



OVERVIEW

Texas Educational Opportunity Grant

The Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) was created in 2001 (Texas Education Code Section 56.402) to provide grant aid for tuition and required fees to financially needy students who enroll in Texas public two-year colleges. Public two-year colleges have experienced a substantial growth in enrollment over the last two years, accounting for an estimated 56 percent of public higher education enrollment in fall 2011. The TEOG received level funding of \$24 million for 2012-13 in 2011 during the 82nd Texas Legislature, Regular Session.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a TEOG, a student must be enrolled at a public community college, technical college, or state college and meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Show financial need (cost of attendance less Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is greater than zero)
- ✓ Have an EFC of no more than \$2,000 as determined through the Federal Methodology (FM) based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ✓ Be a Texas resident
- ✓ Register for the Selective Service or be exempt from this requirement
- ✓ Be enrolled in at least six semester credit hours per term
- ✓ Receive first award while enrolled in the first 30 hours in an associate's degree or certificate program
- ✓ Have not been convicted of a felony or a crime involving a controlled substance*

The TEOG helps close the gaps in participation and success by defraying costs for financially needy students.

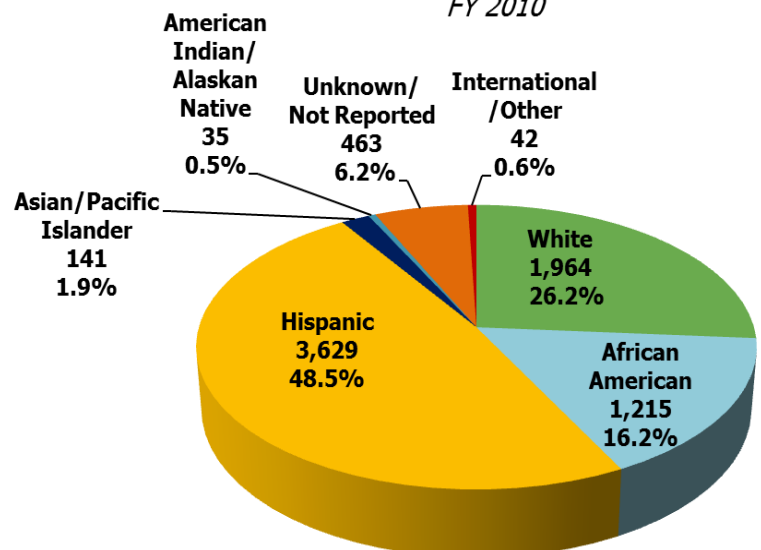
*An individual convicted of a crime involving a controlled substance can compete for a TEOG two years after he/she has fulfilled his/her obligation.

Renewal Requirements

Students who continue in college and who meet continuing eligibility requirements may receive awards for up to 75 semester credit hours, for four years, or until they receive an associate's degree, whichever comes first. The continuing eligibility requirements are:

- ✓ **End of first year** - Meet the school's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement
- ✓ **End of second year** - Must complete at least 75 percent of the hours attempted in the prior academic year and have an overall college GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

TEOG Recipients by Ethnicity
FY 2010



Grant Award

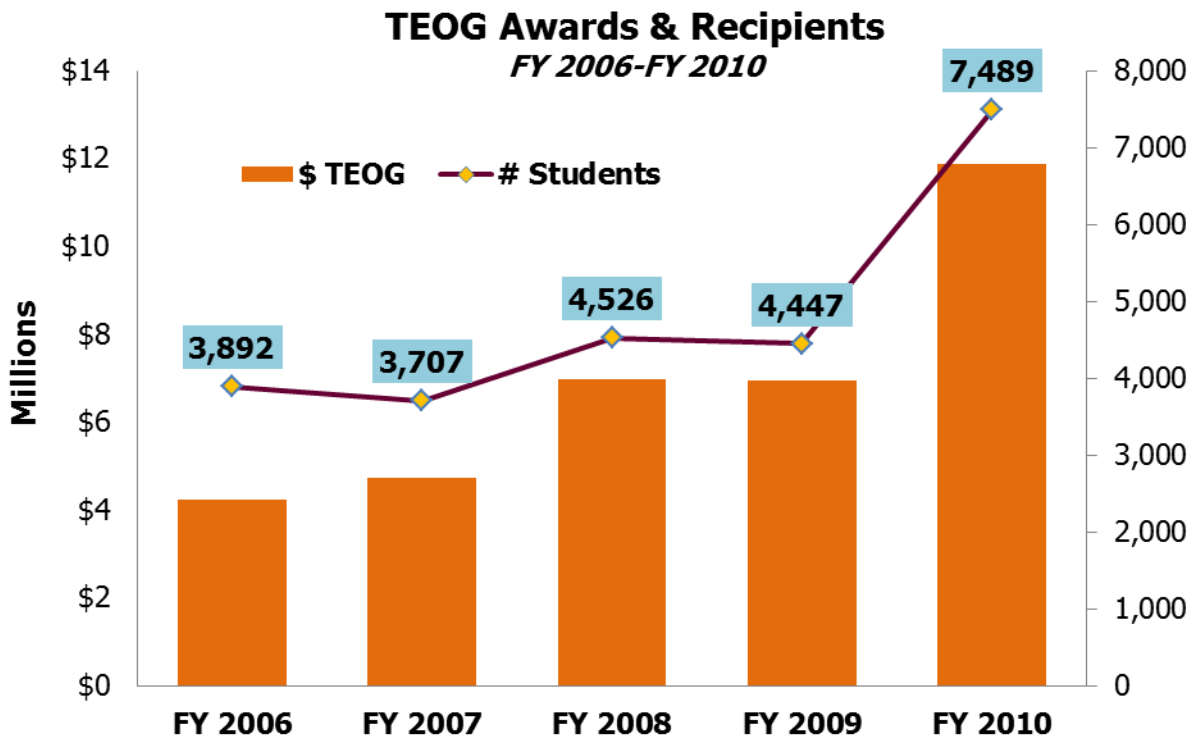
The award amount is equal to the statewide average of a student's tuition and required fees. The financial aid office at the college the student is attending will notify the student if he/she is eligible for a TEOG.

Funding

The TEOG has experienced increases in funding since FY 2002 when the first awards were made. In FY 2002, a total of \$4.93 million was distributed to 5,096 students and in FY 2010 a total of \$11.9 million was awarded to 7,489 students. Despite the previous increases in funding for the TEOG, the rising costs of tuition and required fees coupled with the unprecedented enrollment growth has triggered a decreasing number of students receiving the grant.

The 81st Legislature, Regular Session, in 2009 significantly increased TEOG funding for a total of \$24 million for the 2010-2011 biennium. That represented a 71 percent increase over the previous biennium. In 2010-11, TEOG grants were available for less than five percent of eligible students. In fall 2009, approximately 60 percent of first-time in college undergraduates enrolled at public two-year institutions and Coordinating Board staff estimate this percentage to increase to 70 percent over the next few years.

As the state experienced a budget deficit and many state financial aid programs were cut or entirely eliminated, the TEOG managed to receive level funding in 2011 during the 82nd Texas Legislature, Regular Session.



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