CHAPTER 21. STUDENT SERVICES

SUBCHAPTER BB. PROGRAMS FOR ENROLLING STUDENTS FROM MEXICO

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(a) Authority. Authority for this subchapter is provided in the Texas Education Code, Chapter 54, Subchapter B, Tuition Rates. These rules establish procedures to administer the subchapter as prescribed in Section 54.231(b) and (d) (previously 54.060(b) and (d)).

(b) Scope. The rules set forth in this subchapter are applicable to determining eligibility of needy students from Mexico to pay resident tuition rates at certain public institutions of higher education in Texas.

(c) Purpose. The purpose of the programs is to encourage students from Mexico with limited financial resources to enroll in certain Texas public institutions of higher education.


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) Citizen of Mexico -- A citizen or permanent resident of Mexico who resides in Mexico and who plans to return to Mexico to live immediately after finishing his/her educational program.

(3) Commissioner -- The commissioner of higher education, the chief executive officer of the Board.

(4) Full-time Enrollment -- For undergraduates, enrollment for the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours per semester. For graduates, enrollment for the equivalent of at least 9 semester credit hours per semester.

(a) Pilot Program. Any general academic teaching institution or component of the Texas State Technical College System as defined in Section 61.003 of the Texas Education Code is eligible to participate in the pilot program.

(b) Border County Program. A border county program is an instructional program offered by any general academic institution or component of the Texas State Technical College System located in a county bordering Mexico, or by Texas A&M University-Kingsville, by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, or The University of Texas at San Antonio.

21.934. Eligible Students for the Pilot Program.

(a) A student is eligible, if he/she:

(1) is a citizen of Mexico,

(2) meets the admissions requirements and any restrictive enrollment criteria of the institution in which he/she enrolls,

(3) enrolls on a full-time basis, unless fewer hours are needed for graduation, and

(4) shows financial need after the financial resources of the foreign student and the student's family are considered in keeping with Board guidelines.

(b) A student admitted for enrollment at an eligible institution prior to July 12, 1991 may not participate in the pilot program unless able to prove financial need that was unknown at the time of admission.

(c) Although financial need is the primary eligibility criterion for the pilot program, institutions may set priorities in selecting participants from among eligible students.

21.935. Eligible Students for the Border County Program.

A student is eligible, if he/she:

(1) is a citizen of Mexico,

(2) meets the admissions requirements and any restrictive enrollment criteria of the institution in which he/she enrolls, and

(3) shows financial need after the financial resources of the foreign student and the student's family are considered in keeping with Board guidelines.
21.936. Tuition Rate to be Paid.

Students participating in either the pilot program or the border county program will be eligible to enroll by paying a tuition rate equal to the resident rate.

21.937. Numbers of Students Eligible to Participate in the Programs.

(a) Border County Program. Each border county program institution listed in Section 21.933 may enroll an unlimited number of eligible students.

(b) Pilot Program. Each general academic teaching institution or component of the Texas State Technical College System not located in a county immediately adjacent to Mexico, except Texas A&M University-Kingsville, The University of Texas at San Antonio, and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi may enroll up to two (2) eligible students per thousand of the institution’s overall enrollment. Institutions with fewer than 5,000 students may enroll up to ten (10) eligible students.


Each year each participating institution shall provide a program report to the Board on a form provided by the Board and by a deadline specified by the Board. The report will include such information as the number of students enrolling in the institution through the program and the amount of tuition waived.