Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship Program

Program Procedure and Awards List 2012

The Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship Grant Program was established by House Bill 2910, passed by the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session in 2011 and codified as Texas Education Code, Chapter 61, Subchapter GG, Sections 61.9791 through 61.9795. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board) approved the rules for the program and authorized the Commissioner to issue a Request for Applications and award funding at its January 2012 meeting.

The grants will provide Texas public community and technical colleges with a new, merit-based scholarship program for qualifying, high-achieving students. The participating colleges will develop partnership(s) with local business and industry to identify local employment needs in T-STEM occupations and develop part-time employment opportunities for T-STEM scholarship recipients. The following actions have been completed:

- Coordinating Board recommended issuance of a Request for Application for T-STEM 2012 at its January 2012 meeting. CB staff published the RFA on its website at <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/TSTEM> on March 16, 2012.
- At its March 23, 2012 meeting, the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TG) Board made a donation of $8.5 million to T-STEM. Coordinating Board staff emailed the RFA to chief instructional officers of Texas public community and technical colleges.
- Fifteen institutions indicated an interest to apply through a Notice of Intent. Four institutions were not eligible, because they enrolled less than 50 students in their T-STEM programs. Eligibility for the T-STEM 2012 is based on the number of full-time and first-time-in-college students in declared majors classified as T-STEM instructional programs in fall 2011.
- Coordinating Board staff posted a Frequently Asked Questions document on its T-STEM website.
- Coordinating Board received seven applications for T-STEM 2012 and the proposed funding would support 1,125 T-STEM students with scholarships.
- The Commissioner authorized the funding of $3 million in grant awards for academic year 2012-2013 from TG funds.
- The following institutions have been awarded funding:

	T-STEM 2012 request for funding	Proposed Scholarships	T-STEM Awards for Academic Year 2012-13
1	South Texas College	150	$390,000
2	Alamo Community College District	340	$895,000
3	Texas State Technical College System	325	$856,000
4	San Jacinto Community College	100	$263,000
5	El Paso Community College	100	$263,000
6	Laredo Community College	50	$130,000
7	Dallas County Community College District	60	$158,000
	sum	1,125	$2,955,000