

GRANTS

and complete their financial aid paperwork as soon as possible in order to maximize their chances of receiving an award.

Various grant programs are funded by the federal and state governments, the university or a combination of these agencies. Grant awards may be limited due to availability of funds. Grants DO NOT have to be repaid.

General requirements for grant programs stipulate that the student must be in good standing (a 2.0 overall grade point average), must be maintaining academic satisfactory progress, must not be in default on any loan made from a student loan fund at any institution and must not owe a refund on any grant previously received.

Federal Pell Grant: The Pell Grant is a federal program designed to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need. The amount of the grant is based on the computed expected family contribution, the level of funding and the cost of education. Students enrolled for less than full-time will receive a reduced grant award. Pell Grant eligibility is limited to undergraduate students. Eligibility must be re-established each year by completing the FAFSA.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG): FSEOG provides grants to students who demonstrate the greatest financial need. Eligible students must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who are accepted for admission or are enrolled at least half-time as undergraduate students.

Aid for Dependent Children (AFDC-TANF) Grant: Exemption program provides an exemption from the payment of tuition and fees for up to one year for eligible college students.

Texas Excellence Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program: This program was established to provide need-based grants to eligible persons to enable them to attend an institution of higher education. Students who have completed the recommended or distinguished high school curriculum may be eligible for this program. More information is available at College of Texans Webpage (<http://www.collegefortexans.com>).

Institutional Grants

These grants are awarded to undergraduate students who meet the priority deadlines, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year and demonstrate financial need.

Resident Public Educational Incentive Grant (RPEG)

This grant is available to Texas residents. Grant awards range from \$400 to \$2000 per academic year.

Non-resident Public Educational Incentive Grant (NPEG)

This grant is available to students who are not considered Texas residents. Grant awards range from \$400 to \$4000 per academic year.

Undergraduate Tuition Grant

Grant awards range from \$400 to \$2500 per academic year.

TASFA

As specified by Senate Bill 1528, state law permits students that are neither US citizens, nor permanent residents to be classified as Texas residents for admissions and financial aid purposes, thus making them eligible for state aid. *Since funding is limited, not all eligible students who apply will be awarded State Grants. We encourage all students to apply*