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The Texas Higher Education Star Award, established by the Texas Higher Education

Coordinating Board in 2001, recognizes higher education institutions,

organizations, groups, and individuals for their exceptional contributions

toward one or more of the goals of Closing the Gaps by 2015, the Texas higher

education plan. The plan establishes four goals: to close the gaps in participation, to close the gaps in success, to close the gaps in excellence,

and to close the gaps in research.

Each year, the award process focuses on a different aspect of Closing the Gaps.

To compete for the Star Award, an eligible program, project, activity, or person

must:

Demonstrate an outstanding contribution to achieving the goals and targets

established in Closing the Gaps

Demonstrate at least two years of successful outcomes, with benchmarks that

allow progress to be monitored and evaluated.

Demonstrate a history of excellence in academic instruction, in student support services, and/or in partnerships (with other institutions, the business community, or the public community) that clearly contribute to achieving the goals and targets established in Closing the Gaps.

Each year, applications submitted by higher education institutions or organizations from throughout Texas are received. After an initial review by a

Coordinating Board staff committee, a select group of applicants are named

finalists.

A nine-member Texas Higher Education Star Award Selection Committee, which

traditionally includes three members of the Coordinating Board, three Texas

business and community leaders, and three out-of-state education experts, is

appointed by the Chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to

review the finalists' proposals and determine which of them to honor with the

Star Award.