Program Purpose

The Texas Legislature established the TEXAS (Towards Excellence, Access and Success) Grant to make sure that well-prepared high school graduates with financial need could go to college.

Who can apply? Students who... (for an initial award)

- Are Texas residents
- Have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance
- Show financial need
- Have an EFC less than or equal to 4000
- Register for the Selective Service or are exempt from this requirement

AND

- Be a graduate of an accredited high school in Texas not earlier than the 1998-99 school year;
- Complete the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program in high school;
- Enroll in a non-profit public college or university in Texas within 16 months of graduation from a public or accredited private high school in Texas;
- Enrolled at least ¾-time in an undergraduate degree or certificate program at an approved institution within 16-months from high school graduation; and
- Have accumulated no more than 30 semester credit hours, excluding those earned for dual or concurrent courses or awarded for credit by examination (AP, IB or CLEP).

OR

Have earned an associate degree from a public technical, state or community college in Texas and Enroll in any public university in Texas no more than 12 months after receiving their associate's degree.

Students entering the program from high school who continue in college and who meet program academic standards can receive awards for up to 150 semester credit hours, until they receive a bachelor's degree, or for five years if enrolled in a 4-year degree plan or six years if enrolled in a 5-year degree plan, whichever comes first.

Students entering the program based on acquisition of an associate's degree who continue in college and who meet program academic standards can receive awards for up to 90 semester credit hours, until they receive a bachelor's degree, or for three years if enrolled in a 4-year degree plan or four years if enrolled in a 5-year degree plan, whichever comes first.

Students entering the program based on acquisition of an associate's degree who continue in college and who meet program academic standards can receive awards for up to 90 semester credit hours, until they receive a bachelor's degree, or for three years if enrolled in a 4-year degree plan or four years if enrolled in a 5-year degree plan, whichever comes first.
The academic requirements for continuing in the program are:

At the end of the first year, a student entering the program must be meeting the school's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements.

At the end of the second year in the program or later years, all students must complete at least 75% of the hours attempted in the prior academic year, have an overall college grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and complete at least 24 semester credit hours per year.

Where awards may be used?

A TEXAS Grant may be used to attend any public institution of higher education in Texas.

How much can be awarded?

The award amount (including state and institutional funds) is equal to the student's tuition and required fees. For 2010-2011, the state amount is approximately: $3,390 per semester for a total of $6,780 if student enrolls in at least 9 semester credit hours.

How can you apply?

You apply for the TEXAS Grant when you complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or other application as required by your college's financial aid office. Funding is limited, so you need to submit your application as soon as possible after January 1 of your senior year. The financial aid office at each college and university will determine if TExAS Grant is part of the aid package that is offered to you.

Additional Information

Your eligibility for this program is determined by the financial aid office at your college. Contact your college financial aid office for additional information on eligibility or availability of funds.

To read more about this program check out: Texas Education Code, §56.301 and Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 22 L

*Beginning with the 2010-2011 year, as was announced on June 26, 2009, institutions will be required to collect a statement (electronically or on paper) from ALL TExAS Grant recipient prior to the disbursement of funds confirming eligibility in regards to the controlled substance restrictions of the program.