

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board 2016 Star Award for *60x30TX*

Programs, Projects, and Activities at Texas Institutions of Higher Education

Purpose

The Texas Higher Education Star Award was originally established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in 2001 to recognize exceptional contributions toward achieving one or more of the goals of the former long-range Texas higher education plan *Closing the Gaps by 2015*, which brought Texas from 2000 to 2015. The state's new higher education plan, *60x30TX*, adopted by the Coordinating Board in July 2015, builds on the success of *Closing the Gaps* and is designed to establish a globally competitive workforce in Texas by 2030. The new plan establishes four goals – overarching educational attainment, completion, marketable skills, and student debt.

General Eligibility

For programs, projects, and activities at Texas institutions of higher education to achieve recognition through the Star Award for *60x30TX*, a program, project, or activity must be nominated for the award (self-nominations are welcome). Nominees should be those programs, projects, or activities that are making a contribution to *60x30TX*. Award recipients will be chosen by a designated committee after review of the nominees who complete Star Award for *60x30TX* Applications. The most important criteria in evaluating final applicants will be: (1) demonstration of successful outcomes in the areas of overarching educational attainment, completion, marketable skills, or student debt that are attributable to the program, project, or activity; (2) demonstration of an efficient cost/benefit ratio per student; and (3) demonstration of improvement and excellence over time through the use of benchmarks and other comparison data that allow progress to be monitored and evaluated.

Eligibility Criteria for the Star Award for *60x30TX*

Nominated programs, projects, or activities must be in operation at one of the following types of Texas institutions of higher education:

- public and independent two- and four-year colleges and universities;
- public technical and state colleges;
- public and independent health science centers; or
- degree-granting career colleges and schools.

Nomination Submission Requirements

The completed Nomination Cover Sheet and Summary Description must be received at the Coordinating Board offices no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2016.

1. Complete the Nomination Cover Sheet. This is a form completed by the nominator that includes the nominee's contact information. Please note self-nominations are welcome.
2. Complete the Nomination Summary Description. This is a summary that includes a brief overview of the nominated program, project, or activity and explains how the nominee is making an outstanding contribution to *60x30TX* in overarching educational attainment, completion, marketable skills, and/or student debt.
3. Save your form and accompanying description as a PDF file.
4. Email the PDF file to StarAward@theccb.state.tx.us.

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AT TEXAS INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

NOMINATION COVER SHEET

This form is to be the first page of the nomination materials; nominee description limited to two pages.

**INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATED PROGRAM, PROJECT, OR ACTIVITY
(Please complete all fields)**

TITLE OF PROGRAM: _____

INSTITUTION NAME: _____

DEPARTMENT NAME: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT NAME: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT TITLE: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT EMAIL: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT PHONE: _____

**THE NOMINATED PROGRAM, PROJECT, OR ACTIVITY CONTRIBUTES TO THE
FOLLOWING 60x30TX GOAL(S):**

- _____ **OVERARCHING EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**
- _____ **COMPLETION**
- _____ **MARKETABLE SKILLS**
- _____ **STUDENT DEBT**

NOMINATED BY:

Name _____ *Email*

Title, Institution _____ *Date*

DESCRIPTION OF NOMINATED PROGRAM, PROJECT, OR ACTIVITY

Please note: Description of nominated program, project, or activity is limited to two pages.

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