

# Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board- Tuition Assistance Opportunities

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Description	Eligibility	Exempted Charges*
<p>**Accredited School Scholarship (permissive)</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.301 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.301">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.301</a>) (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54301">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54301</a>))</p>	Highest ranking graduate of an accredited Texas high school	Tuition during first two semesters (long session) following graduation
<p>Adopted Children formerly in foster or other Residential Care</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.367 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.367">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.367</a>) (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54367">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54367</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For individuals who were adopted; and</li> <li>Were subject of an adoption assistance agreement under Texas Family Code Subchapter D, Chapter 162 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/FA/htm/FA.162.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/FA/htm/FA.162.htm</a>), that provided monthly payments and medical assistance benefits and was not limited to providing only for the reimbursement of nonrecurring expenses</li> </ul>	Tuition and Fees
<p>Blind and Deaf Students</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.364 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.364">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.364</a>) (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54364">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54364</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A blind disabled person, or a person whose sense of hearing is nonfunctional</li> <li>Must be a Texas resident</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuition</li> <li>Required Fees</li> <li>General Property Deposit</li> </ul>
<p>Children of Disabled/Deceased Texas Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.351 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.351">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.351</a>) (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54351">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54351</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For children under 21 years of age (or 22 if the student was eligible to participate in special education under Texas Education Code, § 29.003 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.29.htm#29.003">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.29.htm#29.003</a>) (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.29.htm#29003">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.29.htm#29003</a>))) of disabled full-paid or volunteer firefighters, full-paid municipal, county, state peace officers, custodians of the Department of Criminal Justice, or game wardens</li> <li>Disability/death occurred in the line of duty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuition</li> <li>Required Fees not to exceed 120 undergraduate credit hours or any semester begun after age 26</li> </ul>
<p>Children of Prisoners of War or Persons Missing in Action</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.343 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.343">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.343</a>) (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54343">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54343</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A person under the age of 21 or a dependent person under 25 years of age who receives majority of support from parent</li> <li>Parent is a resident of Texas on active duty military and classified by Department of Defense as a Prisoner of War or Missing in Action at time of the student's registration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuition</li> <li>Required Fees</li> </ul>

<p>Children of Professional Nursing Program Faculty</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.355 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.355">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.355</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54355">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54355</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For children whose parent is a faculty member or teaching assistant in a nursing program in Texas</li> <li>• Age is 25 years or younger</li> <li>• Texas resident</li> <li>• Has not previously received a baccalaureate degree</li> <li>• Has not previously received an exemption under this section for 10 semesters or summer sessions</li> <li>• Exemption applies only at institution that employs the parent/faculty member</li> </ul>	<p>Tuition (prorated if parent is not full-time)</p>
<p>Children and Spouse of Texas Veterans</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.341 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.341">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.341</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54341">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54341</a>))</p>	<p>MIA, whose death is documented to be directly caused by illness or injury related to service in the U.S. armed forces, or who become totally disabled for purposes of employability according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' disability rating as a result of a service-related injury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For children or the spouse of members of the Texas National Guard who after January 1, 1946, were killed while on active duty or became totally disabled for purposes of employability according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' disability rating as a result of a service-related injury</li> <li>• Texas resident who resided in the state at least 12 months immediately preceding date of registration</li> <li>• A child is a person who is 25 or younger on the first day of the semester for which the exemption is claimed.</li> </ul>	<p>Tuition Fees (excluding general deposit fees, student services fees, and any charges for lodging, board, or clothing)</p> <p><b>NOT TO EXCEED 150 CREDIT HOURS</b></p>
<p>**Concurrent Enrollment–High School/University Credit (permissive)</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.216 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.216">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.216</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54216">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54216</a>))</p>	<p>Individuals enrolled in a course that provides simultaneously course credit towards (1) high school academic requirements; and (2) a degree offered by the institution</p>	<p>All or part of tuition and fees</p>
<p>**Disabled Peace Officers permissive)</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.352 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.352">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.352</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54352">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54352</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas resident who has resided in Texas for 12 months immediately preceding registration</li> <li>• Permanently disabled as a result of injury sustained in performance of duties as Texas peace officer</li> <li>• Unable to continue duties as peace officer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition</li> <li>• Fees excluding class and laboratory fees</li> </ul> <p><b>NOT TO EXCEED 12 SEMESTERS IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM</b></p>
<p>**Distance/Off-Campus Learning (permissive)</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.218 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.218">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.218</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54218">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54218</a>))</p>	<p>Student enrolled only in distance learning courses or other off-campus courses</p>	<p>Fees for activities, services or facilities that the student cannot reasonably be expected to use</p>

<p>Economic Hardship</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.262 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.262">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.262</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54262">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54262</a>))</p>	<p>When payment of fee causes undue economic hardship; number of exceptions limited to five percent (5%) of total enrollment</p>	<p>General Fee</p>
<p>Educational Aides (permissive)</p> <p>Texas Education Code § 54.363 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.363">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.363</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54363">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54363</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School employee who worked as an educational aide for at least one year during the five (5) years preceding the semester of the exemption</li> <li>• Establish financial need</li> <li>• Pursuing teacher certification (individuals receiving this exemption for the first time beginning fall 2012 must be pursuing teacher certification in at least one subject area determined by the TEA to be experiencing a critical shortage of teachers)</li> <li>• Maintain acceptable GPA</li> <li>• Resident of Texas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition</li> <li>• Fees, excluding class and laboratory fees</li> </ul> <p>*Due to Legislative funding cuts, this exemption is not available for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years. Institutions wishing to provide this exemption may do so through the use of local funds.</p>
<p>Firefighters enrolled in Fire Science Courses</p> <p>Texas Education Code § 54.3631 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.3631">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.3631</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#543631">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#543631</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are employed by a political subdivision of Texas as a firefighter; or are currently and have been for at least one year, an active member of an organized volunteer fire department in Texas, as defined by the fire fighters' pension commissioner, who holds appropriate levels of certification as specified in the statute; and</li> <li>• are enrolled in course offered as a part of fire science curriculum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laboratory Fees</li> </ul>
<p>Students Under Conservatorship of Department of Family and Protective Services</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.366 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.366">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.366</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54366">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54366</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For individuals under the conservatorship of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services on the day preceding the individual's 18th birthday, on or after the day of the student's 14th birthday if the student was eligible for adoption on or after that day, or on the day the student received a high school diploma or equivalent, or during an academic term in which the student was enrolled in a dual credit course</li> <li>• Enrolls in an institution of higher education (including a dual credit course) no later than his or her 25th birthday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition</li> <li>• Required Fees</li> </ul>
<p>**Fully Funded Courses (permissive)</p> <p>Texas Education Code § 54.217 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.217">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.217</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54217">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54217</a>))</p>	<p>Individuals enrolled in courses that are fully funded by federal or other sources</p>	<p>Tuition and Fees for particular course</p>
<p>**Good Neighbor Scholarship (permissive)</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.331 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.331">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.331</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54331">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54331</a>))</p>	<p>A limited number (as prescribed by the Coordinating Board) of native-born citizens and residents from nations of the Western Hemisphere other than the United States</p>	<p>Tuition</p>

<p>Interinstitutional Academic Programs (Permissive)</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.368 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.368">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.368</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54368">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54368</a>))</p>	<p>Individuals taking a course at an institution under an interinstitutional academic program agreement, but who is enrolled primarily at another institution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition</li> <li>• Required Fees</li> </ul>
<p>Members of State Military Forces</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.345 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.345">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.345</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54345">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54345</a>))</p>	<p>Individual certified by the adjunct general of the state military forces as having been awarded assistance for tuition and fees under Texas Government Code § 431.090</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition not to exceed 12 semester credit hours charged at the Texas resident rate</li> <li>• Mandatory Fees for any semester in which the tuition exemption is received</li> </ul>
<p>Nursing Preceptors and their Children</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.356 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.356">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.356</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54356">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54356</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas resident</li> <li>• Registered nurse</li> <li>• Serving under contract as a clinical preceptor OR</li> <li>• A child 25 years or younger whose parent meets the criteria above, has not previously received a baccalaureate degree, and has not previously received an exemption under this section for 10 semesters or summer sessions</li> </ul>	<p>\$500 off tuition per semester</p>
<p>Prisoners of War</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.342 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.219">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.219</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54219">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54219</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a resident of Texas and was a resident of Texas at the time of original entry into the U.S. armed forces</li> <li>• Was first classified as a POW on or after January 1, 1999</li> <li>• Is enrolled for at least 12 semester credit hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition and Required Fees</li> <li>• Student Housing and Food Contract Costs</li> <li>• Textbook Costs</li> </ul> <p><b>NOT TO EXCEED 120 HOURS</b></p>
<p>**Senior citizen (permissive)</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.365 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.365">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.365</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54365">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54365</a>))</p>	<p>Individuals 65 years of age or older on space-available basis</p>	<p>Tuition</p> <p><b>NOT TO EXCEED 6 CREDIT HOURS PER SEMESTER</b></p> <p>Tuition</p>
<p>Surviving Spouse and Minor Children of Certain Police, Security or Emergency Personnel Killed in the Line of Public Duty</p> <p>Texas Education Code, § 54.354 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.354">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.354</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54354">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54354</a>))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the surviving spouse or children of certain public peace officers, probation officers, parole officers, jailers, police reservists, fire fighters, and emergency medical personnel, Texas Gov#t Code § 615.003 (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.615.htm#615.003">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.615.htm#615.003</a> (<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.615.htm#615003">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.615.htm#615003</a>))</li> <li>• Death occurred in the line of duty as a result of a risk inherent in the duty</li> <li>• Must be enrolled full-time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition and Fees</li> <li>• Student Housing and Food Contract Cost</li> <li>• Textbook Costs</li> </ul> <p><b>NOT TO EXCEED BACHELOR#S DEGREE OR 200 HOURS</b></p>

TANF Students (Permissive)

Texas Education Code § 54.212 (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.212> (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54212>))

- For students who during the student's last year of public high school in this state, was a dependent child receiving financial assistance under Chapter 31, Texas Human Resources Code (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HR/htm/HR.31.htm>), for not less than six months
- Successfully completed the attendance requirements under Texas Education Code § 25.085 (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.25.htm#25.085> (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.25.htm#25085>))
- Younger than 22 years of age on the date of enrollment
- Enrolls at the institution as an undergraduate student not later than the second anniversary of the date of graduation from a public high school in this state
- Has met the entrance examination requirements of the institution before the date of enrollment
- Must be a Texas resident

- Tuition
- Fees

**NOT TO EXCEED FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR**

\*Due to Legislative funding cuts, this exemption is not available for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years. Institutions wishing to provide this exemption may do so through the use of local funds.

Texas Ex-Servicemen

Texas Education Code, § 54.341 (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.341> (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54341>))

- Declared Texas as the person's home of record or would have been a resident of Texas under Subchapter B at the time of entry
- Served in U.S. armed forces in World War II, Korean Conflict, the Cold War, Vietnam, renaida era, Lebanon, Panama, Persian Gulf, and/or the national emergency related to 9/11/2001
- Honorably discharged
- Not eligible for federal education benefits

- Tuition
- Fees (excluding general deposit fees, student services fees, and any charges for lodging, board, or clothing)
- Other required charges

**NOT TO EXCEED 150 CREDIT HOURS**

(assignment of unused hours to children under 25 years of age may be authorized by the veteran or following the death of an eligible veteran)

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Required Fees are those required as a condition of enrollment. They do not include room, board, books, transportation, lab fees, or other course specific fees or optional fees.

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Must have Regental approval.

A person may continue to receive the exemption or waiver for a subsequent semester or term only if the person: (1) as a graduate or undergraduate student, maintains a grade point average that satisfies the requirement for making satisfactory academic progress towards a degree or certificate in accordance with policy regarding eligibility for financial aid. A student must maintain at least a 2.00 GPA if pursuing an undergraduate degree, and a 3.00 GPA if pursuing an undergraduate degree, and a 3.00 GPA if pursuing a graduate degree. For more information, please visit the Financial Aid section of this catalog.