

## Tuition Set-Aside Funds Programs

**Original Implementation:** July 26, 2022

**Last Revision:** None

### Purpose

This policy authorizes the university's set-aside programs required by Texas Education Code Chapter 56.

### Definitions

**Statutory Tuition Set-Aside Funds** also referred to as **Texas Public Education Grants (TPEG)** – institutions of higher education are required by Texas Education Code Sections 56.031-.039 to set aside funds from statutory tuition to provide aid to students with financial need whose education costs are not met in whole or in part from other sources and to provide funds to supplement and add flexibility to existing financial aid programs.

**Tuition Set-Aside Funds** – institutions of higher education are required by Texas Education Code Sections 56.011-.012 to set aside funds from designated tuition to provide aid to students with financial need whose education costs are not met in whole or in part from other sources and to provide funds to supplement and add flexibility to existing financial aid programs.

### General

The Board of Regents has authorized to be set aside for use as TPEG:

- Not less than 15-percent out of each resident student's statutory tuition charged under Texas Education Code Section 54.051 as provided by the General Appropriations Act for the applicable academic year;
- Three-percent out of each nonresident student's statutory tuition charged under Texas Education Code Section 54.051.

The Board of Regents has authorized to be set aside for use as undergraduate Tuition Set-Aside Aid:

- Not less than 15-percent of any amount of designated tuition charged to a resident undergraduate student under Texas Education Code Section 54.0513 in excess of \$46 per semester credit hour.

The Board of Regents has authorized to be set aside for use as graduate Tuition Set-Aside Aid:

- Not less than 15-percent of any amount of designated tuition charged to a resident student enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program under Texas Education Code Section

54.0513 in excess of \$46 per semester credit hour.

The Tuition Set-Aside funds support need-based university initiatives.

### **Guidelines for Awarding Aid**

The following guidelines shall be used in awarding aid from Set-Aside Programs:

- Students must establish financial need in accordance with university procedures and rules established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). Financial need is determined by review of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).
- Aid may only be applied to students who are admitted and enrolled for at least six hours that apply to their undergraduate degree program or at least six hours that apply to their graduate degree program.
- The student must meet the satisfactory academic progress criteria established by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Funds set aside from resident tuition may only be used for aid to resident students. Funds set aside from nonresident tuition may only be used for nonresident students. After the end of the semester, the university may transfer any excess funds set aside from tuition paid by resident or nonresident students for aid awarded to the other class of students. Priority for awarding aid from any excess funds set aside by resident students shall be given to resident students.

### **Excess Funds**

At the end of a fiscal year, if the total amount of unencumbered funds set aside under the TPEG program exceed 150-percent of the amount of funds set aside by the university for the TPEG program in the fiscal year, the university shall transfer the excess amount to THECB for the purpose of awarding aid to students at institutions other than Stephen F. Austin State University.

### **Administrative**

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will maintain administrative procedures for awarding aid from Tuition Set-Aside Programs and will submit guidelines for the award of aid to THECB. The Financial Reporting Department will maintain administrative procedures for Tuition Set-Aside calculations and accounts.

**Cross Reference:** Tex. Educ. Code §§ 54.0501-.0513,56.011-.039

**Responsible for Implementation:** Vice President for Finance and Administration; Executive Director of Enrollment Management

**Contact for Revision:** Vice President for Finance and Administration

**Forms:** None

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