CHAPTER 22. GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

SUBCHAPTER T. EXEMPTION FOR FIREFIGHTERS ENROLLED IN FIRE SCIENCE COURSES

22.519. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) Board--The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2) Firefighter--An individual employed as a firefighter by a political subdivision of the state of Texas or who is an active member of an organized volunteer fire department in Texas.

(3) Commissioner--The Commissioner of Higher Education, the Chief Executive Officer of the Board.

(4) Fire Science Courses--Courses that fall within a designated fire science curriculum, as well as courses that are primarily related to fire service, emergency medicine, emergency management, or public administration.

(5) Institution of Higher Education or Institution--Any public technical institute, public junior college, public senior college or university, medical or dental unit, public state college, or other agency of higher education as defined in Texas Education Code, Section 61.003(8).

(6) Laboratory fees--Fees authorized through Texas Education Code, Section 54.501.

(7) Program--The Exemption Program for Firefighters Enrolled in Fire Science Courses.

(8) Tuition--Includes statutory tuition, designated tuition and Board-authorized tuition.

22.523. Degree and Certificate Programs and Courses Eligible for the Exemption.

(a) Degree and certificate programs eligible for the exemption described in this subchapter shall be identified by the institutions and compiled into a list by the Coordinating Board. A uniform listing of approved programs shall be posted on the Coordinating Board web site.

(b) Courses eligible for the exemption will be identified by the institution.

(1) The exemption described in this subchapter only applies to courses that are specifically related to a degree or certificate program included in the list posted by the Coordinating Board.

(2) The exemption does not apply to courses that make up the general education core curriculum required for all degrees unless such courses are specifically tied to the fire science curriculum. The exemption does not apply to courses unrelated to fire science that are included in the degree or certificate program in which an individual is enrolled.