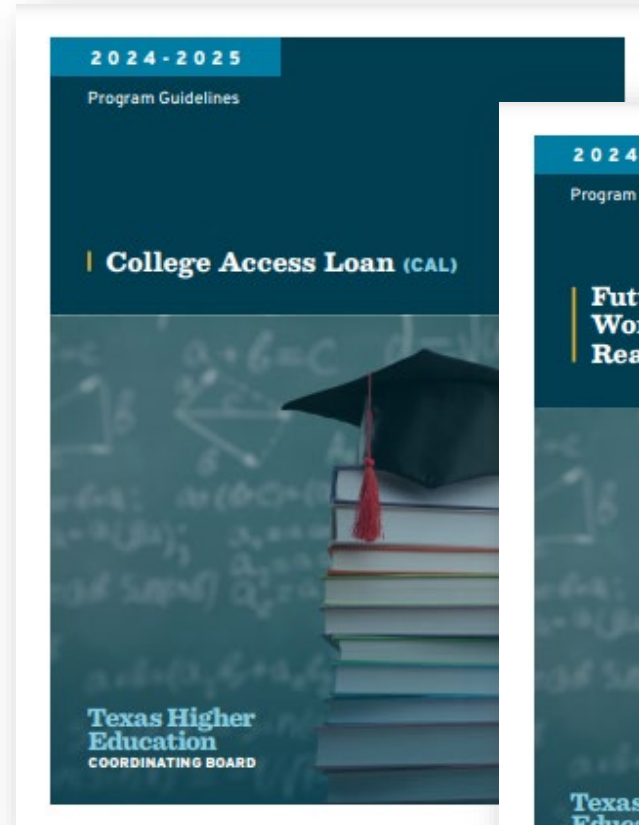
# Exemption & Scholarship Program Updates

- **Updated** the appendix to include Rider 43 of the General Appropriations Act, HB 1, Article III for Bilingual Education.
- **Updated** the critical shortage list was updated to reflect Texas Education Agency's 2024-25 critical shortage areas for Educational Aide Exemption.
- **Updated** the Promissory Note Section on page 3 to align with the amendments in TAC for TASSP.



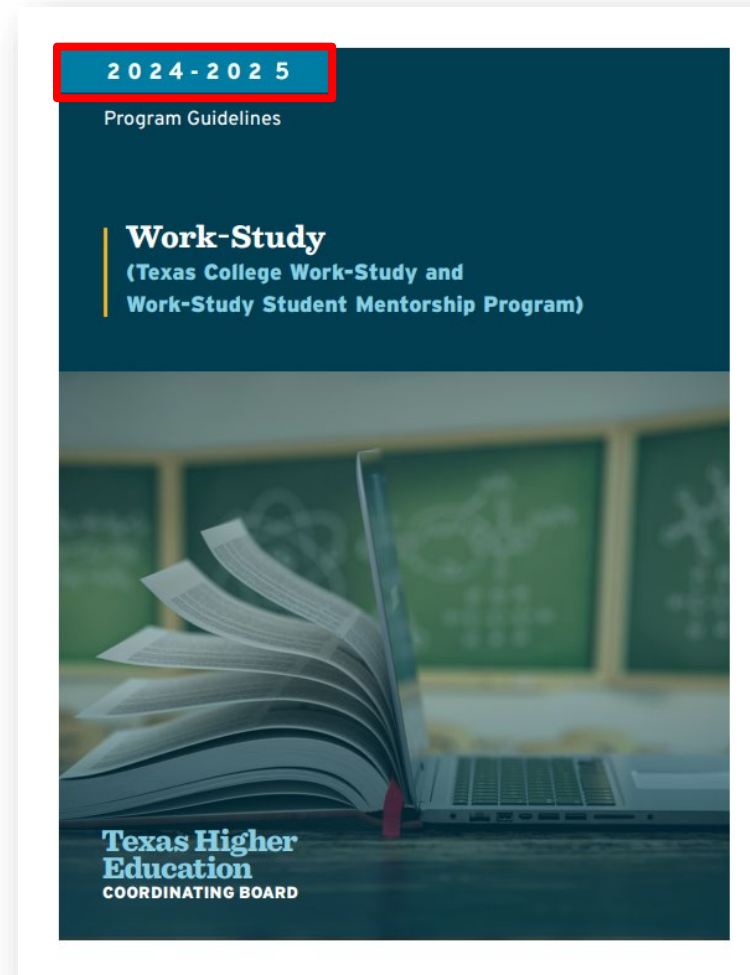
# State Loan Updates

- **Added** a manageable debt section to clarify how the manageable debt process can impact a student's loan.
- **Updated** repayment sections to align with provisions in TAC.



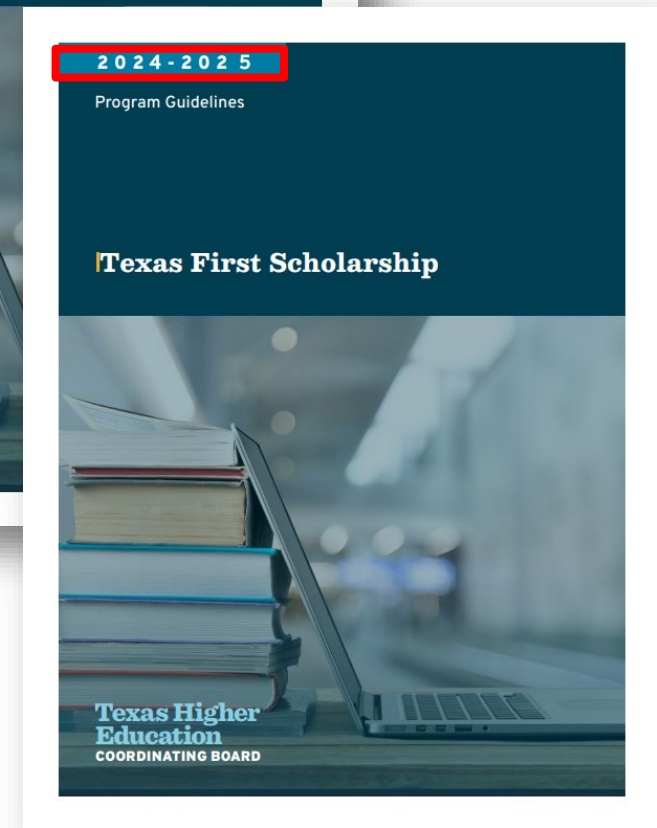
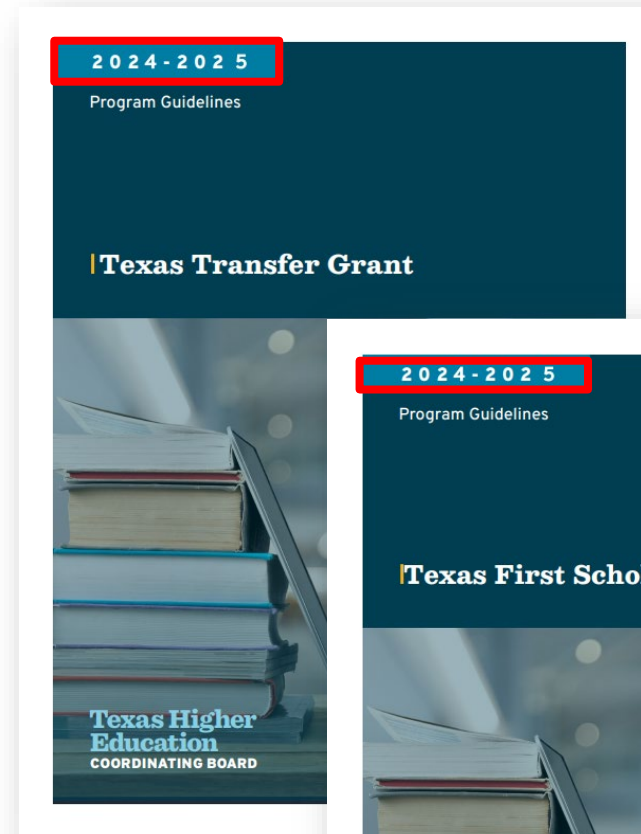
# State Work-Study Programs

- **Added** an alert box to explain that the federal methodology for calculating a student's financial need has transitioned from using the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to the Student Aid Index (SAI).
- **Added** an **Allocation** section to explain the following:
  - Allocations will be combined into one single allocation and will be calculated for both years of the biennium.
  - Institutions choosing to participate in both the Texas College Work-Study and the Work-Study Mentorship Program must disburse a minimum of 25% of their allocation to students participating in the Mentorship Program.
  - Institutions can request funds throughout the academic year, including summer using GAPP.



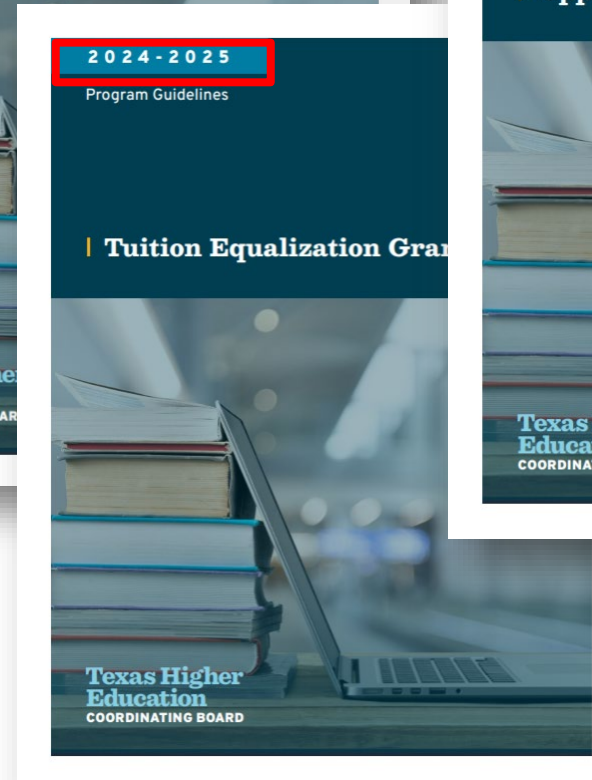
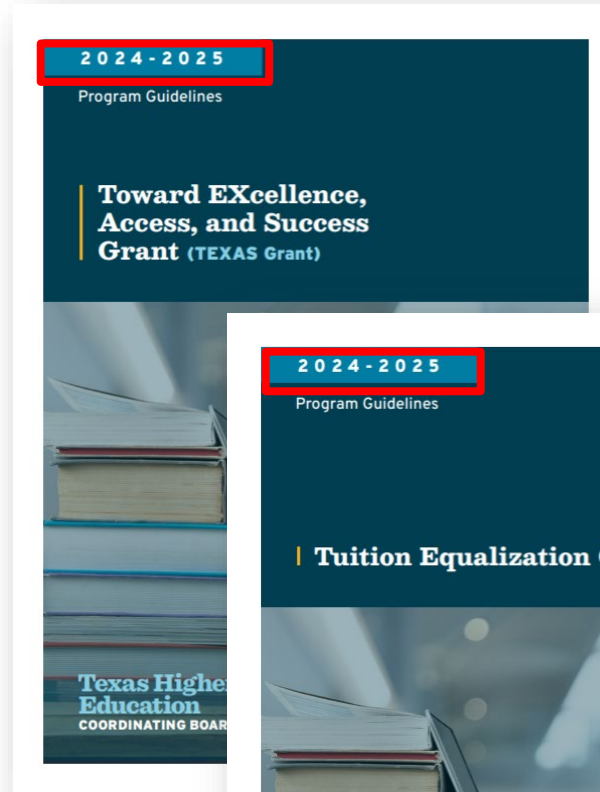
# Texas Transfer Grant & Texas First Programs

- Newly released program guidelines for 2024-25 year.
- Key highlights include:
  - Student Eligibility Requirements: Criteria for student eligibility
  - Award Distribution Information: Timelines and methods for the disbursement of funds.
  - Reporting Requirements for Institutions: Procedures to ensure compliance with state regulations.
  - Alert Box Addition: An explanation of the transition from the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to the federal methodology for calculating a student's financial need.
  - Appendices: Additional resources to support program administration.



# State Grant Updates

- **Updated** the priority expected family contribution (EFC) for TEOG and TEXAS Grant to **\$6,472**.
- **Updated** alert box to provide additional clarity of the criteria required to demonstrate "Exceptional Need" for TEG.
- **Added** an alert box to inform institutions of the extension of the 2024-25 state financial aid application State Priority Deadline.
- **Added** an alert box to explain that the federal methodology for calculating a student's financial need has transitioned from using the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to the Student Aid Index (SAI).



# TEOG: Statutory Changes



**Updated**

**ALERT: TEOG rule change to remove Pell beginning fall 2024**

The following [TAC, Title 19, Section 22.261](#) has been updated to reflect changes beginning fall 2024:

If an institution's tuition and fee charges exceed the grant, it may use other available sources of financial aid to cover any difference in the amount of the grant and the student's actual amount of tuition and required fees at the institution, provided that:

- (A) for grants offered for semesters prior to the 2024 fall semester, the other available sources of financial aid do not include a loan or Pell Grant; and
- (B) for grants offered **beginning with the 2024 fall semester**, the other available sources of financial aid ***can include Pell Grant*** but do not include a loan;

# TEOG: Statutory Updates



## **ALERT: Rule Changes to Definitions** ([TAC, Title 19, Section 22.254](#))

- The definition of "entering undergraduate" student was amended from "a student enrolled in the first 30 semester credit hours..." to "a student enrolled in the first 45 semester credit hours..."
- The definition of "certificate program" was amended to include "Level 1 and Level 2 certificates, Occupational Skills Awards, and other credentials of value as defined in [TAC 13.472...](#)", including "programs offered through academic courses or through career and technical education courses. Certificate programs exclude avocational courses or continuing education courses that are ineligible for conversion as articulated college credit or that does not meet the institution's program or instructor accreditation standards."

# Nursing Students Scholarship Program

# Pop Quiz #1: Nursing Fun Facts

What is the projected shortage of full-time nurses in Texas?

A) 30,000

B) 50,000

C) 60,000



# Overview

- The purpose of the Nursing Students Scholarship Program is to promote the health care and educational needs by providing scholarships to eligible professional and vocational nursing students.
- Any public, private, or independent institution of higher education, (defined under TEC, Title 3, Section 61.003) are eligible to participate in this program.



# Program Rules

The adoption of new rules for [Chapter 22, Subchapter R, Sections 22.360 - 22.369](#) concerning the Nursing Students Scholarship Program will be presented to the Board on **July 25, 2024**.

**Nursing Students Scholarship Program**  
2024-25 (FY 2025) FACT SHEET

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This fact sheet highlights requirements that appear in the Texas Education Code (TEC) and Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC). This document should be used solely as a resource and does not override the relevant statutes and rules for this program.

**Purpose**  
To promote the health care and educational needs of this state by providing scholarships to eligible professional and vocational nursing students (see TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 22, Subchapter R).

**Eligible Institutions**  
Any college or university defined as a public, private, or independent institution of higher education, as defined in [TEC, Title 3, Section 61.003](#), or an institution described by [TEC, Title 3, Section 61.65111\(C\)](#), are eligible to participate in this program.

Institutions must enter into an agreement with the Coordinating Board and be approved to participate in this program by **April 1** to issue scholarships to eligible students the following fiscal year.

**Scholarship Amount**  
Each state fiscal year, the maximum scholarship amount will be consistent with the annual maximum award amount for institutions that are eligible to offer grants through the following programs:

- Toward Excellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant
- Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)
- Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG)

Please note, the amount of scholarship plus any other gift aid may NOT exceed a student's financial need.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To qualify for a scholarship, a student must:

- ✓ be a resident of Texas;
- ✓ be registered for active service, or be exempt;
- ✓ show financial need;
- ✓ be enrolled in a professional or vocational nursing program at least half-time; and
- ✓ have made satisfactory academic progress in accordance with their institution's financial aid academic progress requirements.

**Discontinuation of Eligibility or Non-Eligibility**  
Unless an institution grants a hardship provision, a student's eligibility ends:

- when the student has attempted 15 credit hours, or the equivalent, beyond the amount required to complete the degree or certificate program in which the student is enrolled;
- when the student has received a scholarship during a previous course of study is considered to have started the student's new course of study with zero credit hours, or the equivalent, attempted if the student:
- meets all other eligibility criteria; and
- completed the previous course of study by earning the intended degree or certificate.

**Hardship Provisions**  
A student who is ineligible for a Nursing Students Scholarship may be eligible under a hardship provision based on one of the following provisions:

- while failing to make satisfactory academic progress based on the institution's financial aid academic progress requirements;
- while enrolled less than half-time; or
- while enrolled beyond the scholarship receipt limit (TAC, Section 22.364(a)).

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
For questions, please call 44-792-2640 or submit a Help Desk ticket through the Grant and Aid Processing Platform.  
Address: 1100 Congress Ave., Suite 12.200, Austin, TX 78701 • Mail: PO Box 12788, Austin, TX 78711-2788 as of 06/27/2024  
Phone: 512-427-1111 • Fax: 512-427-6127 HIGHERED.TEXAS.GOV

Coming Soon

# Pop Quiz #2: Nursing Fun Facts

Who is considered the founder of modern nursing?

A) Dr. Zhivago

B) Dr. Dre

C) Florence Nightingale



# Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for a scholarship, a student must:

- ✓ be a resident of Texas;
- ✓ be registered with Selective Service, or be exempt;
- ✓ show financial need;
- ✓ be enrolled in a course of study leading to an undergraduate or graduate degree in professional nursing or one intending to prepare a student for licensure as a licensed vocational nurse;
- ✓ be enrolled at least half-time; and
- ✓ have made satisfactory academic progress in accordance with their institutions' financial aid academic progress requirements.



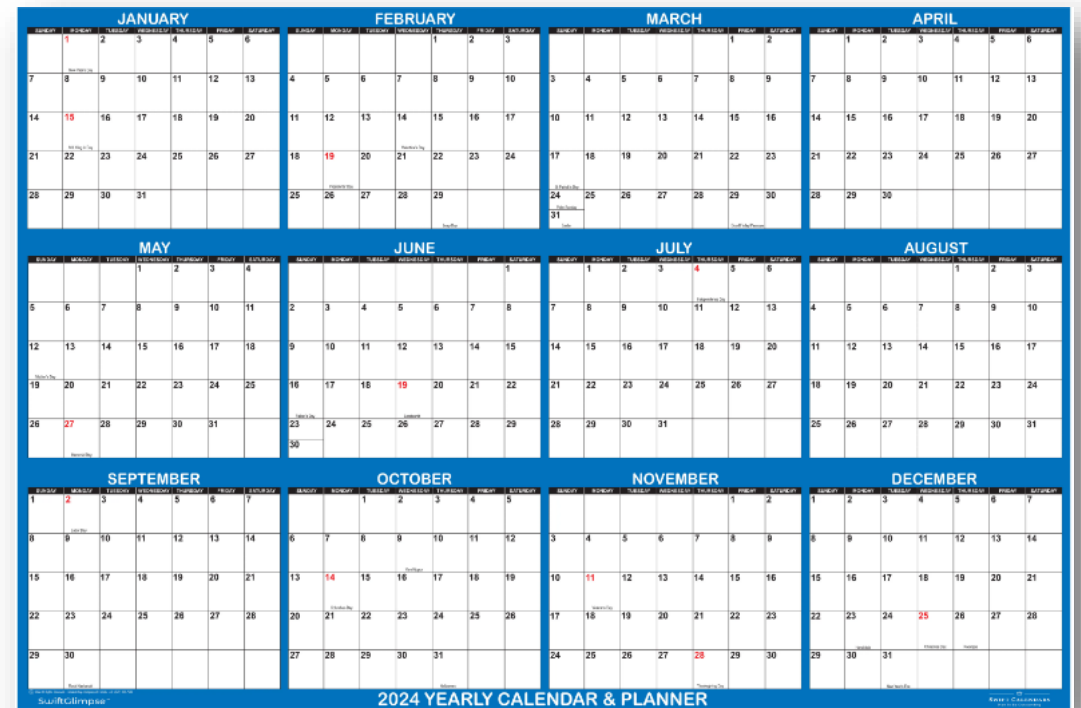
# Pop Quiz #3: Nursing Fun Facts

When is International Nurses Day?

A) May 12

B) Florence Nightingale's birthday

C) A and B



# Pop Quiz #4: Nursing Fun Facts

What is the average salary for RNs in Texas?

A) 54,000

B) 74,000

C) 84,000



# Scholarship Amounts

2024-25 SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS		
Program	Institution Type	FY 2025 Sem Max
TEXAS Grant	Public Universities & Health Related Institutions	\$5,394
TEOG	Public State Colleges	\$1,730
	Public Technical Institutes	\$4,285
	Public Community Colleges	\$2,886
TEG	Private/Independent Institutions,	\$2,905

- Maximum scholarship amounts per semester will vary depending on the type of institution the student attends. Institutions eligible to participate in TEXAS Grant and TEOG may offer scholarships each semester up to the maximum grant amount for their respective program.
- Institutions eligible to participate in the Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) program may offer scholarships each semester up to half the annual TEG exceptional need maximum.

**Note:** The amount of a scholarship plus any other gift aid may NOT exceed the student’s financial need.

# Pop Quiz #5: Nursing Fun Facts

What percentage of nurses were male in the 1970s?

A) 2.7%

B) 8.3%

C) 9.9%



# Pop Quiz #6: Nursing Fun Facts

What percentage of nurses are male in the 2020s?

A) 13%

B) 33%

C) 43%



# Grant Aid & Processing Portal (GAPP)

Intent to Participate

# GAPP Roles



## Roles that can complete the Intent to Participate are:

- ✓ Primary Point of Contact (PPC)
- ✓ Secondary Point of Contact (SPC)

# Intent to Participate

The screenshot shows the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board website. At the top left is the logo for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About, Edit Profile, Help Desk, and Pending User Approvals, along with notification and user profile icons. A dark teal banner contains the heading "Resource. Partner. Advocate." and a paragraph describing the Office of Student Financial Aid Programs (SFAP). Below the banner are three white buttons with teal accents, each featuring the THECB logo and a label: "Institutional Profile", "Allocations", and "Requests". The "Institutional Profile" button is highlighted with a red border. At the bottom of the page is a link for "Privacy & Security - Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board".

# Intent to Participate

The screenshot displays the user interface for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). At the top left is the THECB logo. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About, Edit Profile, Help Desk, and Pending User Approvals, along with search, notification, and user profile icons. The main content area shows the account for 'THECB University'. On the right side of this section, there are three buttons: 'Send Message', 'Assign Eligibility', and 'Complete Opt-In Process', with the latter being highlighted by a red border. Below this, there are tabs for 'Details', 'Staff List', 'Financial Aid Program Roster', and 'Intent to Participate Requests'. The 'Institution Details' section is expanded, showing fields for Account Name (THECB University), FICE Code (0123456), Institution Type (Private Senior), On Hold status (unchecked), and On Hold Reason.

# Intent to Participate

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## Intent to Participate

The THECB is required to invite eligible institutions to participate in certain programs. All institutions **must confirm** their Intent to Participate by the deadline. Institutions that do not confirm their intent to participate by the deadline will not be included in the initial allocation calculation process.

Instructions:

1. Review Opt In/Opt Out selection below. All selections have been defaulted based on the last submission.
2. If the intent to participate has changed, use the dropdown menu to select the correct participation option.
3. To confirm participation, select the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Note: If a program selection is greyed out, then the intent to participate window is not open.

### Biennial Programs

TEG

Texas Work-Study Programs

Nursing Scholarship

### Questions?

For questions, please submit a [GAPP Help Desk](#) ticket.  
By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I am the Certifying Official for my institution.

**Original Submission Date**

# Intent to Participate History

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Account THECB University

Send Message Assign Eligibility Complete Opt-In Process

Details Staff List Financial Aid Program Roster **Intent to Participate Requests**

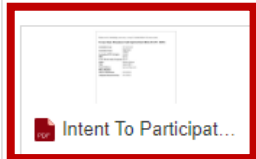
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IR Name	Request Type	Submitted By	Submitted Date
IR-00519	Intent To Participate	Jane Doe	Feb 29, 2024

# GAPP Portal

> Request Details

Notes and Attachments



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Thank you for submitting your entry. A copy is included below for your records.

## Texas State Financial Aid Opt In/Out 2023-24 (FY 2023)

<b>Institution Type</b>	
<b>Institution Name</b>	The THECB University-Austin
<b>Institution FICE (6 digits)</b>	011161
<b>WSMS</b>	Opt-In
<b>TCWS</b>	Opt-Out
<b>TEXAS Grants</b>	Opt-In
<b>Name</b>	Giovanni
<b>Title</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	pjbg2542@yopmail.com
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Date of Submission</b>	06/28/2023

In the Request Details section, you can view and download to PDF of the details for the Intent to Participate.

# Deadlines, Reminders & Notifications

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## Deadlines

- Last Day to submit 2023-24 Funds Request: **8/1**
- Texas Comptroller Shutdown: **8/30-9/3**

## Reminders

- Effective Aug. 1, 2024, new loan applications for CAL and FORWARD received by the THECB will carry a new interest rate:

CAL	6.30%
FORWARD	4.30%

## Recent Notifications

- [07/17/2024](#) CAL and FORWARD Interest Rate Change
- [07/11/2024](#) TEG Engagement Guide FY 2024 Memo
- [06/27/2024](#) TEOG FY 2025 Correction to Program Guidelines Memo
- [06/10/2024](#) Texas Transfer Grant Program FY 2025 Program Guidelines Memo
- [06/10/2024](#) TEXAS Grant, TEOG, & TEG FY 2025 Program Guidelines Memo
- [06/10/2024](#) Texas First Scholarship Program FY 2025 Program Guidelines
- [06/07/2024](#) State Work-Study Programs FY 2025 Guidelines Memo
- [06/06/2024](#) TASSP FY 2025 Guidelines Memo
- [06/06/2024](#) Bilingual Education Program FY 2025 Guidelines Memo
- [06/06/2024](#) Educational Aide Program FY 2025 Guidelines Memo
- [06/06/2024](#) CAL and Future Occupations & FORWARD Loan FY 2025 Guidelines

Memo

# Stay Connected

# Contact Student Financial Aid Programs

## For Borrowers and the Public:

### Borrower Services

- Student Borrowers (Cosigners): (800) 242-3062

### Texas Financial Aid Information Center (TFAIC)

- Public Line: (888) 311-8881

## For Institutions:

### FAS Institutional Phone Line

- Institutions Only: (844) 792-2640

## For Everyone:

### Email

- Submit inquiries online through the [CONTACT US](#) web form.

All Phone Lines  
Hours of Operation:  
Mon-Fri  
8 AM to 5 PM  
(Closed Daily from 12-1)



# Submit 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
- ✓ Enter a detailed **Description** of your inquiry
- ✓ Provide the best **Direct Phone Number**

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### Contact Us

An asterisk \* by the field indicates a required field!

Received From\*

Institution

Contact Reason\*

Description\*  4000 characters max

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.

Is this a complaint No  Yes

Contact Preference E-MAIL  LETTER  PHONE

Salutation\*

First Name\*

Last Name\*

E-mail\*

Phone (10-digit)  Phone Ext

Mail Address

Mail Address2

Mail Address3

City

State  Zip Code (5-digit)

| [Help](#)

# GAPP Help Desk Ticket

For questions on GAPP transactions, submit a GAPP helpdesk ticket.

- ✓ Enter a **Subject**
- ✓ Select your **Request Type**
- ✓ Select the **Program Type**
- ✓ Enter **Description** of issue
- ✓ **Submit** ticket

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- Request Type:** A dropdown menu with 'Select an Option' and a red asterisk, highlighted with a blue border.
- Program Type:** A dropdown menu with 'Select an Option' and a red asterisk, highlighted with a blue border.
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- Created By:** A text input field containing 'PJC Tester1'.
- Upload:** A section with 'Upload Files' and 'Or drop files' options.
- Buttons:** 'Cancel', 'Save as Draft', and 'Submit' buttons at the bottom right. The 'Submit' button is highlighted with a red border.

A woman in a white lab coat is looking at a laptop screen in a laboratory setting. The image is overlaid with a dark teal background and a thin yellow circular line on the left and right sides.

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Questions?

# Thank you!

We appreciate your feedback.

Please take a moment to complete our survey.

