

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

Texas Groups or Organizations

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 Texas groups or organizations to achieve recognition through the Star Award for *60x30TX*, a group or organization must be nominated for the award (self-nominations are welcome). Nominees should be those groups or organizations 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 applications 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 efforts of the group or organization; and (2) 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 Texas groups or organizations must have been focused on helping to meet the goals of *60x30TX* (such as those that help promote student completion of a certificate or degree) and be one of the following:

- a business; or
- a community organization.

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 group or organization 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@thehb.state.tx.us.

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NOMINATION COVER SHEET

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

INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATED GROUP OR ORGANIZATION (Please complete all fields)

GROUP OR ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

DEPARTMENT NAME: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT NAME: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT TITLE: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT EMAIL: _____

NOMINEE CONTACT PHONE: _____

THE NOMINATED GROUP OR ORGANIZATION 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 GROUP OR ORGANIZATION

Please note: Description of nominated group or organization is limited to two pages.

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