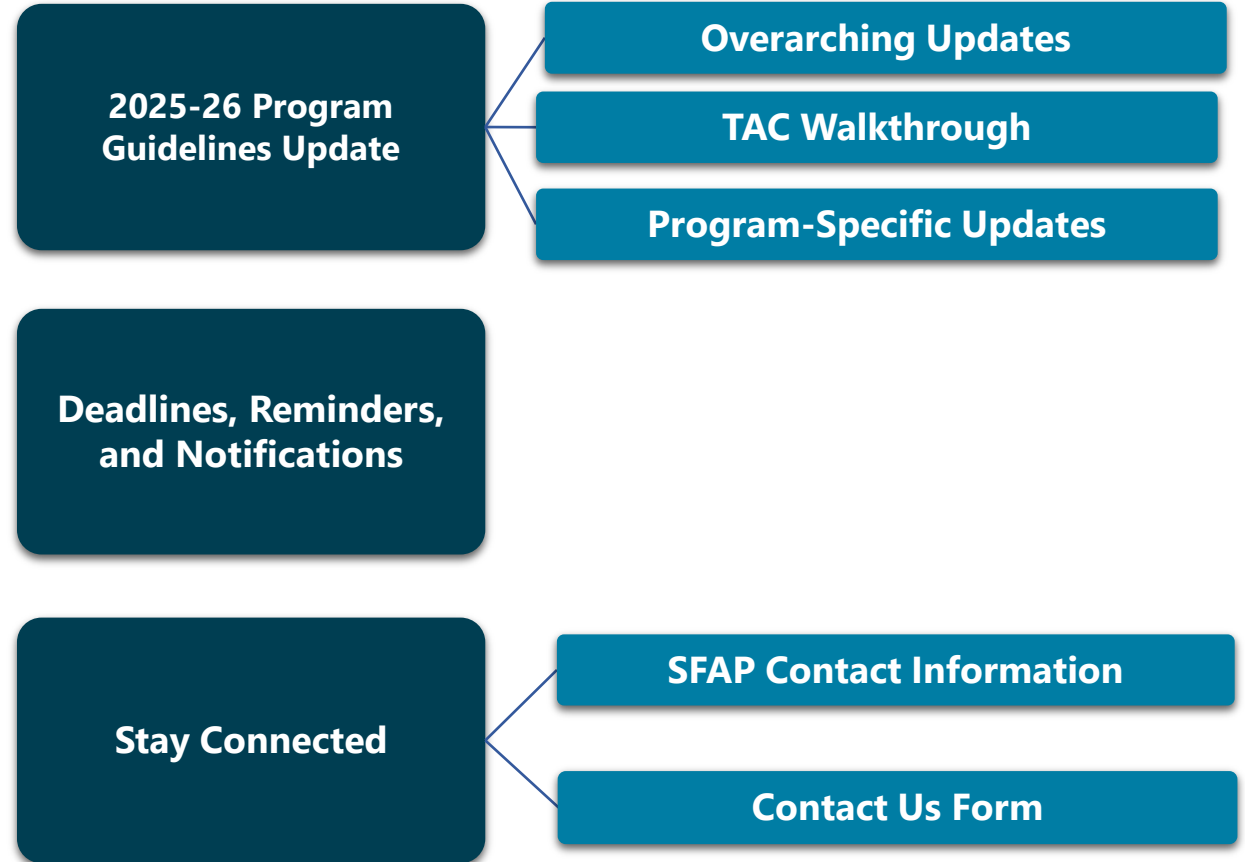


State Financial Aid Program Updates Student Financial Aid Programs (SFAP)

Topics of Discussion



Fiscal Year 2026 (2025-26) Program Guidelines Update

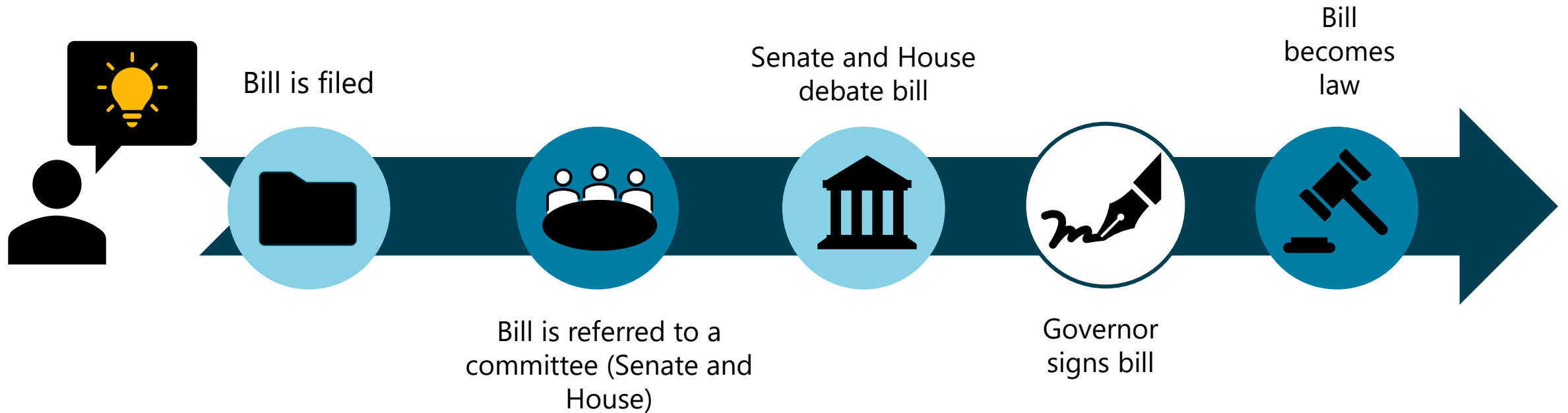
Program Guidelines

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board) publishes guidelines each year to support institutions in the administration of state financial aid programs for the given year. The content in these guidelines is composed of relevant rules, statutes, and operational procedures.

Updates on program guidelines are based on updates in legislation, rulemaking, and process changes.



Legislative Process



Visit capitol.texas.gov for more details on the legislative process.

TEC and TAC

Texas Education Code (TEC) = Law

The TEC is the set of laws that govern education in Texas and is passed by the Texas Legislature.

The TEC authorizes specific state financial aid programs.

Website: statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Administrative Code (TAC) = Rule

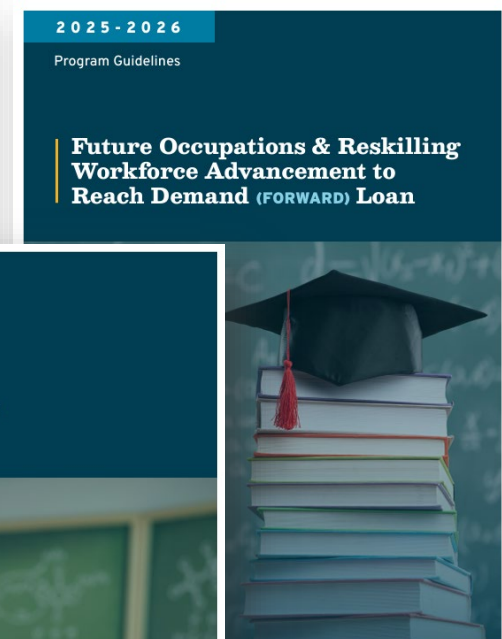
The TEC provides authority to state agencies (like the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or Texas Education Agency) to carry out the laws in the TEC and other statutes through rulemaking in the TAC.

Website: sos.state.tx.us

Program Guidelines

Recap:

- Law is passed (TEC)
- Rules are created (TAC)
- Resources are produced (Guidelines)



Overarching Updates

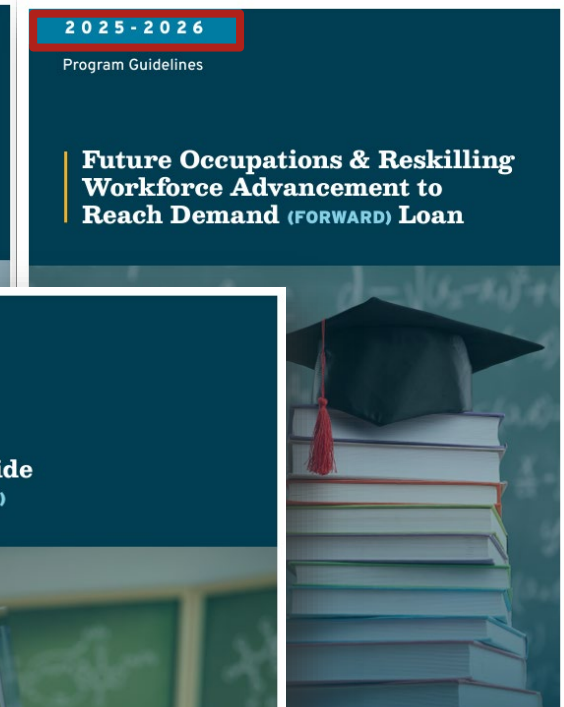
Annual Updates



Program Years



Key Dates



Annual Updates



Program Years



Key Dates

Authority to Transfer ([TAC Section 22.11](#))

Institutions participating in a combination of either Texas College Work-Study or Work-Study Student Mentorship Program and one of three state grant programs* may transfer up to **25%** of the institution's total annual program allocation or **\$60,000** (whichever is less) between programs within the relevant fiscal year. This threshold applies to the program from which the funds are transferred.

Transfer requests are submitted by the institution to the THECB through the [GAPP](#). An official notification will be sent to institutions during the award year. Institutions requesting a transfer of funds must submit a request by **July 1, 2026**

Processing Funds

Each biennium (the two-year state budget period), funds not requested in the first year will be carried forward by the THECB on behalf of the institution for use in the second year. Any funds not requested in the second year of the biennium become available for redistribution as determined by the THECB.

Institutions can **begin submitting** requests for funding on **August 15, 2025**. The THECB will **begin processing** funds after **September 2, 2025**. Institutions have through **August 3, 2026**, to request program funds. An official notification will be sent to institutions in the summer to provide instructions on how to request funds for FY 2026.

Overarching Program Updates

- **State Priority Deadline** alert box added to clarify the extension of the 2025-26 State Priority Deadline for state financial aid applications.
- **Texas Administrative Code** hyperlinks updated to new website.
- **Program rule amendments** alert box added to clarify substantive (if applicable) and nonsubstantive changes to the Texas Administrative Code (TAC).

TAC Rule Changes Summary

A [communication](#) was sent on May 28, 2025, highlighting rule changes to state financial aid programs adopted by the Coordinating Board during its January 23 and April 24, 2025, board meetings.


The changes became effective May 15, 2025, in the TAC. The message includes a list of adopted rules with hyperlinks to the current versions.

Rule Changes Impacting State Financial Aid
Effective May 15, 2025

Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Rule Changes

For detailed information on any of the TAC rule changes listed below, click on the hyperlink for the applicable TAC rule and follow the steps provided:

- Click TEXAS REGISTER tab
- Click Date Adopted (e.g., 05/09/2025)
- Click View Preamble



Student Financial Aid Programs – Chapter 22

Throughout Chapter 22, nonsubstantive changes were made to restructure rules for greater clarity, align rule language, definitions, and terminology with rules throughout the chapter, resolve potential ambiguities in rule language, provide greater detail of the applicability of the rules, and improve the overall readability of the subchapter. In some cases, new sections were created to provide greater clarity, and these represent reconstituted language from former subsections.

Subchapter A

General Provisions: Rules were amended with both substantive and nonsubstantive changes. The substantive changes specify appropriate uses for state financial aid programs, give guidance in managing various financial aid adjustments, and add a Financial Aid Adjustment section, which expands on former TAC Sections 22.11(d) and (e). To align more closely with changes to the federal financial aid process, a nonsubstantive change was made to add the term "Student Aid Index," which is used extensively throughout the chapter as a replacement for "Expected Family Contribution."

- [TAC Section 22.1](#)
- [TAC Section 22.2](#)
- [TAC Section 22.4](#)
- [TAC Section 22.7 – 22.8](#) **
- [TAC Section 22.9 – 22.11](#)

Subchapter B

Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG): Rules were amended with both substantive and nonsubstantive changes. The substantive change eliminated the restriction on students enrolled in degree plans intended to lead to religious ministry. The nonsubstantive changes include changing the subchapter title to conform with naming conventions throughout Chapter 22.

- [TAC Section 22.24](#)

Subchapter F

Matching Scholarships to Retain Students in Texas: Rules were amended with nonsubstantive changes.

- [TAC Section 22.113 – 22.115](#)

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TAC Walkthrough

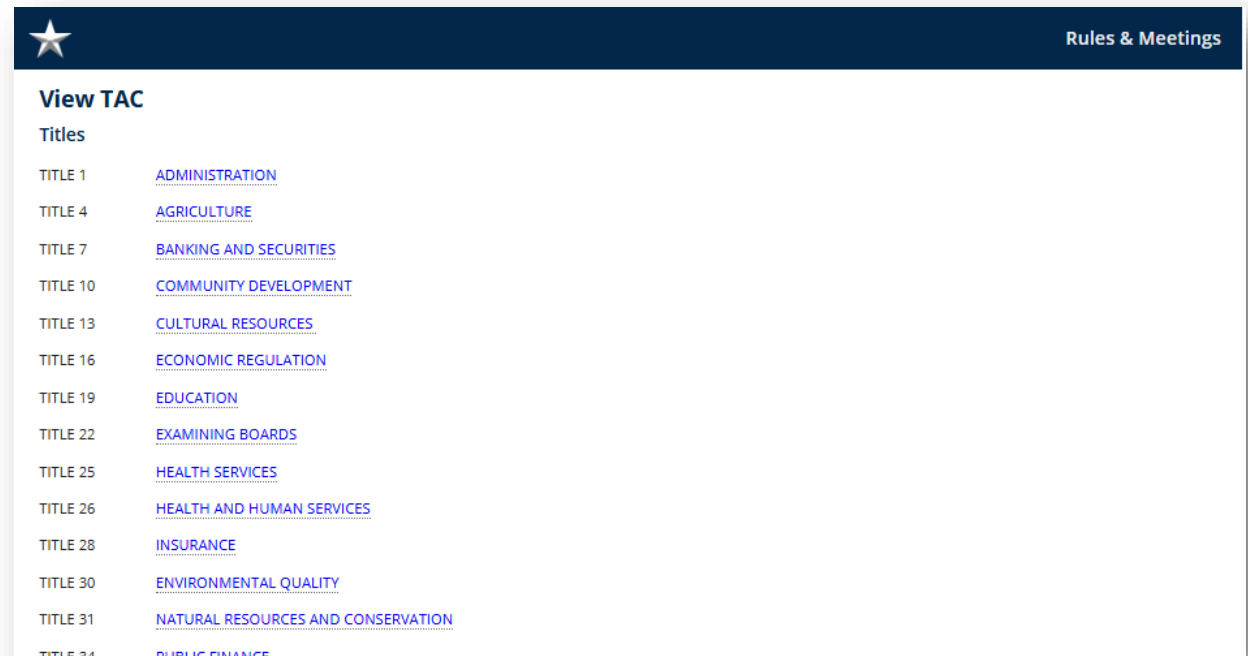
NEW Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Website

The TAC is a compilation of all state agency rules in Texas. There are 17 titles in the TAC. Each title represents a subject category, and related agencies are assigned to the appropriate title.

A new and improved TAC website was launched in early 2025. The website allows users to:

- View and filter current and historical rules.
- Download and print rules.
- View Open Meeting information.

Website: www.sos.state.tx.us



Finding Student Financial Aid Program Rules

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Hover over **Rules & Meetings** on the main menu and click on **Texas Administrative Code**.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Texas Secretary of State, Jane Nelson. The header includes the state seal and navigation links: Media | Site Map | Help | Contact | Website Survey | En Español. A search bar is located in the top right. The main navigation menu includes: About SOS, Elections & Voting, Business Services, Notary & Apostilles, Rules & Meetings, International Relations, and Forms & Other Services. The 'Rules & Meetings' dropdown menu is open, listing: Texas Register, Texas Administrative Code (highlighted with a red box), Open Meetings, Subscription Services, Rule Transfers and Agency Name Changes, Liaison General Info, Liaison Login, and Other Resources. The background features a large image of the Texas State Capitol dome. A URL is visible at the bottom left: https://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml.

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Welcome to the Texas Administrative Code

The Secretary of State does not interpret or enforce the *Texas Administrative Code*. If you need interpretation of a current rule, please contact the agency that promulgated the rule.

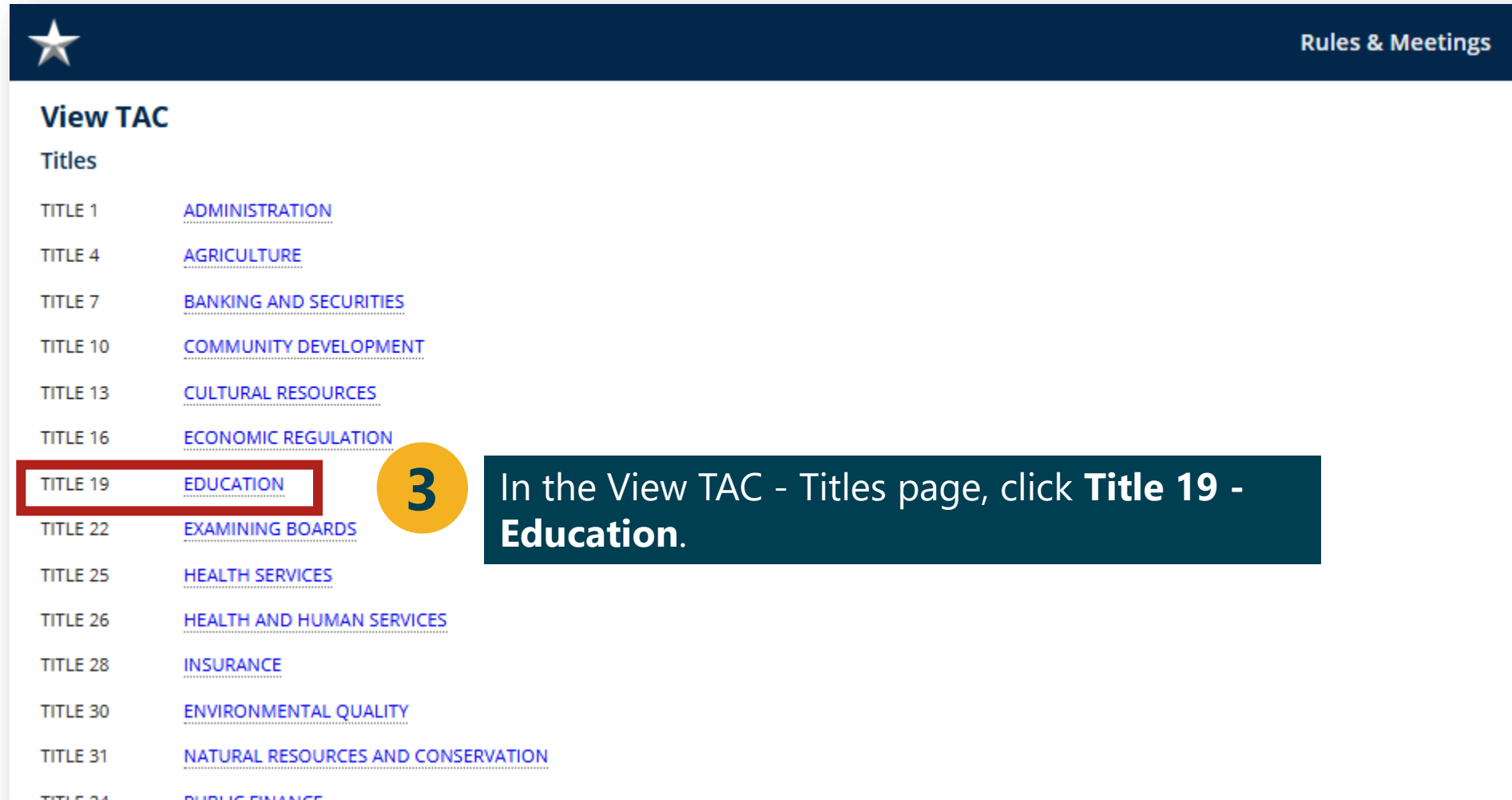
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Click the **View the current Texas Administrative Code** link in **Quick Links** section of the TAC welcome page.

Quick Links

- [View the current *Texas Administrative Code*](#)
- [Search the *Texas Administrative Code*](#) (includes information in effect on January 1, 1999 - current).
- [UNT University of North Texas Libraries *Texas Register* Back Issue Archive](#)

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Titles	Category
TITLE 1	ADMINISTRATION
TITLE 4	AGRICULTURE
TITLE 7	BANKING AND SECURITIES
TITLE 10	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TITLE 13	CULTURAL RESOURCES
TITLE 16	ECONOMIC REGULATION
TITLE 19	EDUCATION
TITLE 22	EXAMINING BOARDS
TITLE 25	HEALTH SERVICES
TITLE 26	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
TITLE 28	INSURANCE
TITLE 30	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
TITLE 31	NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
TITLE 34	PUBLIC FINANCE

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[TITLE 19](#) EDUCATION

Parts

PART 1	TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
PART 2	TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY
PART 6	FOUNDATION SCHOOL FUND BUDGET COMMITTEE
PART 7	STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
PART 8	WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
PART 9	TEXAS INNOVATIVE ADULT CAREER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

4 In the View TAC - Parts page, click **Part 1 - Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.**

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CHAPTER 7	DEGREE GRANTING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OTHER THAN PUBLIC
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CHAPTER 9	PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT IN PUBLIC TWO-YEAR COLLEGES
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CHAPTER 17	RESOURCE PLANNING
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CHAPTER 23	EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS
CHAPTER 25	OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM
CHAPTER 26	PROGRAMS OF STUDY

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Chapter 13 – Financial Planning
Contains rules on tuition and fees and the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer Program.

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CHAPTER 22	STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS	Chapter 22 – Student Financial Aid Programs Contains rules on grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study.
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Subchapters

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SUBCHAPTER B [TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM](#)

SUBCHAPTER C [HINSON-HAZLEWOOD COLLEGE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM](#)

SUBCHAPTER D [TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL GRANT AND EMERGENCY TUITION, FEES, AND TEXTBOOK LOAN PROGRAMS](#)

SUBCHAPTER E [HINSON-HAZLEWOOD COLLEGE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM: ALL LOANS MADE BEFORE FALL SEMESTER, 1971, NOT SUBJECT TO THE FEDERALLY INSURED STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM](#)

SUBCHAPTER F [MATCHING SCHOLARSHIPS TO RETAIN STUDENTS IN TEXAS](#)

SUBCHAPTER G [TEXAS COLLEGE WORK-STUDY PROGRAM](#)

SUBCHAPTER I [TEXAS ARMED SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#)

SUBCHAPTER J [FUTURE OCCUPATIONS & RESKILLING WORKFORCE ADVANCEMENT TO REACH DEMAND \(FORWARD\) LOAN PROGRAM](#)

SUBCHAPTER K [TEXAS TRANSFER GRANT PROGRAM](#)

SUBCHAPTER L [TOWARD EXCELLENCE, ACCESS, AND SUCCESS \(TEXAS\) GRANT PROGRAM](#)

SUBCHAPTER M [TEXAS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM](#)

6 Click on the applicable subchapter.
Subchapter A – General Provisions contains rules and definitions that apply throughout the chapter, and the remaining subchapters contain rules for specific programs.

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§22.24 [Eligible Students](#)

§22.25 [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#)

§22.26 [Discontinuation of Eligibility or Non-Eligibility](#)

§22.27 [Hardship Provisions](#)

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§22.30 [Disbursement of Funds](#)

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Rule Navigation

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Subchapter B TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM
Rule §22.24 Eligible Students

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Chapter Review Date 01/31/2020

(a) To receive a grant through the TEG Program, a student must:

- (1) be enrolled at least three-quarter-time;
- (2) show financial need, as defined by §22.1 of this chapter (relating to Definitions);
- (3) maintain satisfactory academic progress in his or her program of study as determined by the institution at which the person is enrolled and as required by §22.25 of this subchapter (relating to Satisfactory Academic Progress);
- (4) be a resident of Texas, as defined in §22.1 of this chapter;
- (5) be enrolled in a participating institution in an individual degree plan leading to the student's first associate degree, first baccalaureate degree, first master's degree, first professional degree, or first doctoral degree;
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(5) The Commissioner may grant temporary approval to participate in the TEG program to an institution described under paragraph (4) of this subsection for a period of two years. The Commissioner may renew that approval for a given institution twice, each for a period of two additional years.

(6) A private or independent institution of higher education that previously qualified under paragraph (1) of this subsection but no longer holds the same accreditation as public institutions of higher education is eligible to participate in the TEG Program if it is:

- (A) accredited by an accreditor recognized by the Board in accordance with §7.6 of this title (relating to Recognition of Accrediting Agencies);
- (B) a work college, as that term is defined by 20 U.S.C. Section 1087-58; and
- (C) participating in the federal financial aid program under 20 U.S.C. §1070(a).

(b) Participation Requirements.

(1) Agreement. Each eligible institution must enter into an agreement with the Coordinating Board, prior to participating in the program, the terms of which shall be prescribed by the Commissioner.

(2) Intent to Participate. An eligible institution must submit an intent to participate for qualified students enrolled in the program in each odd-numbered year in order to be eligible to participate in the program. The intent to participate must be submitted by the institution's data submissions, as required in §22.29 of this subchapter.

Each rule has a **source note section** at the bottom of the page. Source notes provide a record of rulemaking history.

(c) Responsibilities. Participating institutions shall be responsible for the following provisions.

Source Note: The provisions of this §22.23 adopted to be effective November 29, 2010, 35 TexReg 10503; amended to be effective November 20, 2013, 38 TexReg 8199; amended to be effective March 4, 2015, 40 TexReg 925; amended to be effective May 22, 2017, 42 TexReg 2721; amended to be effective August 30, 2017, 42 TexReg 4302; amended to be effective December 5, 2019, 44 TexReg 7381; amended to be effective May 18, 2023, 48 TexReg 2500; amended to be effective May 15, 2025, 50 TexReg 2789.

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(5) The Commissioner may grant temporary approval to participate in the TEG program to an institution described under paragraph (4) of this subsection for a period of 90 days. The Commissioner may grant temporary approval to an institution described under paragraph (4) of this subsection for a period of 90 days.

(6) A. Each **source note** shows when a rule was adopted or amended, the date the rule became effective, and where the rule was published in the Texas Register (including the volume and page number).

(A) a work college, as that term is defined by 20 U.S.C. Section 1087-58; and

amended to be effective May 15, 2025, 50 TexReg 2789.

(b)

(1) Agreement. Each eligible institution must enter into an agreement with the Coordinating Board, prior to participating in the program, the terms of which shall be prescribed by the Commissioner.

(2) Intent to Participate. An eligible institution interested in participating in the Program must indicate this intent by June 1 of each odd-numbered year in order for qualified students enrolled in that institution to be eligible to receive grants in the following fiscal biennium. An eligible institution's data submissions, as required in §22.29 of this subchapter (relating to Allocation of Funds), must occur on or before the institution's indication of its intent to participate.

(c) Responsibilities. Participating institutions are required to abide by the General Provisions outlined in subchapter A of this chapter (relating to General Provisions).

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Historical Listing

The **Historical** tab shows past versions of rules that were previously in effect.

Effective Through
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Texas Register Entry

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05/09/2025	Adopted
02/07/2025	Proposed
05/12/2023	Adopted
01/27/2023	Proposed
11/29/2019	Adopted
07/26/2019	Proposed
11/24/2017	Adopted
08/11/2017	Proposed
08/11/2017	Emergency

The **Texas Register** tab contains an archive of rules that have been submitted to the Texas Register. Not all rules submitted to the Texas Register are adopted.

Rule Navigation: Adopted Rules



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11/29/2019	
07/26/2019	
11/24/2017	Adopted
08/11/2017	Proposed
08/11/2017	Emergency

An **adopted rule** is a rule that has completed the proposal and comment process and has been approved and finalized.

(a) To receive a grant through the TEG Program, a student must:

- (1) be enrolled at least three-quarter-time;
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 - (3) maintain satisfactory academic progress in his or her program of study as determined by the institution at which the person is enrolled and as required by §22.25 of this subchapter (relating to Satisfactory Academic Progress);
 - (4) be a resident of Texas, as defined in §22.1 of this chapter;
 - (5) be enrolled in a participating institution in an individual degree plan leading to the student's first associate degree, first baccalaureate degree, first master's degree, first professional degree, or first doctoral degree;
 - (6) be required to pay more tuition than is required at a comparable public college or university and be charged no less than the tuition required of all similarly situated students at the institution;
 - (7) not concurrently receive any form of athletic scholarship; and
- (8) ... (relating to Student Compliance with Selective Service Registration).

... student must:

... cent of the Federal Pell Grant eligibility cap for the academic year in which the grant is offered.

... tion and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Effective date: May 15, 2025

Proposal publication date: February 7, 2025

For further information, please call: (512) 427-6365

Rule Navigation: Emergency Rules

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Texas Register Entry

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05/09/2025	Adopted
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05/12/2023	Adopted
01/27/2023	
11/29/2019	
07/26/2019	
11/24/2017	Adopted
08/11/2017	Proposed
08/11/2017	Emergency

(a) Eligible Students. To receive an award through the TEG Program, a 2006 Revised TEG Program student must:

(1) - (3) (No change.)

(4) be a resident of Texas as determined based on data collected using the Residency Core Questions and in keeping with Chapter 21, Subchapter B of this title (relating to Determination of Resident Status)[~~unless such student is a National Merit scholarship finalist and has received a scholarship in the amount required to be eligible to pay Texas resident tuition under the Texas Education Code §54.213(a)~~];

(5) - (9) (No change.)

(b) - (e) (No change.)

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the emergency adoption and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

July 28, 2017

General Counsel

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Effective date: 7/28/2017

Expiration date: 11/24/2017

For further information, please call: (512) 427-6104

An emergency rule is a rule that is put in place immediately without the public comment period due to an urgent need.

Rule Navigation

The screenshot displays the Texas Register website interface. On the left, a navigation bar includes 'TAC RULE', 'HISTORICAL', 'TEXAS REGISTER' (highlighted with a red box), and 'VIEW PDF'. Below this is the 'Texas Register Entry' section, which contains a table of entries. The entry for '05/09/2025' with the type 'Adopted' is highlighted with a red box. On the right, a detailed view of the rule is shown, including its title, part, chapter, subchapter, and rule number. The 'Issue Date' is '05/09/2025' and the 'Type' is 'Adopted'. The 'Preamble' section contains a 'View Preamble' link, which is also highlighted with a red box. A dark blue callout box with white text is overlaid on the right side of the screenshot, providing instructions on how to access the preamble for a drafted rule.

Issue	Type
05/09/2025	Adopted
02/07/2025	Proposed
05/12/2023	Adopted
01/27/2023	Proposed
11/29/2019	Adopted
07/26/2019	Proposed
11/24/2017	Adopted
08/11/2017	Proposed
08/11/2017	Emergency

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TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE: As in effect on 6/5/2025.

TITLE 19. EDUCATION

PART 1. TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

CHAPTER 22. STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

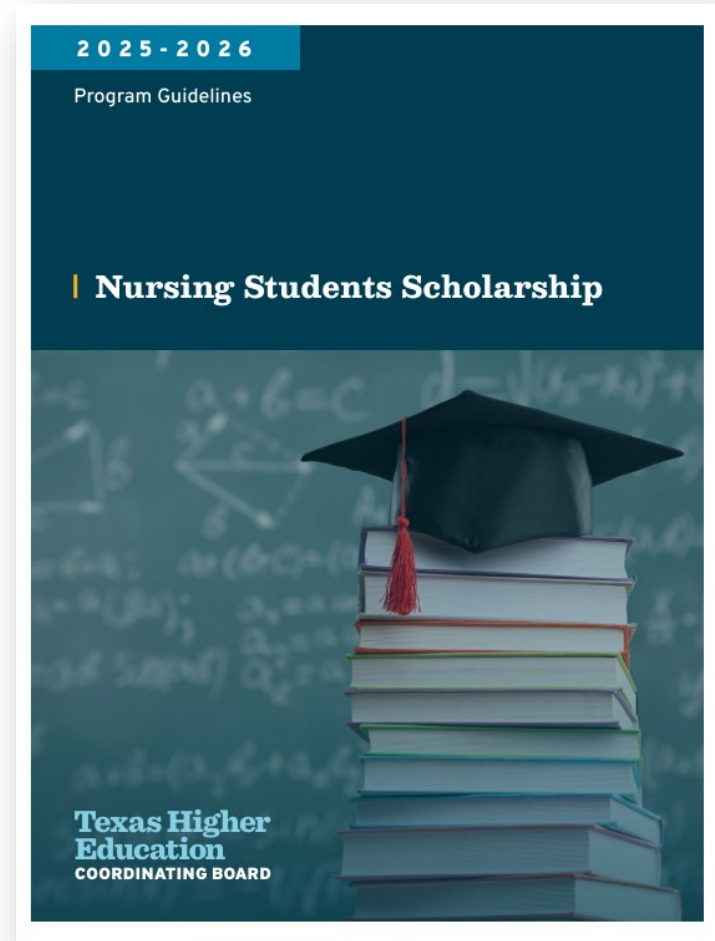
SUBCHAPTER B. TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

§22.24. Eligible Students.

Program-Specific Updates

New Nursing Students Scholarship Program Guidelines

Nursing Students Scholarship Program guidelines were created to provide comprehensive information to support program administration and ensure clarity in eligibility, application, and disbursement processes.



State Grant Updates

- **Updated** the priority Student Aid Index (SAI) for TEOG and TEXAS Grant to **\$6,514**.
- **Updated** program award amounts.

TEXAS Grant		2025-26 Grant Maximums		
Students may be issued a total of three grants (fall, spring, and summer) in an academic year.				
Institution Type	Semester Max	Year Max (fall, spring, and summer)	Target Semester Max	Target Year Max (fall, spring, and summer)
Public Universities, HRIs	\$5,429	\$16,287	\$2,500	\$7,500

TEOG			2025-26 Grant Maximums	
Students may be issued a total of three grants (fall, spring, and summer) in an academic year.				
Institution Type	Year Max	Semester Max (fall, spring, and summer)		
Public State Colleges	\$5,499	\$1,833		
Public Technical Institutes	\$13,479	\$4,493		
Public Community Colleges	\$6,402	\$2,134		

TEG			2025-26 Grant Maximums	
Total grants for fall, spring, and summer terms cannot exceed the annual maximum.				
Institution Type	Year Max	Exceptional Need Amount Per Year		
Private/Independent Institutions	\$4,270	\$6,405		

Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) and Texas College Work-Study (TCWS) Updates

Program rules found in TAC were amended on April 24, 2025, to remove references to theological seminaries and religious degree programs. These amendments became effective and were published online on May 15, 2025.

TEG – Removed the restriction on participation in the program by theological seminaries and students enrolled in degree plans intended to lead to religious ministry.

TCWS – Removed the restriction on students enrolled in degree plans intended to lead to religious ministry.

CAL and FORWARD Loan Updates

CAL and FORWARD Loan guidelines were updated to clarify the certification process and manageable debt calculation.

Certifying Loan Applications

Institutions can certify eligible loans using the [HelmNet portal](#) throughout the academic year on an as-needed basis. The certification of the loan cannot exceed the student's requested amount. Funds will not be disbursed until the Loan Acceptance Disclosure is signed by the borrower (and cosigner, when applicable). The elements that an institution needs to verify when certifying loan applications are the:

- **Program of study:** program category and subcategory (classification of instructional programs (CIP) code)
- **Enrollment information:** grade level, enrollment status, academic loan period, and anticipated graduation date
- **Financial aid information:** cost of attendance, estimated financial aid, and certified loan amount
- **Disbursal information:** number of disbursals, disbursal date(s), and disbursal amount(s)

Note: The CommonLine loan process is not available for 2025-26.

Manageable Debt Calculation

The THECB will calculate the final loan amount based on a student's "manageable debt" for the borrower's program of study ([see amounts](#)). Manageable debt is defined as a debt-to-income ratio below 10%, meaning a student's total monthly loan payments should be less than 10% of their projected earnings five years after the student's program completion. Based on the calculation, the loan may be approved, reduced, or canceled by the THECB after being certified by an institution ([see TAC Section 22.49\(c\)](#) for more information on loan limits). Any modifications to the loan resulting from the manageable debt calculation will be communicated via email to directors and the shared institution mailbox. To update an institution's director or shared email, submit a [User Access Form](#).

Below is an example of the manageable debt components used to calculate a student's manageable debt:

Cost of Attendance	\$80,000		
Less: Other Estimated Financial Aid	\$30,000		
Unmet Cost	\$50,000		
Debt 1	\$1,000	Debt 4	\$2,000
Debt 2	\$2,000	Debt 5	\$1,000
Debt 3	\$1,000	Debt 6	\$1,000
Educational Loan Debt	\$8,000		
Maximum Manageable Debt	\$79,067		
Less: Educational Loan Debt	\$8,000		
Allowable Manageable Debt	\$71,067		

✓ Unmet Cost must be equal to or less than the requested amount/certified amount
 $COA - EFA = \text{Unmet Cost}$

✓ Educational Loan Debt is all open educational loans from the credit report

✓ Maximum Manageable Debt is determined by the program of study
 $\text{Maximum Manageable Debt} - \text{Educational Loan Debt} = \text{Allowable Manageable Debt}$

✓ Allowable Manageable Debt is the borrower's aggregate limit used to determine loan approval

Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) Updates

FAST guidelines were updated to include clarification on annual financial reporting.

New Reporting

The THECB sets the reporting requirements for Texas public community colleges' annual financial reports. FAST funds should be reported in the Annual Financial Report as non-operating revenue and not as a grant that would be reported on the Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards. For additional guidance, visit the [Financial Documents webpage](#) and review the [FY 2024 Annual Financial Report Manual Publication Memo](#).

For the remaining public institutions of higher education, the Texas Comptroller sets the annual financial report requirements. More information can be found on their [Annual Financial Reports webpage](#).

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP)

The Coordinating Board made a substantive revision to the guidelines by adding “Discontinuation of Eligibility” to reflect rules adopted at its January 24, 2025, board meeting under TAC Section 22.169, which was effective May 15, 2025.

Important: During the 89th legislative session the statute was amended. As a result, TAC and guidelines will be updated to reflect the new legislation.

New Discontinuation of Eligibility

A student's eligibility is limited to the six years after the date the student first enrolls in an eligible institution.

A student may not receive a scholarship after having earned a baccalaureate degree or a cumulative total of 150 credit hours, including transferred hours, as verified by the student's eligible institution.

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Texas Armed Services Scholarship Legislative Update

The 89th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 300, amending Section 61.9775 of the Texas Education Code to eliminate the restriction that disqualified a TASSP recipient after completing 150 credit hours or earning a baccalaureate degree. The amendment also introduced a new restriction, limiting eligibility to a maximum of four academic years.

Sec. 61.9775. LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIP. [~~(a)~~] A person may not receive a scholarship under this subchapter for more than four academic years [~~after earning a cumulative total of 150 credit hours or after being awarded a baccalaureate degree, whichever occurs first~~].

Deadlines, Reminders, and Notifications

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Deadlines

- Request 2024-25 Authority to Transfer Funds - 7/1
- Validate 2024-25 FAD Cycle 2 - 7/16
- Submit a 2023-24 Net Price Calculator file - 7/18
- Last day to request state program funds (excluding loans) - 8/1

Reminders

- The Coordinating Board is closed in observance of Independence Day - 7/4 and 7/7

Recent and Upcoming Notifications

- MOVEit Website Address change
- Program Allocation Updates
- 2024-25 Revised Financial Aid Database Report Manual
- 2025-26 Educational Aide Exemption Application
- 2025-26 and 2026-27 Program Participation Agreement
- 2024-25 TEG Engagement Guide

Stay Connected

Contact Student Financial Aid Programs

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

Borrower Services

- Student borrowers (cosigners): **800-242-3062**

Texas Financial Aid Information Center

- Public line: **800-311-8881**

Contact Financial Aid Services in one of the following ways:

FAS Institutional Phone Line

- Institutions only: **844-792-2640**

Submit inquiries online through [Contact Us](#).



**Phone Lines
Hours of Operation:**
Mon-Fri
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
**(Closed 12-1 p.m.
daily)**

Submit an Inquiry

To ensure inquiries are routed correctly, complete these steps:

- Select **"Institution"** in the Received From box and select the applicable institution in the Institution box.
- Select **"Email"** as the preferred method of contact.
- Always select **"Financial Aid Question"** as the Subject.
- Provide the best **direct phone number** in your inquiry.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Contact Person" with several sections and fields:

- Received From (Required):** A dropdown menu with "INSTITUTION" selected.
- Institution:** A dropdown menu with "Select an Institution" selected.
- Your Name (Required):** Three input fields for "Prefix", "First", and "Last".
- Contact Information:**
 - Your Email Address (Required):** Two input fields for "Email Address" and "Confirm Email Address".
 - Preferred Method of Contact (Required):** A dropdown menu with "Select a contact method" selected.
- Contact Reason:**
 - Is this a complaint?** Radio buttons for "Yes" and "No" (selected).
 - Subject (Required):** A dropdown menu with "Select a subject" selected.
 - Comment or Question (Required):** A large text area for the inquiry.

At the bottom of the form, there is a "Submit" button and a character count: "0 of 4000 max characters".

Thank you!

We appreciate your feedback.
Please take a moment to
complete our survey.

