

Toward Excellence, Access, & Success (TEXAS) Grant Program

TEXAS GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the program is to provide a grant of money to enable well-prepared eligible students to attend public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education in Texas. The priority in making awards is to provide continued funding to recipients already enrolled in the program who are in college and are making progress towards their degrees. Institutions can set application deadlines for renewal students as early as October 1. Any student renewing his/her grant should complete the FAFSA and any other paperwork required by the college as early as possible. Because funding for awards to new students is limited, many students who meet the eligibility requirements will not be able to receive awards in 2006-2007.

Who can compete for an award?

A student who meets one of the following two eligibility categories:

- is a Texas resident;
- is an entering undergraduate (a student who is enrolled in the first 30 semester credit hours or their equivalent, excluding hours taken during concurrent enrollment in high school and courses for which the student received credit through examination);
- has financial need and an expected family contribution (EFC) of no more than \$4,000;
- has applied for any available financial aid or assistance;
- has not been previously granted a baccalaureate degree;
- enrolls at least full-time (12 credit hours or more) in an undergraduate degree or certificate program at a Texas public college or university (after September 1, 2005, this program will only be available to new students if they enroll at a Texas public college or university);
- has not been convicted of a felony or a crime involving a controlled substance*;
- completed the recommended or distinguished achievement high school curriculum or its equivalent; and
- enrolls in an eligible Texas college or university within 16 months of high school graduation.

Please note that funding in this program is limited. Though you may meet eligibility requirements, your financial aid package may not include this grant if funds are not available at your college.

*An individual convicted of a crime involving a controlled substance can compete for an award in this program two years after he/she has fulfilled his/her obligation to society.

How much can a student receive through the program?

The award amount depends on the tuition and fees to be paid by the student. In general, it is an amount equal to the student's tuition and required fees at public institutions. (For 2006-2007, the award is approximately: 2,375 per semester for public university students; \$735 per semester for community college students; and \$1,325 per semester for technical college students, based on enrollment of 12 credit hours per semester.)

After September 1, 2005, this program will only be available to new students if they enroll at a Texas public college or university.

Is this a one-time award?

No. This award is renewable. The student should contact their financial aid advisor for more information regarding the academic requirements as well as other special criteria needed for receiving a continuation award through the TEXAS Grant Program.

Students awarded an initial TEXAS Grant September 1, 2005 or later will: (i) be eligible to receive TEXAS Grants awards for up to 5 years if enrolled in a degree program of 4 years or less; for up to 6 years if enrolled in a degree program of more than 4 years; (ii) have new Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements for continuation awards: (1) complete the first year meeting the school's SAP requirement; thereafter, and (2) complete at least 24 hours per year and maintain at least a 2.5 overall GPA.



El Centro College

DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

2006-2007 Texas Grant Form

The Texas Grant program is a need-base grant for eligible Texas residents, who attend a college or a university in Texas. Please complete and return form to Financial Aid Office before **September 22, 2006**. **Do Not leave any fields blank.**

_____ E-mail _____
ECC ID#

_____ M.I. _____
Last Name First Name

_____ Zip _____
Permanent Address City State

_____ **In what Texas County is your permanent home address located** (Dallas, Tarrant, etc)?

Did you graduate from a Texas high school in 2003 or later under the recommended high school curriculum?

Yes ___ No ___ **(If "YES," please submit high school transcript)**

Are you considered a dependent or independent student based on the results from the Federal government? Please check one: ___dependent ___independent

Have you lived and worked in the state of Texas for 12-months preceding your enrollment in any college or university? Yes ___ No ___

Have your parents lived in the state of Texas for the 12 consecutive months prior to the beginning of the term for which you are applying for aid? Yes ___ No ___

Are you a **non-USA** citizen who has lived in Texas for 3 years prior to receiving a Texas high school diploma or a GED? Yes ___ No ___

Are your parents:
-on active military duty **Yes ___ No ___
-missionaries out of the country or **Yes ___ No ___
-employed by state/country temporarily **Yes ___ No ___

**** If you checked "YES" above, please, attach a letter from your parent's commanding officer or employer stating the following: ("you" and "your" refer to your parents)**

If you are eligible for the TX Grant program and funding is available, by your signature below you authorize the electronic transfer of funds to your student account at El Centro Community College.

Student Signature Required _____ Date _____

Office Use Only:	
(TX RES) Yes ___ No ___	(County Code) _____
(Eligible amount) _____	(Counselor) _____