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THECB, Grants and Special Programs

5th-Year Accounting Scholarship Program

Question	Publication Date
How much was our institution allocated for the Fifth Year Accounting Scholarship Program for FY12 and where is the money?	September 16, 2011

Ability to Benefit (ATB)

Question	Publication Date
Students who first enroll in a program of study on or after July 1, 2012, will no longer be eligible for Title IV aid through one of the ability to benefit (ATB) alternatives. Will this new federal restriction affect eligibility for state financial aid as well?	March 23, 2012

Adopted Students Formerly in Foster Care Exemption Program

Question	Publication Date
If a student formerly in foster care is adopted, but is classified as a non-resident, is the student eligible for the Adopted Students Formerly in Foster Care Exemption Program?	August 16, 2012

Allocations

Question	Publication Date
When will we know our allocations for the 2013-14 year?	January 31, 2013
What are the options for transferring allocated funding between programs?	January 31, 2013

Availability of Prior Q&A's

Question	Publication Date
I would like to share the Q&A's with my staff. Can you send them to me, or are they housed somewhere accessible to me and my staff?	August 16, 2012

B-On-Time Loan Program (BOT)

Question	Publication Date
Can an otherwise eligible student receive a TEXAS Grant and a B-On-Time Loan during the same award period?	October 28, 2011
Since the B-On-Time (BOT) Loan Program and the TEXAS Grant Program guidelines are similar in many respects, we are wondering if proration is required for a BOT (as it is for a TEXAS Grant) if we have determined that a student only lacks 6	December 15, 2011

hours to graduate?	
Are undocumented students eligible to apply for a B-On-Time Loan (BOT)?	February 14, 2012
Are BOT loans considered private education loans under the Truth-In-Lending Act (TILA) rules and are they subject to the Preferred Lender Arrangement (PLA) rules?	February 14, 2012
Can a BOT Loan be awarded in the summer, or is it limited to the fall and spring semesters?	March 23, 2012
Are BOT and CAL loans considered private education loans under the Truth-In-Lending Act (TILA) rules and are they subject to the Preferred Lender Arrangement (PLA) rules?	May 2, 2012
Our five-year program allows students to earn both an undergraduate degree and a graduate degree simultaneously. How can students in our program meet the forgiveness requirements if they received both degrees at the same time?	June 1, 2012
Can a student receive a BOT and TEG within the same payment period?	June 1, 2012
I have a general question about BOT and the amount that schools are required to set aside for the program. Are the funds that are set aside and sent to the Coordinating Board pooled together and then distributed to institutions as an allocation, or is the amount set aside to be used by our institution only?	June 21, 2012
Does the announcement from Loan Program Operations (LPO) concerning the availability of FY13 BOT funds mean that students will be able to complete the Loan Acceptance Disclosure (LAD) a day or two after certification instead of waiting until August?	June 21, 2012
What should we do with state loan proceeds that were not successfully delivered to the student?	August 16, 2012
Can a student who is awarded a TEXAS Grant receive a B-On-Time award within the same award period (Fall/Spring)? Where can I find this in statute or rule?	September 20, 2012
Are BOT and CAL loans considered private education loans under the Truth-In-Lending Act (TILA) rules and are they subject to the Preferred Lender Arrangement (PLA) rules?	February 20, 2013
If our BOT allocation is insufficient to award all eligible students enrolled at our institution a loan through this program, are we required to prioritize according to financial need?	February 20, 2013
Will the private institutions continue to be able to fund returning BOT borrowers who meet the renewal criteria in 2013/14?	April 22, 2013
Is full-time enrollment required in the summer for a BOT award as it is in the fall and spring semesters?	April 22, 2013

Change in Financial Aid Director

Question	Publication Date
Does our college need to notify someone at THECB if there is a change in the person heading up the financial aid office?	January 31, 2013

College Access Loan Program (CAL)

Question	Publication Date
What are the College Access Loan (CAL) requirements for creditworthiness?	September 1, 2011
Is the accrued interest capitalized on College Access Loans?	September 1, 2011
How is an institution's College Access Loan (CAL) allocation calculated each year?	October 28, 2011
Are undocumented students eligible to apply for a College Access Loan (CAL)?	February 14, 2012
What number do undocumented students use in place of a social security number on the CAL application?	February 14, 2012
Since federal student loan eligibility amounts must be taken into consideration when determining a student's CAL eligibility (whether or not the student accepts the federal loan), how are federal loans considered when determining an undocumented student's eligibility for a CAL?	February 14, 2012
Are BOT and CAL loans considered private education loans under the Truth-In-Lending Act (TILA) rules and are they subject to the Preferred Lender Arrangement (PLA) rules?	May 2, 2012

What should we do with state loan proceeds that were not successfully delivered to the student?	August 16, 2012
Are BOT and CAL loans considered private education loans under the Truth-In-Lending Act (TILA) rules and are they subject to the Preferred Lender Arrangement (PLA) rules?	February 20, 2013
How many days do we have to return CAL monies for a student who did not accept/use all of his/her approved amount?	April 22, 2013

College Student Budget (CSB) System

Question	Publication Date
Each year the THECB requires schools to submit a budget for undergraduate and graduate students – indicating costs for undergraduates at 15 SCH's and graduates at 10 SCH's. The federal regulations, however, specify a minimum standard for full-time undergraduate students (of at least 12 SCH's) but not for graduate students. We are considering changing full-time status for graduate students at our institution from 9 SCH's to 6 SCH's. Would this impact the budgets we submit to the CSB or the state aid/tuition set-asides for graduate students?	August 1, 2012
I do not recall receiving information concerning the calculated Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2013-14. Has it been issued?	January 31, 2013

Competitive Scholarship Waiver

Question	Publication Date
54.213 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.213) states that an institution of higher education may charge a nonresident student who holds a competitive scholarship of at least $1,000 for the academic year or summer term for which the student is enrolled resident tuition and fees without regard to the length of time the student has resided in Texas. Can you please clarify the "or" in the "academic year or summer term"?	January 31, 2013
54.213 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.213) states that the student must compete with other students, including Texas residents for the scholarship. If we have a pool of students competing for the scholarship and none of them are Texas residents (all of the students are non-residents), is the scholarship still eligible to be considered competitive?	January 31, 2013
We have a student that is attending another university in Texas while attending our institution. She is receiving a scholarship from that university that qualifies her to receive the Competitive Scholarship Waiver at that institution. She is not receiving any sort of scholarship from our institution. Does she qualify for the Competitive Scholarship Waiver at our institution by virtue of the fact that she qualifies at the other state institution?	January 31, 2013

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Question	Publication Date
We have a student at our institution that is approved through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Does this status make him eligible for the state grant programs?	April 22, 2013

Designated Tuition Set-Aside Program

Question	Publication Date
It is my understanding that 15% of the 20% required designated tuition set-aside (which exceeds $46 per SCH) must be used for a need-based financial aid program – loan, grant, scholarship or work program – and that priority should be given to students whose tuition and required fees are not met by other non-loan financial assistance programs. What constitutes	July 17, 2012

financial need?	
We are struggling with the eligibility criteria we have set for our designated tuition set-aside program (HB3015). If we make changes to the requirements and/or the type of program we administer (i.e., grant, scholarship, loan, work), do we need to submit the proposal to the CB for approval?	November 12, 2012
If we decide to use our HB3015 designated tuition set-aside for a work program, should the criteria for eligibility and employment follow the federal and/or state guidelines?	November 12, 2012
Can HB3015 financial assistance programs go to nonresident students?	December 21, 2012
Can HB3015 fund financial assistance programs that are non-need-based?	December 21, 2012
Can I award a student a grant funded from our designated tuition set-aside authorized by HB3015 if her need has been met with other resources?	February 20, 2013

Discontinued Programs

Question	Publication Date
Which programs administered by THECB will be discontinued beginning with the fall 2011 semester?	September 1, 2011

Document Retention Schedule

Question	Publication Date
What is the document retention schedule for the state financial aid programs?	December 15, 2011

Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program (EHS)

Question	Publication Date
Can a request for EHS reimbursement be submitted to THECB for the spring 2012 semester?	March 23, 2012

Educational Aide Exemption Program

Question	Publication Date
If a student received an Educational Aide Exemption (EA) in the past but will no longer receive the exemption due to the discontinuation of funding for the program, is he/she still eligible for an exemption from student teaching?	September 1, 2011
If a student received an Educational Aide Exemption (EA) in the past but will no longer receive the exemption due to the discontinuation of funding for the program, is he/she still eligible for an exemption from student teaching?	December 15, 2011
We have decided to continue to grant an Educational Aide Exemption to eligible students even though there is no funding for reimbursement. Are there any restrictions or new requirements?	December 15, 2011
Since funding for the Educational Aide Exemption Program has been discontinued, can we exempt a student from student teaching if he/she is determined to be eligible for the exemption but our institution chooses not to absorb the cost of the exemption?	February 14, 2012
We have decided to continue to grant an Educational Aide Exemption to eligible students even though there is no funding for reimbursement. Are there any restrictions or new requirements?	February 14, 2012
If the Educational Aid Exemption is no longer funded, can a participating student still be eligible for an exemption from student teaching?	June 1, 2012
Can a student be eligible for an exemption of student teaching even though the EA program is not currently funded?	August 1, 2012
If a student wants to participate in the Educational Aide Program so that he/she can be exempt from student teaching, but	August 1, 2012

agrees to pay out of pocket for tuition and fees, can he/she be exempt from student teaching?	
How can an EA recipient receive a copy of his/her eligibility award letter to apply for an exemption from student teaching?	August 1, 2012
For how many semesters/terms does a student have to receive the EA Exemption in order to be eligible for an exemption from student teaching?	August 1, 2012

End of Year (EOY) Program Reports

Question	Publication Date
If our institution did not make awards through one of the programs that require an End of Year (EOY) Report, do we have to submit the report to show no recipients?	June 1, 2012
If I have questions or need more information concerning the End-of-Year (EOY) Report process, what should I do?	June 1, 2012
We received a notice that there may be an interruption in the processing and delivery of our FY13 program funding since we have not yet completed the reconciliation and certification process for our FY12 End of Year (EOY) program report(s). What do we need to do?	August 16, 2012

Exemption Programs

Question	Publication Date
Are institutions allowed to honor the exemption programs for eligible students even though funding for the programs has been discontinued?	December 15, 2011
How do we know which continuing education courses are formula funded and eligible to be covered with exemptions/waivers?	May 2, 2012
If a student receives a tuition exemption, is it subject to a tax liability?	July 17, 2012
Should 1098's be issued for exemptions?	July 17, 2012
Can an institution choose to exempt a student from more than the specific charges listed in an exemption program? For instance, the valedictorian exemption is only for tuition. Could we exempt a valedictorian from tuition and fees?	July 17, 2012
Do we have anything official which requires us to evaluate SAP before applying an exemption?	April 22, 2013

Financial Aid Database (FADB) Report

Question	Publication Date
When is the Financial Aid Database (FADB) report due?	October 28, 2011
We are a public institution. The FADS report for FY2011 calls for us to identify, by program code and dollar amount, any exemption or waiver program through which a student has received a benefit. The data is to be reported in fields 6-11. Our reporting system at this time only allows us to identify about 50% of the different programs – not all of them. Can we report in fields 6-11 those programs for which we have the details available, and report other programs in aggregate form in field 29 as we have in the past?	October 28, 2011
We have 8000 high school students enrolled through our dual enrollment program. Some of them completed FAFSAs; some of them are receiving tuition and/or fee waivers. Do we need to report them in the FADB?	October 28, 2011
How do we know which continuing education courses are formula funded and eligible to be covered with exemptions/waivers?	May 2, 2012
How do we report a student in the Financial Aid Database (FADB) Report who has received more than 3 exemptions and/or waivers in a given year? The FY12 FADB file layout only allows for 3 exemptions or waivers.	July 17, 2012
When can we begin submitting our FADB file?	July 17, 2012
Is it a problem if we begin submitting our file as soon as possible even though we know there will be errors and needed	July 17, 2012

corrections?	
If I have a question concerning the FADB, to whom should I direct it?	September 20, 2012
Our institution is offering continuing education (CE) classes to local unemployed residents, and our President has dedicated institutional non-need-based scholarship funds to be used for the participants. Under which field should the awards for these CE students be reported?	September 20, 2012
On the CBM001 Report, students who meet the 36 months leading up to high school graduation and 12 months rule are admitted under the umbrella of SB1528 are coded as either 'A' for in-district or 'B' for out-of-district in field #7 for tuition purposes. The 'C' and 'D' options are for applicants that hold a visa or are under permanent resident status. On the FADB, only categories 'A' and 'B' qualify to receive Texas aid. How should they be coded on the FADB?	September 20, 2012
In what field is the Final Stretch Grant reported on the FADB?	September 20, 2012
I know we are to exclude the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan in terms of the dollars that actually come to the university from the state. My question concerns the funding that the university must provide to compensate for the tuition that is not paid via the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan. Is it reported on the FADB? If so, is it considered a tuition exemption?	September 20, 2012
We have 8,000 students enrolled through our dual enrollment program. Some completed FAFSA's and some are receiving tuition and/or fee waivers. Do we need to report them on the FADB?	September 20, 2012
A Cost of Attendance (COA) is required on the FADB if a student completed a FAFSA or a TASFA. Our system does not determine the Cost of Attendance (COA) for a student until the student has completed all of the requirements to be packaged. Since we have students who complete a FAFSA but do not submit the remaining requirements to be packaged, will the THECB override the resulting errors?	September 20, 2012
We have some scholarships which are not need-based but are awarded based on the student meeting certain criteria – for example: a Sibling Scholarship for students who have a sibling also attending, an International Scholarship for our international students, an Alumni Scholarship for students whose parents are alumni of our institution, or a Minister's Dependent Scholarship for students whose parents are in the ministry. In which field are these scholarships to be reported?	September 20, 2012
One student at our institution received the Texas Armed Services Scholarship (Loan) Program. In what field on the FADB should this be reported?	September 20, 2012
We have a recipient of the College for All Texans Grant. In which field should it be reported?	September 20, 2012
Where are Post 9/11 VA Benefits reported on the FADB?	October 19, 2012
We can't figure out why we are getting errors on two students on the PLUS Federal Direct Loans (#33H). The error is saying that item 33H is > COA (#27). In both cases, item 33H is not > item 27. How can we solve this issue?	November 12, 2012
We are an independent institution. We have several students who had to complete the TASFA to apply for TEG since they were not eligible to complete the FAFSA. Since these students were determined to be residents based on their responses to the core questions and the completed affidavit, should we indicate in data element #20 for each of these students a value of 1 for resident, or a value of 5 for non-immigrant resident?	November 12, 2012
For the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan (TTFGTP), do we report what was paid by the state, the amount that was exempted as a loss for the school, or both?	November 12, 2012
If a student receives a tuition credit that is not included in the list of Tuition Exemption and Waiver Codes (FADB manual page 26), where should the resource be reported?	November 12, 2012
Our institution has a set-aside program for non-resident tuition for the purpose of awarding nee-based grants to non-resident students, Am I correct I thinking we should report these funds under "Other Grants/Scholarships"?	November 12, 2012
What waiver code should be used on the FADB for affidavit students (undocumented students) who pay resident tuition?	December 21, 2012

Fire Science Exemption Program

Question	Publication Date

What classes are covered by the Peace Officer and Fire Science Exemption Programs?	August 16, 2012
Is the Fire Science Exemption limited to residents?	January 31, 2013

Formula Funded Continuing Education Courses

Question	Publication Date
How do we know which continuing education courses are formula funded and eligible to be covered with exemptions/waivers?	May 2, 2012

GED Certificates

Question	Publication Date
Has there been a change in the process for our institution to get a copy of a student's official certificate of high school equivalency?	December 15, 2011

Good Neighbor Scholarship (GNS)

Question	Publication Date
Is the Good Neighbor Scholarship Program considered a waiver or an exemption?	May 2, 2012
What tuition is waived for Good Neighbor Scholarship recipients?	May 2, 2012
We have an FY13 Good Neighbor Scholarship recipient who will graduate in December 2012. If he is admitted to graduate school, can he use the remainder of the 12 month scholarship for graduate study in spring 2013 and summer 2013?	July 17, 2012

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

Question	Publication Date
Our institution has chosen to use only institutional grade point information in the calculation of the cumulative GPA at our institution. How does this affect the eligibility determination for those programs that indicate the overall GPA should include all coursework attempted at a public or private institution of higher education?	September 16, 2011

Grants and Special Programs (G&SP) Information Website

Question	Publication Date
I just recently subscribed to the distribution list. How can I view previously published Q&A's?	March 23, 2012
Where can I find current resource information regarding the GSP programs?	May 2, 2012
Is there a centralized place where I can find information to help me in the administration of the state grant programs?	June 1, 2012
I get an error message when I try to access the G&SP Information Site. Do you have any suggestions?	September 20, 2012

G&SP Distribution List

Question	Publication Date
One of my co-workers would like to be included in the distribution list to receive THECB updates, Q&A's, etc. What does she need to do to be included?	February 14, 2012
We have had some staff changes in our office and I would like for the new members to be included in the emails that come	April 22, 2013

from THECB. To whom should I provide their information so that they are added to the distribution list?	

G&SP Staff Primary Program Assignments

Question	Publication Date
Can you please share the primary program assignments/responsibilities of the GSP staff so we will know who to contact directly if we need assistance?	May 2, 2012

Hazlewood Exemption Program

Question	Publication Date
How do Chapter 30 and 33 VA Benefits affect Hazlewood eligibility?	September 1, 2011
How can dependents of veterans receive benefits through the Hazlewood exemption program?	September 16, 2011
Can veteran who reenlist as Texas residents qualify for the Hazlewood exemption if their DD214 does not reflect the change in the home of record place of entry?	September 16, 2011
If a person who meets all requirements for the Hazlewood exemption is out of state because of current military orders (for self or spouse), is he or she eligible to use Hazlewood to take classes from public Texas institutions via distance education, or would his/her absence from the state prevent this?	October 28, 2011
If a person who meets requirements for the Hazlewood exemption is out of state because of current military orders (for self or spouse), can he or she assign hours to a child through the Legacy Program, or would his/her absence from the state prevent this?	October 28, 2011
When we look up students in the on-line database by SSN, we have several students for whom we receive the following message: "Has not signed a release". Can you please clarify what this means?	December 15, 2011
Can a Veteran who has assigned hours to a child through the Legacy Program revoke that assignment and take the hours back?	December 15, 2011
What process should be used to verify whether or not a student has a defaulted loan made by the State of Texas for Hazlewood eligibility?	December 15, 2011
I am trying to understand the stacking issues of Hazlewood with the federal benefits, namely Chapter 33. Can you please help me understand?	February 14, 2012
If a person who meets all requirements for the Hazlewood exemption is out of state because of current military orders (for self or spouse), is he or she eligible to use Hazlewood to take classes from public Texas institutions via distance education, or would his/her absence from the state prevent this?	February 14, 2012
If a person who meets requirements for the Hazlewood exemption is out of state because of current military orders (for self or spouse), can he or she assign hours to a child through the Legacy Program, or would his/her absence from the state prevent this?	February 14, 2012
Can our university president approve the use of the Hazlewood exemption for non-funded courses on a year-to-year basis? For example, if he gave us the approval for this academic year (FY2012), does he/she have the flexibility not to approve it for the following academic year (FY13) due to budget constraints or other reasons?	March 23, 2012
The new Hazlewood Report requires schools to provide the birth date of a service member (field #19). If we do not have the veteran's birthdate, are we allowed to enter zeros in place of the actual birth date?	May 2, 2012
The new Hazlewood database report only has 4 available semesters from which to choose when reporting hours used by the veteran/dependent for the year (spring, summer I, summer II, and fall). If an institution has two mini-terms within a spring or fall semester, should the hours be combined for the two separate mini-terms and reported under one long semester? Example: John Smith takes 3 hours in the winter semester and 3 hours in the spring semester. The 3 winter hours are reported and certified as spring hours. A separate report is submitted reporting the additional 3 hours also coded as spring	May 2, 2012

hours. Will the database now reflect a combined 6 hours for the spring semester, or will only the 3 hours that were reported the second time show up under spring in the database?	
The Hazlewood Exemption has an eligibility requirement that states that a veteran must have served at least 181 days on active duty "excluding training". What is considered to be training?	May 2, 2012
Should continuing education courses be counted against the 150 SCH limitation for Hazlewood eligibility?	June 1, 2012
If a veteran served fewer than 181 days of active duty when he or she entered the service as an eligible veteran; but, had previously participated in active duty in the armed forces, could periods of service be combined to meet the 181-day requirement?	June 21, 2012
Do veterans who served in the National Guard qualify for the Hazlewood Exemption? Are their children and/or spouses eligible to receive the Hazlewood Exemption?	July 17, 2012
How should an institution report federal hours used (data field #11) on the new Hazlewood database report?	July 17, 2012
When is the new Hazlewood database report due?	July 17, 2012
We need to know how to handle the following situation. A Vet assigned his hours through the Legacy Program to his biological child. Since that time, the Vet has passed away. The spouse at the time of the Vet's passing wants to now revoke the hours from the Vet's biological child and re-assign the hours to her biological child. The spouse is the step-mother of the Vet's biological child who is currently assigned the hours by the Vet before his passing. Does the step-mother have the right to revoke the hours and re-assign them?	August 1, 2012
When is the new Hazlewood report due?	August 1, 2012
Do we need to report multiple semesters in one report, or can we report each semester individually?	August 1, 2012
If an otherwise eligible veteran is living out of state and moves to Texas, can he/she begin using the Hazlewood Exemption right away?	August 16, 2012
Does the child or spouse of a veteran have to live in Texas to use the Hazlewood Exemption?	August 16, 2012
Data element #11 on the new Hazlewood database report asks for federal hours used. What are we supposed to report in this field?	August 16, 2012
Do you have the calculation to determine the credit hours used for Hazlewood awards under 100%?	October 19, 2012
The Hazlewood rules state the following: "… *(b) For an otherwise eligible veteran to assign his or her unused hours to a child through the Hazlewood Legacy Program (applies to new recipients fall, 2011), he or she must (1) reside in Texas, …*". We have a veteran who assigned hours to one child prior to Fall 2011. He now wants to revoke the hours and assign them to a new/different child. The veteran has never used any hours himself and does not reside in Texas. Since the 2nd child is a new recipient in the program, are we correct that the veteran must reside in Texas since the 2nd child is a new recipient?	November 12, 2012
Our institution will charge a higher tuition rate to resident students registering for a course for the third or subsequent time (3-peat). This charge will apply to any course that the student has already attempted twice and appears on their transcript. Even though the institution will not receive funding for the repeated course, we would like to allow eligible students to use Hazlewood to cover the tuition and added 3-peat fee. Can you please confirm that Hazlewood can be applied for these costs?	November 12, 2012
Should Continuing Education (CE) courses be covered by the Hazlewood Exemption?	December 21, 2012
Can institutions grant a Hazlewood Exemption for Continuing Education (CE) courses that do not receive formula funding?	December 21, 2012
Does the 150 SCH limit apply to CE courses?	December 21, 2012
Why are some students showing up in the Hazlewood Database as having used Hazlewood hours in fall 2013?	December 21, 2012
When prorating awards due to stacking the benefit with federal benefits, how should we round the number of hours used by the Hazlewood Exemption if the outcome is not a whole number?	December 21, 2012
A question has come up whether or not Hazlewood Legacy/dependent benefits count as a resource when determining eligibility for other financial aid. It is our understanding that if a veteran assigns his/her benefits to a dependent, these benefits count as a resource when calculating the dependent's overall financial aid eligibility. Is this correct?	January 31, 2013
We do not include federal VA benefits when packaging aid. Should we be including Hazlewood benefits as estimated financial	March 21, 2013

assistance when packaging other aid?	
How can an institution correct a student's Hazlewood account when incorrect information is accidently reported?	April 22, 2013

Housing Assistance Program – HB452

Question	Publication Date
Can you please explain what "housing assistance" means in HB452 and exactly what the college has to provide based on this new requirement?	October 28, 2011
What are the student eligibility criteria for the housing assistance provided by HB452?	October 28, 2011

Leveraging Educational Assistance Program (LEAP)

Question	Publication Date
When will the LEAP and SLEAP allocations be made available for the 2011-12 year?	September 16, 2011

License Plate Insignia Program (LPI)

Question	Publication Date
Will eligible institutions be able to access their FY11 balances from their License Plate Insignia Scholarship Program (LPI) in FY12?	September 16, 2011

Military Waiver Programs

Question	Publication Date
Can you provide a comprehensive list of the tuition waivers available to non-resident military members and their families?	September 16, 2011

Net Price Calculator (NPC)

Question	Publication Date
What is the time frame for the COA and corresponding award information in the NPC?	September 1, 2011
Our institution has created a Net Price Calculator (NPC) to meet the federal requirements of the HEOA. Since we have this NPC, do we need to participate in the state's NPC?	September 16, 2011
When should we update our institution's award table information in the State's Net Price Calculator (NPC)?	June 1, 2012
I noticed that our institution is not listed among the Texas schools in the Net Price Calculator on the College for All Texans (CFAT) Website. Why is our institution not included?	July 17, 2012
I was told that we will be required to update our institution's award tables in the NPC to reflect FY14 awards by April 15. What does this involve?	March 21, 2013
How can I find out what our institution's username and password are to access the admin site in the NPC?	March 21, 2013
We are a private institution. Do we have to participate in the State's NPC?	March 21, 2013
I am trying to load my FY14 award tables into the NPC. However, they do not appear to be loading correctly. I am using the template provided and saved it as a CSV file. It appears to be loading the in-district figures as out-of-district, and the out-of-state as in-district. What am I doing wrong?	April 22, 2013
When should we update the award tables for our institution in the NPC to reflect FY14 packaging information?	April 22, 2013

The highest EFC range on the award tables within the NPC is for EFC's up to $20,500. What if a student's EFC is higher than $20,500?	April 22, 2013
I am trying to update our institutional award information in the NPC by changing the existing data elements directly in the table under the awards tab on the admin site. The save button does not appear to be working – help!	April 22, 2013

Nursing Exemption Programs

Question	Publication Date
Are the Preceptor and Child of a Preceptor exemption programs still available for FY12?	September 16, 2011

Payment Plans and Formula Funding

Question	Publication Date
For state formula funding, can we count students on the CBM001 who have not paid in full by the census date, but are on a payment plan (i.e., installment plan) in the fall, spring, and/or summer?	June 21, 2012

Peace Officers Exemption Program

Question	Publication Date
What are the eligible expenses covered under the provisions of the new Peace Officer Exemption program?	September 16, 2011
Can a person employed as a peace officer by a public school district be considered employed by a political subdivision of the state and therefore eligible for the Peace Officer's Exemption?	February 14, 2012
Since the Peace Officers Exemption Program only allows an exemption for undergraduate criminal justice or law enforcement courses, can an institution choose to exempt the tuition and fees for other courses in which the student is enrolled and simply remove the student from the state report for formula funding?	May 2, 2012
Are Customs and Border Patrol Agents considered Peace Officers?	July 17, 2012
How do we go about adding a new program to the Peace Officer Exemption eligible program list?	August 16, 2012
What classes are covered by the Peace Officer and Fire Science Exemption Programs?	August 16, 2012

Repayment of a State Grant Due to Verification

Question	Publication Date
We have a student who was awarded a Federal Pell Grant, TEXAS Grant, and Federal Direct Loan for fall 2011 and spring 2012. After the awards were disbursed, the student was selected for verification via receipt of a subsequent ISIR and the verification documents were requested. The student has not yet submitted the required verification documents. According to the FSA Handbook, if the student does not submit the necessary verification documentation, the student must repay the already disbursed Pell Grant. Should the TEXAS Grant be repaid as well?	June 1, 2012

Reports

Question	Publication Date
When are reports due to the Coordinating Board?	October 28, 2011

Residency

Question	Publication Date
Are F-1 Visa students eligible to pay resident tuition under SB1528?	October 28, 2011
Are all new students required to complete the Core questions, or are the Core Questions only for new students with high school transcripts that do NOT indicate that the '36 month' rule has been met?	June 21, 2012
Can a person from out-of-state who is receiving a waiver of nonresident tuition qualify for a TEXAS Grant, TEOG or State Work-Study?	July 17, 2012
We have a student that is disagreeing with our decision concerning her residency status. She wants to know if there is an appeals process with the CB for residency decisions made by our institution.	January 31, 2013
One of our students is a foreign émigré who has had employment work permits for a number of years but has never completed the permanent resident process. As I understand it, he only has the right to work and does not have a right to domicile here and therefore be considered a resident based on the type of visa he holds. However, he was married to a US citizen in 2007 and divorced in 2011. He remarried a naturalized US citizen in 2012. Does the fact that he has been married to citizens for an extended period of time allow him to be considered a resident?	January 31, 2013
Do we need to collect information to determine a student's residency status every year?	April 22, 2013
When the CORE questions ask - "when you begin the semester for which you are applying, will you have lived in Texas for the previous 12 months" – does that refer to the initial date of the student's enrollment at our school?	April 22, 2013
If a student resides in California (and he/she graduated from high school in California), but the family has owned a house and land in Texas for 20 years, can the student be considered a Texas resident?	April 22, 2013
If we assess residency status when the student first enrolls at our institution, we do not have to re-assess his/her residency every year - correct?	April 22, 2013

Retaking Courses

Question	Publication Date
The Program Integrity Final Rules expanded the circumstances in which a repeated course may be counted toward a student's enrollment status for Title IV program purposes effective July 1, 2011. Are the same rules applicable to a student's enrollment status for state aid eligibility?	March 23, 2012
Has the Coordinating Board decided if it will follow the same logic as the Department of Education (Program Integrity Final Regulations) regarding repeated coursework for the determination of minimum enrollment requirements?	September 20, 2012

Selective Service Registration

Question	Publication Date
We have a student who is eligible for state aid with the exception that he is not registered with Selective Service because he is 17 years old. Is there an exclusion of the Selective Service requirement for state aid for those that are too young to register?	December 15, 2011

State Authorization to Provide Post-Secondary Education

Question	Publication Date
We are going through the recertification process to participate in the Title IV Programs. The Department of Education is asking for current state documentation from the THECB confirming our authorization to provide post-secondary education in Texas. Do you know from whom I can get this documentation?	March 21, 2013

State Financial Aid Workshops

Question	Publication Date
We were unable to attend the recent financial aid workshop hosted by the Coordinating Board. Can we get copies of the handouts, etc. for our files?	October 19, 2012

State Leveraging Educational Assistance Program (SLEAP)

Question	Publication Date
When will the LEAP and SLEAP allocations be made available for the 2011-12 year?	September 16, 2011

State Priority Deadline

Question	Publication Date
What will the state priority deadline be beginning with the 2013-14 application period?	March 23, 2012
Will all institutions be required to publicize and use the March 15 priority deadline for the state programs beginning with the 2013-14 application period?	August 16, 2012
Are all institutions required to publicize and use the March 15 priority deadline for the state programs beginning with the 2013-14 application period?	February 20, 2013
How are other institutions defining what it means to meet the March 15 priority deadline?	February 20, 2013
We have decided that a student has to have all application document tracking requirements satisfied by March 15th to meet the state priority deadline at our institution. Can we apply this to the Top 10 Percent Program as well?	February 20, 2013

State Work-Study

Question	Publication Date
Are affidavit students eligible to work through the State Work-Study Program?	December 21, 2012
Can we use TCWS to help with recruiting activities? The federal guidelines do not permit it for Federal College Work-Study. I can't find anything in the CB rules where it is not allowed.	April 22, 2013

Teaching or Research Assistant Waivers

Question	Publication Date
If a nonresident student begins the semester with a teaching assistantship, then ceases working, should the student's out of state tuition waiver be removed for the semester?	February 20, 2013

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Question	Publication Date
We have a student who brought in a post card telling him that high school graduates whose families receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) can get their first year of college paid for by the state. Are there available funds for TANF exemptions?	June 21, 2012

Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)

Question	Publication Date
When will the Texas Application for Student Financial Aid (TASFA) be available for the 2013-14 application period?	January 31, 2013
Should our verification procedures for TASFA applicants be consistent with the procedures for FAFSA applicants?	February 20, 2013
Has the TASFA application form been updated for the 2013-14 year? I did not see it on the website.	April 22, 2013

Texas Armed Services Scholarship (TASSP)

Question	Publication Date
Were there any changes to the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) for the upcoming year?	September 1, 2011
Must a Texas Armed Services Scholarship recipient receive an award annually to maintain eligibility for the scholarship in future years?	October 28, 2011

Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)

Question	Publication Date
How do we make a determination whether or not a particular student's offense falls under the Texas Controlled Substance Act for TEXAS Grant and or TEOG eligibility?	December 15, 2011
TEOG can now be awarded to someone eligible for, but not receiving, a TEXAS Grant. Can a student receive a TEXAS Grant in the fall and a TEOG in the spring (during the same award year), as long as they are not received in the same semester?	February 14, 2012
In an effort to prioritize funding for renewal students, we were told to use October 1 as the deadline for renewal applicants to complete their application for financial aid and prove eligibility for a renewal TEOG award. Is the October 1 date still applicable?	October 23, 2012
Included in the maximum time frame requirements for a TEOG is a 75 semester credit hour limitation. Is this hour limitation based on the actual hours for which the grant pays, or the hours attempted by the student while receiving the grant?	March 23, 2012
What are the requirements for proration under the TEOG Program?	July 17, 2012
Have the TEOG and TEXAS Grant verification screens on the G&SP Information Website been updated to reflect student eligibility for the upcoming year (FY13)?	August 1, 2012
I was reading over the current (FY13) TEOG Program Guidelines and did not see the alternative need calculation for initial applicants with EFC's over $2,000. In the past, excess funds could be awarded to those students whose financial need after EFC and gift aid are subtracted equals or exceeds half of their cost of attendance [COA – EFC – Gift Aid] >= 0.5*COA. Does this still apply?	August 1, 2012
According to the TEOG program guidelines, a recipient is limited to 75 SCH attempted while receiving the grant. What if the actual grant amount is only enough to pay for the actual costs of 10 SCH's, but the student is actually enrolled in 15 SCH's – is it 10 SCH's or 15 SCH's that apply against the 75 SCH limit?	August 1, 2012
Have the TEOG and TEXAS Grant verification screens on the G&SP Information Website been updated to reflect student eligibility for the upcoming year (FY13)?	August 1, 2012
According to federal SAP guidelines, a student can continue to receive federal aid if on financial aid probation (one payment period of continued eligibility due to successful appeal of his/her SAP status), financial aid warning (one payment period of automatic continued eligibility), or when successfully following an academic plan (continued eligibility for one payment period or longer due to successful appeal of his/her SAP status). The TEXAS Grant, TEOG, and TEG program eligibility requirements state that a student must be meeting the institution's SAP policy at the end of the initial year in order to be eligible for a renewal award in the second year. Would a student be eligible if on SAP probation, warning, or an academic plan at the end	August 1, 2012

of the initial year of eligibility?	
We have a student who completed the TEXAS Grant/TEOG Statement of Eligibility Form for the fall 2012 semester and answered "yes" to the drug conviction question. It seems like there is a way the student can still receive the grant after a conviction. Am I thinking correctly?	September 20, 2012
Does a school have the flexibility to make lower awards than the allowed maximum in TEOG?	September 20, 2012
I have a student who answered "yes" on the statement of student eligibility. I understand that in order to be eligible for an award, a student is in this situation must have completed a period of probation ordered by a court and at least two years must have elapsed from the date of the receipt or completion. The student contacted the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and a letter was provided that states she was "successfully discharged from parole on 6/22/06". Does this meet the criteria for completing probation? Do parole and probation mean the same?	October 19, 2012
We have a student who is enrolled at our institution as well as another institution for 10 hours at each institution. According to federal guidelines, we have backed out the Federal Pell Grant and Federal Loans at our institution since he/she is receiving financial aid at the other institution. Since he/she is not receiving a TEOG at the other institution, can we leave the TEOG award at our institution or does it need to be cancelled as well?	October 19, 2012
It is my understanding that we cannot award a TEOG to a student who is eligible for a TEXAS Grant. Has that changed?	November 12, 2012
I have been reading the TEOG statute regarding the awarding of TEOG funds to students who are eligible for TEXAS Grants but are unable to receive a TEXAS Grant due to insufficient funding. Can I move funding from TEOG to TEXAS Grant so that these students can be awarded a TEXAS Grant instead of a TEOG?	November 12, 2012
I have a student who is eligible for a TEXAS Grant, but due to insufficient funding in the TEXAS Grant Program, will be reviewed for TEOG eligibility. Does the $2,000 EFC threshold still apply since the student is TEXAS Grant eligible?	November 12, 2012
According to the 8/1/12 Q&A, the alternate need calculation option was removed from the TEXAS Grant and TEOG Program Guidelines beginning in FY12. We noticed that the option to report the use of the alternate need calculation was still included on the FY12 EOY reports. Will we be penalized if we used the alternate need calculation in FY12 and reported accordingly on our EOY reports?	November 12, 2012
Can we move money between initial and renewal allocations within the same grant fund?	November 12, 2012
We excluded students from TEOG consideration if they have completed the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) since they could be eligible for a TEXAS Grant. I heard that TEOG can now be awarded to someone eligible for, but not receiving, a TEXAS Grant. Is that true?	November 12, 2012
We are a community college and award both TEOG and TEXAS Grant. I am often confused by the similarities and differences between the two programs. Can you please explain the enrollment requirements – are students required to be enrolled in a certain number of hours each semester, or do we only pay attention to whether or not they complete 24 SCH's at the end of the year? And, do we have to prorate the awards anytime a student is not enrolled full-time, or is it only under a hardship situation?	December 21, 2012
We have a student who had a misdemeanor conviction for the possession of marijuana. Is the student ineligible for TEXAS Grant or TEOG according to TEC 56.304 (b)?	December 21, 2012
Several years ago, I attended a Coordinating Board Workshop in Austin. One of the items mentioned was the issue of the drug conviction statement being deleted from the FAFSA. It was requested that we have students sign a separate statement form which would accommodate the drug conviction requirement for TEXAS Grant and TEOG. I noticed that the question is on the FAFSA now. Do we still need to have the students sign the separate form in order to receive the grant?	April 22, 2013
We have a number of renewal TEXAS Grant and TEOG students who have been approved through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals process. As part of this process, they have been given SSN's. We have previously been using their student ID numbers for reporting purposes. Should be begin using their SSN's?	April 22, 2013

TEXAS Grant

Question	Publication Date
Can an otherwise eligible student receive a TEXAS Grant and a B-On-Time Loan during the same award period?	October 28, 2011
What are the TEXAS Grant funding projections for FY2013? Can schools expect similar amounts as were allocated this year?	October 28, 2011
How do we make a determination whether or not a particular student's offense falls under the Texas Controlled Substance Act for TEXAS Grant and or TEOG eligibility?	December 15, 2011
Can a student receive a TEXAS Grant while studying abroad?	December 15, 2011
TEOG can now be awarded to someone eligible for, but not receiving, a TEXAS Grant. Can a student receive a TEXAS Grant in the fall and a TEOG in the spring (during the same award year), as long as they are not received in the same semester?	February 14, 2012
Up to this point, we have tried to keep within the TEXAS Grant average targeted award amount of $5,000 for the 11/12 year. We believe we will have funding remaining and would like to award up to the $7,100 maximum if possible for some of our students. Is that ok?	February 14, 2012
In an effort to prioritize funding for renewal students, we were told to use October 1 as the deadline for renewal applicants to complete their application for financial aid and prove eligibility for a renewal TEXAS Grant award. Is the October 1 date still applicable?	March 23, 2012
Included in the maximum time frame requirements for a TEXAS Grant is a 150 semester credit hour limitation for recipients entering the program as high school graduates, or a 90 semester credit hour limitation for recipients entering the program with an Associate's degree. Is this hour limitation based on the actual hours for which the grant pays, or the hours attempted by the student while receiving the grant?	March 23, 2012
Beginning January 1, 2013, for the 2013-14 application period, the new priority deadline (March 15) for applying for state aid and the new TEXAS Grant priority criteria for the determination of initial award eligibility at general academic teaching institutions will go into effect. How will the priority deadline and the priority model criteria interact?	March 23, 2012
Did I read that beginning with the 2013-14 application period, an additional student type that will be eligible to compete for an initial TEXAS Grant?	March 23, 2012
We would like to know if we are allowed to award renewal students a higher award amount while awarding initial students an amount closer to the suggested targeted average award amount? We have more initial students than renewal students.	June 1, 2012
What are the requirements for proration under the TEXAS Grant Program?	July 12, 2012
I was reading over the current (FY13) TEXAS Grant Program Guidelines and did not see the alternative need calculation for initial applicants with EFC's over $4,000. In the past, excess funds could be awarded to those students whose financial need after EFC and gift aid are subtracted equals or exceeds half of their cost of attendance [COA – EFC – Gift Aid] >= 0.5*COA. Does this still apply?	August 1, 2012
I have a student who is transferring into our institution with an Associate's Degree and is eligible for an initial TEXAS Grant award. According to the program guidelines, the maximum time frame of eligibility for a student who receives an initial award after receiving an Associate's Degree is 90 SCH's. Do the hours she has accumulated toward her Baccalaureate degree while working on her Associate's degree count toward this 90 SCH limitation?	August 1, 2012
My question concerns clarification of initial TEXAS Grant eligibility and the term "entering student". If a student attended our institution last year and was not awarded a TEXAS Grant, can they be considered for an initial award this year since they are no longer considered an entering student?	August 1, 2012
Have the TEOG and TEXAS Grant verification screens on the G&SP Information Website been updated to reflect student eligibility for the upcoming year (FY13)?	August 1, 2012
According to federal SAP guidelines, a student can continue to receive federal aid if on financial aid probation (one payment period of continued eligibility due to successful appeal of his/her SAP status), financial aid warning (one payment period of automatic continued eligibility), or when successfully following an academic plan (continued eligibility for one payment period or longer due to successful appeal of his/her SAP status). The TEXAS Grant, TEOG, and TEG program eligibility requirements	August 1, 2012

state that a student must be meeting the institution's SAP policy at the end of the initial year in order to be eligible for a renewal award in the second year. Would a student be eligible if on SAP probation, warning, or an academic plan at the end of the initial year of eligibility?	
We have a student who obtained her first Associate's Degree at another 2 year institution, and is now working towards a 2nd Associate's Degree at our institution. Is she eligible to continue receiving renewal awards through the TEXAS Grant Program at our institution?	August 17, 2012
When do we need to be prepared to begin using the priority model for determining initial year eligibility for the TEXAS Grant Program?	August 16, 2012
How will the TEXAS Grant priority model and the new state priority application deadline interact?	August 16, 2012
I want to refresh my understanding of what an institution can use in terms of other funding to meet the required match for TEXAS Grant.	September 20, 2012
I work at a 4-year public university. Several of the criteria used to determine whether or not a student meets the model for priority award consideration beginning with the 2013-14 award year are not captured in our student system. Since we are unable to access this information, can we choose not to use the priority model when assessing initial TEXAS Grant eligibility next year?	September 20, 2012
My question is concerning the upcoming state priority deadline for TEXAS Grant for FY14. Will you please clarify the specifics which determine whether or not a student will meet the March 15 deadline (i.e., FAFSA received, verification completed, etc.)?	September 20, 2012
One of the areas for priority model eligibility consideration is advanced math. What are the possible courses that meet this criterion?	September 20, 2012
One of the eligibility options for the priority model is 12 hours of college credit (dual credit or AP courses). Do we need to show proof that the student completed 12 hours of dual credit or AP courses, or do we need to show proof that the student actually received college credit for the courses?	September 20, 2012
One of the eligibility options for the priority model is graduating in the top 1/3 of the graduating high school class. Several of the high schools from which we receive our incoming students have decided not to rank their students anymore. What do we do in this case?	September 20, 2012
My question is concerning the requirement to complete 24 SCH's in the prior year for renewal TEXAS Grant eligibility. If a student completed a course, but received a grade of F in the course, can the course count toward the 24 SCH's?	September 20, 2012
I've been reviewing the new legislation regarding the TEXAS Grant priority model. Though we are a public university, all of our students are transfer students – we do not have any freshmen or sophomores. Students at our institution who currently qualify for an initial award through the TEXAS Grant Program do so via the receipt of an Associate's Degree. Does the new legislation affect me?	September 20, 2012
We have a student who received a TEXAS Grant based on the results of an ISIR that was not selected for verification. She has since voluntarily submitted copies of income tax returns to our office. Are we required to now complete verification for the TEXAS Grant?	September 20, 2012
We have a student who completed the TEXAS Grant/TEOG Statement of Eligibility Form for the fall 2012 semester and answered "yes" to the drug conviction question. It seems like there is a way the student can still receive the grant after a conviction. Am I thinking correctly?	September 20, 2012
Students meeting the priority model criteria must also meet the basic eligibility requirements. Does this include the $4,000 EFC cap? Would priority model students be eligible if they have financial need but their EFC is higher than $4,000?	October 19, 2012
It appears that the math courses acceptable to graduate within the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) are the same courses to meet the advanced math area of the priority model. If a student graduates within the DAP curriculum thereby meeting the advanced academic program priority model requirement, does the student automatically meet the advanced math area requirement as well – meeting 2 of the 4 areas?	October 19, 2012
We have a graduating senior who is enrolled in 10 hours – 4 undergraduate hours and 6 graduate hours. If the student is otherwise eligible, can she receive a TEXAS Grant award?	October 19, 2012

Will the priority deadline apply to all TEXAS Grant applicants – initial and renewal?	October 19, 2012
Institutions will be required to report to the CB via the TEXAS Grant EOY Report the number of students qualifying for IY awards via the priority model criteria. Does this mean that ALL priority IY eligible students at the institution will be reported, or just the priority IY students who received an award?	October 19, 2012
The current EFC cap is $4,000 for IY award eligibility determination. Will it continue to be $4,000 for 2013/14, or will there be a new EFC cap for 2013/14?	October 19, 2012
Our admissions office would like to know what the definition is of "completing" a math class beyond Algebra II – is there a minimum grade requirement or a minimum earned credit requirement?	October 19, 2012
Is there a hierarchy within the priority model requirements? Since we may have more eligible applicants than available funding, do we give priority to the students who meet 3 of 4 first?	October 19, 2012
Concerning the Advanced Academic Program area of the priority model – do we have to confirm that the student has the college credit for the AP courses taken, or can we simply confirm that the student enrolled in AP courses? We will not have the results for many of the AP tests for college credit until late summer.	October 19, 2012
The priority model requirements state that a student must meet 2 out of 4 criteria. It appears to me that there are 7 possible criteria – 12 hours college credit, DAP, IB, TSI, graduate in the top 1/3, B average, and a math course beyond Algebra II – right?	October 19, 2012
If a student failed the TSI exam and took developmental courses at another institution, and that institution now indicates that the student has met the TSI thresholds, will that suffice to meet the TSI requirement for priority model consideration?	October 19, 2012
Can a student who graduated from high school in the spring of 2008 and enrolled in college in the fall of 2008 (within 16 months of high school graduation) receive an initial TEXAS Grant award in the 2011-12 year if she meets all other eligibility requirements?	October 19, 2012
I have a student who answered "yes" on the statement of student eligibility. I understand that in order to be eligible for an award, a student is in this situation must have completed a period of probation ordered by a court and at least two years must have elapsed from the date of the receipt or completion. The student contacted the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and a letter was provided that states she was "successfully discharged from parole on 6/22/06". Does this meet the criteria for completing probation? Do parole and probation mean the same?	October 19, 2012
In the advanced academic program area of the priority model, can the requirement of 12 SCH's of college credit from dual credit or AP courses be a combination of both – i.e., 6 hours dual credit and 6 hours AP credit?	November 12, 2012
I have a student that was last reported eligible on the eligibility website at the end of FY2011. She attended school in 2011-12 but did not receive a TEXAS Grant. During the 2011-12 year, she only completed/earned 18 SCH's. Would she be eligible for an award in 2012-13?	November 12, 2012
In the 10/19/12 issue, one of the answers stated that a student can receive a TEXAS Grant award for undergraduate hours only. We have a few select programs at our institution where top performing students take graduate level courses as part of their undergraduate degree. The graduate courses apply toward a future graduate degree as well as toward their undergraduate program of study. Can these students receive a TEXAS Grant for these graduate level courses?	November 12, 2012
We have a student that graduated in 2012 from a private high school in Texas. His high school transcript does not show that he completed one of the specific courses required for the Recommended or Distinguished high school programs. There is, however, another course on the transcript that may meet the course description. How can I confirm whether or not the student's transcript meets the curriculum requirements for TEXAS Grant eligibility?	November 12, 2012
I have a student who received an Associate's Degree in 2010. She did not receive a TEXAS Grant while working on her degree. She is just now coming back to school to work on her Bachelor's Degree. Since it has been longer than 12 months since she received her Associate's Degree in 2010, I understand she will miss the opportunity to receive an IY TEXAS Grant while working on her Bachelor's. Can she go back to work on a 2nd Associate's Degree and be eligible for IY TEXAS Grant award consideration?	November 12, 2012
Can an otherwise eligible student continue to receive a renewal TEXAS Grant award if he/she has completed one Associate's Degree and is continuing on to work on a second Associate's Degree?	November 12, 2012

According to the 8/1/12 Q&A, the alternate need calculation option was removed from the TEXAS Grant and TEOG Program Guidelines beginning in FY12. We noticed that the option to report the use of the alternate need calculation was still included on the FY12 EOY reports. Will we be penalized if we used the alternate need calculation in FY12 and reported accordingly on our EOY reports?	November 12, 2012
Can we move money between initial and renewal allocations within the same grant fund?	November 12, 2012
We excluded students from TEOG consideration if they have completed the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) since they could be eligible for a TEXAS Grant. I heard that TEOG can now be awarded to someone eligible for, but not receiving, a TEXAS Grant. Is that true?	November 12, 2012
Will the EFC cap for IY awards continue to be $4,000 in 2013/14?	December 21, 2012
Will the new path to TEXAS Grant IY eligibility for the military (beginning with the 2013/14 year) be available to students attending community colleges as well as the General Academic Teaching Institutions (GATI's)?	December 21, 2012
We are a community college and award both TEOG and TEXAS Grant. I am often confused by the similarities and differences between the two programs. Can you please explain the enrollment requirements – are students required to be enrolled in a certain number of hours each semester, or do we only pay attention to whether or not they complete 24 SCH's at the end of the year? And, do we have to prorate the awards anytime a student is not enrolled full-time, or is it only under a hardship situation?	December 21, 2012
We have a student who had a misdemeanor conviction for the possession of marijuana. Is the student ineligible for TEXAS Grant or TEOG according to TEC 56.304 (b)?	December 21, 2012
We have a student who transferred into our institution to begin working on her bachelor's degree in spring 2012 after graduating with her associate's from a 2-year institution. She was not a recipient of the TEXAS Grant while at the 2-year institution, but did receive a TEXAS Grant award in the Spring 2012 semester as an incoming student at our institution. Since she was only enrolled one semester last year, she did not complete 24 SCH's for the year. Does this make her ineligible for TEXAS Grant consideration this year?	January 31, 2013
Can a TEXAS Grant be awarded to a student enrolled less than ½-time?	January 31, 2013
Is it still a requirement for TEXAS Grant that a student must graduate from an accredited high school in Texas? And, if so, how do we determine if the high school from which the student graduated is accredited?	February 20, 2013
We have a student who has answered "yes" to the drug question on the statement of student eligibility. What are the guidelines for determining his eligibility since he answered "yes"?	February 20, 2013
We have several students who have dropped hours or withdrawn from the semester after receiving a TEXAS Grant award. Are they still entitled to these awards?	March 21, 2013
We have an incoming student – straight out of high school – who has earned an Associate's Degree while in high school. Do we consider this student an entering high school graduate or an entering Associate's Degree recipient for TEXAS Grant eligibility?	March 21, 2013
Does the new EFC cap of $4,620 for IY awards in the 2013-14 year only apply to the General Academic Teaching Institutions (GATI's), or is this EFC cap applicable to IY awards at community colleges as well?	April 22, 2013
Where can I find the requirements of the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) high school curriculum for TEXAS Grant Priority Model eligibility purposes?	April 22, 2013
We have a student who took a CLEP test a while ago. The hours are showing as attempted and earned, but they do not have any quality hours attached. The student is at the cusp of the required 2.5 GPA (2.45) due to the GPA calculation which uses attempted/earned hours vs. quality hours. If we do not include the 3 hours, then the GPA would be 2.53 and he would continue to be eligible for TEXAS Grant. Can we choose not to count the CLEP hours?	April 22, 2013
On the TEXAS Grant EOY Report for the 2013-14 year, will we have to indicate whether or not a TEXAS Grant recipient met the March 15th priority deadline?	April 22, 2013
On the TEXAS Grant EOY Report for the 2013-14 year, will we have to indicate exactly which 2 of the 4 priority model areas the initial recipient met, or will we just have to report whether or not the IY award was based on the priority model criteria?	April 22, 2013
Several years ago, I attended a Coordinating Board Workshop in Austin. One of the items mentioned was the issue of the drug	April 22, 2013

conviction statement being deleted from the FAFSA. It was requested that we have students sign a separate statement form which would accommodate the drug conviction requirement for TEXAS Grant and TEOG. I noticed that the question is on the FAFSA now. Do we still need to have the students sign the separate form in order to receive the grant?	
We have a number of renewal TEXAS Grant and TEOG students who have been approved through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals process. As part of this process, they have been given SSN's. We have previously been using their student ID numbers for reporting purposes. Should be begin using their SSN's?	April 22, 2013

Texas Public Educational Grant (TPEG)

Question	Publication Date
Does the eligibility requirement regarding selective service registration for state grants apply to the Texas Public Education Grant Program (TPEG)?	October 28, 2011
Can a TPEG recipient receive an athletic scholarship while receiving the TPEG award?	February 14, 2012
Can a school make an award through TPEG program funds (required statutory tuition set-aside) and refer to it by a different name on the award letter?	May 2, 2012
We are thinking about offering a class to area high school students and would like to use TPEG funds to help students with the costs. Is there anything that prohibits us from awarding TPEG funds to students in high school?	November 12, 2012
Can a TPEG be awarded to a student enrolled less than ½-time?	January 31, 2013
After this year (FY13), we will no longer be bound by the "Guidelines for Awarding Grants through the Texas Public Educational Grant Program" on file with the Coordinating Board for our institution. Beginning with FY14, can we establish an alternative method to determine need, or will we be required to use the Federal Methodology (FM)?	March 21, 2013
Our institution's policy to meet the need determination for TPEG is to show that the student has an EFC between 1 and 800. I want to change this to be able to award students with higher EFC's to prevent some of our students from borrowing too much in loans. Can we do this?	April 22, 2013

Top 10 Percent Scholarship

Question	Publication Date
What is the applicable 12 month period for determining the required completion of 30 SCH for renewal eligibility in the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program?	September 1, 2011
Can an eligible bonus award student with a GPA greater than a 3.0 but less than a 3.25 receive a basic renewal award through the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program?	September 1, 2011
Can an otherwise eligible student receive an award through the Top 10 Percent Scholarship program for the fall 2011 semester if his/her FAFSA results were generated after the published March 15th priority deadline?	September 16, 2011
If a student is enrolled at two separate institutions, can the combined enrollment be used to allow an otherwise eligible student a Top 10 Percent Scholarship?	September 16, 2011
Are awards for the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program still limited to fall only, or can they be split between the fall and spring semesters?	September 16, 2011
Can an otherwise eligible student receive a Top 10 Percent Scholarship if enrolled less than full-time through the hardship provisions?	October 28, 2011
If a student's graduating class is so small (7 students) that even the valedictorian is not considered in the top 10% - does the institution have any leeway in determining eligibility for the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program?	October 28, 2011
Can an otherwise eligible student receive a Top 10 Percent Scholarship if he/she does not enroll in the fall semester immediately following high school graduation?	October 28, 2011

The Top 10 Percent Scholarship Guidelines state that a student must receive an initial or renewal year Top 10 Percent Scholarship award in the previous year to be eligible for renewal consideration. Does this mean that if a student does not meet the renewal requirements at the end of the year, he/she loses their eligibility completely and can never regain eligibility?	October 28, 2011
If a student is selected for verification, but is exempt due to being eligible for unsubsidized loans only, would verification still be required to determine Top 10 Percent Scholarship eligibility?	October 28, 2011
If a student's high school indicated on the final transcript that the student completed the minimum requirements for high school graduation, but our assessment of the transcript indicates that the student did complete the required coursework to meet the Recommended Curriculum, can the student be awarded a Top 10 Percent Scholarship based on our assessment of the transcript?	October 28, 2011
Can institutions count credit earned by examination and remedial work toward the 30 hour and/or 75% completion rate renewal requirements for the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program?	December 15, 2011
Can a student continue to be considered eligible for the Top 10 Percent Scholarship award in the following situation, or should the award be cancelled and returned to THECB? • As of the census date, the student was enrolled full-time and met all of the other eligibility criteria to receive an award – the FAFSA transaction used for eligibility determination was not chosen for verification. • After the census date, the funds were requested from THECB and released to the student. • Later in the term, the student made changes to the FAFSA information and the new transaction was selected for verification.	March 23, 2012
Can undocumented students who are Texas residents receive a Top 10 Percent Scholarship award?	May 2, 2012
Are home-schooled students eligible to compete for a Top 10 Percent Scholarship?	June 1, 2012
We have a student who was awarded a Top 10 Percent Scholarship for fall 2011. The student was unable to enroll at our institution due to a medical condition, so the award was cancelled. He attended another institution in spring 2012 and will be returning to our institution this fall. He will be classified as a freshman with a cumulative 3.6 GPA. Are we at liberty to award a Top 10 Percent Scholarship to this student through a hardship consideration?	June 21, 2012
Did I understand correctly that the deadline to submit the FY13 Top 10 Percent request for reimbursement file will be earlier than it was for FY12?	July 17, 2012
We have students who are in five-year programs earning both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree simultaneously. These students are usually accepted into the Grad School during their senior year. Both degrees are conferred upon completion of the entire program. May we allow a student in a five-year program to receive the Top 10 Percent Scholarship during the senior year?	August 1, 2012
We are a public institution. We have a consortium agreement with a private/independent institution. Students under this consortium agreement will take 9 SCH's at our institution and 3 SCH's at the private/independent institution. The 3 hours from the private institution will count toward the students' degree at our institution. Can the combined enrollment be used to consider these students full-time for the Top 10 Percent Scholarship assuming they met all other eligibility requirements?	August 1, 2012
We have a student who did not meet the 30 SCH continued eligibility requirement in FY12 to receive a renewal award for FY13. The student attended summer school, but did not attend this past fall because she was a migrant worker. Would this be considered a hardship situation? On the program guidelines, hardship situations focus on illness or caring for a sick dependent.	August 16, 2012
We are a community college. We have a student who received an initial Top 10 Percent Scholarship award last year and has met the requirements for a renewal Top 10 Percent Scholarship award for this year. She is in the Allied Health Professions Program at our institution. Is she eligible for a bonus award?	September 20, 2012
I am in the process of submitting our Top 10 Percent Scholarship Funds Request. Can we submit one request including initials and renewals?	September 20, 2012
I need to submit a renewal Top 10 Percent Scholarship Funds Request file for 6 students that regained eligibility over the summer. How do I do that?	September 20, 2012
We are a community college. We have a new co-enrollment program with a private school allowing the students to enroll 9	September 20, 2012

hours here and 3 hours through the private institution. We are considered the home institution for purposes of determining financial aid eligibility. Can I count these students as being full-time for the Top 10 Percent Scholarship award?	
If we have a student whose graduating class is so small (7 students) that even the valedictorian is not considered in the top 10% - do we have any leeway in determining eligibility for the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program in this situation?	September 20, 2012
If a student is 38 out of 376, making his high school rank 10.1%, is he considered in the top 10 % of his high school graduating class for purposes of the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program?	September 20, 2012
Can a student receive a Top 10 Percent Scholarship Renewal Award for a third year at a 2 year community college even if the student is not classified as a junior?	October 19, 2012
Can a student receive a Top 10 Percent Scholarship Bonus Award for a third year at a 2 year community college even though the student is not classified as a junior?	October 19, 2012
Can a 2nd year student receive the workforce bonus award if he is considered a junior/senior based on hours? Or, do eligible students need to be enrolled in their third or fourth year in college? If a student in their 2nd year can receive the workforce bonus award, does this mean they can potentially continue to receive the award for the 3rd and 4th years as well as long as they continue to meet the eligibility requirements?	January 31, 2013
We have decided that a student has to have all application document tracking requirements satisfied by March 15th to meet the state priority deadline at our institution. Can we apply this to the Top 10 Percent Program as well?	February 20, 2013
Do we have any guidelines yet for awarding Top 10 awards for FY14?	March 21, 2013
Are there any guidelines for awarding the Top 10 Percent Scholarship for FY14?	April 22, 2013
Since there will be no Workforce Bonus awards in FY14, can a bonus eligible student with a 3.0 GPA receive a renewal award without the bonus?	April 22, 2013
Will the CB send out its normal notification letting institutions know when to start submitting Top 10 Percent FY14 requests for funds? I am asking because I see that October 1 will be the deadline to submit requests and I want to be clear on when we can start transmitting.	April 22, 2013
In determining the need component for the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program, is the calculation based solely on the COA, EFC, and Pell for fall only, or for the fall and spring semesters?	April 22, 2013
Is a Top 10 Percent Scholarship award still limited to the fall semester only?	April 22, 2013

TPEG Emergency Loan Program

Question	Publication Date
Is the TPEG Emergency Loan Program still limited to tuition and fees?	February 14, 2012
According to the provisions in statute for the emergency loan program, a borrower may be eligible for deferred payment. Are we required to allow an extension of repayment if the borrower requests it?	June 21, 2012
I know that the TPEG set-aside for the emergency loan program can now be used for books. Is it limited to books only, or can we use the fund to assist students with the purchase of tools and supplies for our vocational/technical programs?	August 16, 2012

Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG)

Question	Publication Date
Can a student receive a BOT and TEG within the same payment period?	June 1, 2012
We just recently (in July) heard and approved a registration appeal for a student who received a TEG in the spring semester. Because the appeal was approved, the student received a full refund of tuition for the spring and we cancelled the TEG award. Can we use those funds to help a student who is enrolled for the summer, or is the TEG for fall/spring awards only?	August 1, 2012
We would like to allow students who are only taking 6 hours the ability to receive a TEG in our hardship policy. How would	August 1, 2012

we determine the award amount for these students?	
We are a private institution participating in the TEG program. We are anticipating entering into a consortium agreement with a public institution to allow combined enrollment toward the student's degree and financial aid eligibility at our institution. Can we combine the enrollment for TEG eligibility purposes given the fact that we are a private/independent institution and the other institution is a public institution?	August 1, 2012
We have a student who is simultaneously working on the degree requirements for an MBA as well as a degree leading to ordination. Are we correct that this student cannot receive an award through the TEG program while he is pursuing a degree leading to ordination?	August 1, 2012
According to federal SAP guidelines, a student can continue to receive federal aid if on financial aid probation (one payment period of continued eligibility due to successful appeal of his/her SAP status), financial aid warning (one payment period of automatic continued eligibility), or when successfully following an academic plan (continued eligibility for one payment period or longer due to successful appeal of his/her SAP status). The TEXAS Grant, TEOG, and TEG program eligibility requirements state that a student must be meeting the institution's SAP policy at the end of the initial year in order to be eligible for a renewal award in the second year. Would a student be eligible if on SAP probation, warning, or an academic plan at the end of the initial year of eligibility?	August 1, 2012
The recent TEG question in the 8/1/2012 Q&A regarding combined enrollment in a consortium agreement situation involving both a private and a public institution prompted me to wonder if the issue might be more complicated. If TEG can only be given to a student who pays more tuition at a private institution than at a public institution, wouldn't there be an issue with which institution's tuition the student is paying?	August 16, 2012
A student received an initial TEG award for year 1 and met the institution's SAP policy at the end of the year. Though she was eligible for a renewal award in year 2, she did not receive one. At the end of year 2, she is not meeting the program SAP requirements. Is she still eligible for a TEG renewal award in year 3 since she did not receive a renewal award in year 2 and finished the initial year meeting the institution's SAP requirements?	October 19, 2012
When calculating a student's tuition differential, do we have to calculate the actual number of hours being used, or can we use information from a greater number of hours that are already pre-determined and populated on the tuition differential chart in the program guidelines?	October 19, 2012
I need clarification about what is considered an athletic scholarship. Our athletic program is Division III, so we do not offer athletic scholarship to our students. However, we do have some classes that offer internships for which the students receive a stipend for services rendered. Would the stipends involving the athletic programs be considered athletic scholarships and prohibit the student from receiving TEG in the same semester they are enrolled in the class?	October 19, 2012
When a student completes the core questions via an online form, they print, sign, and send it to us so that we can determine residency for TEG eligibility. We then review their responses and record whether or not they are residents. We are exploring the storing of the questions within our financial aid system so that we can automate the load. Human intervention would only be necessary for a review of the data results and a data entry of Y or N. If we put the form within our student self-service system and allow students access only via an ID and password, would that suffice for the signature?	November 12, 2012
Is an otherwise eligible student who drops from full-time (12 SCH's) to part-time (8 SCH's) eligible to keep his/her full TEG award if they are in the last semester of their senior year?	January 31, 2013
I work at a public institution. I have been asked by our Audit Services Department to find out about the Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) Program. I have not had any experience with this program and don't know if it is something we should be getting for our students. Is this a program in which our institution should be participating?	February 20, 2013
Should our institution be using the March 15 priority deadline for TEG?	February 20, 2013

Tuition Installments

Question	Publication Date
We are a public institution. Currently, we do not offer a payment plan after the first day of class for the fall or spring semesters. Do I remember correctly from a CB session I attended that we can offer payment plans up until the census date?	January 31, 2013

Tuition Rebate Program

Question	Publication Date
The eligibility requirements for the $1,000 Tuition Rebate Program on the CFAT website state that all transfer credits are to be counted as hours attempted. Do hours taken but not accepted from the previous institution count as hours attempted when determining eligibility for the rebate?	July 17, 2012

Undocumented Students

Question	Publication Date
What is the institution's responsibility concerning the undocumented student affidavits?	December 15, 2011
What new responsibilities do institutions have concerning the undocumented student affidavits?	February 14, 2012
Are undocumented students eligible to apply for a B-On-Time Loan (BOT)?	February 14, 2012
Are undocumented students eligible to apply for a College Access Loan (CAL)?	February 14, 2012
Can undocumented students who are Texas residents receive a Top 10 Percent Scholarship award?	May 2, 2012
Can you share information about a new regulation concerning undocumented students and something called "deferred action"?	August 1, 2012
Are affidavit students eligible to work through the State Work-Study Program?	December 21, 2012
Would a student with an I-766 work visa be eligible for aid as a HB1403/SB1528 student? His permit is for October 2012 through 2014.	January 31, 2013
We have undocumented students who have been given SS#'s for work permits. These students are not eligible to complete the FAFSA since they are not citizens or eligible non-citizens. Are they still eligible for state aid consideration?	February 20, 2013

Verification of Income Information for TASFA Applicants

Question	Publication Date
What are the verification guidelines for the TASFA applications submitted for state aid only consideration?	March 23, 2012
The March 23rd issue of the Q&A's included information concerning the verification of income information for applicants applying for state financial aid through the TASFA. Did I understand correctly that the new federal requirement of requiring a tax transcript in lieu of a tax return when verifying FAFSA information (if a return was filed and the IRS Data Retrieval Process was not used by the applicant/parent) should be applied for the verification of the paper application for state financial aid purposes?	May 2, 2012
The May 2, 2012 issue of the Q&A's addressed the need to collect a tax transcript to verify income when completing the verification process for TASFA applicants. How does the recent federal guidance (GEN-12-07) issued on April 16, 2012 concerning the institution's flexibility to collect tax returns as opposed to tax transcripts through July 15, 2012 affect this requirement for TASFA applicants?	June 1, 2012
I have a student that has applied for state aid through the TASFA. The student's father did not file a tax return for 2011 but did receive a 1099 in the amount of $30,272. How do I process the TASFA information if no return has been filed?	September 20, 2012

Should our verification procedures for TASFA applicants be consistent with the procedures for FAFSA applicants?	February 20, 2013

Younger Students Enrolling in College

Question	Publication Date
We have the mother of an 11 and 12 year old who wants to enroll both children in our institution – a 2 year public institution in Texas. Both children were homeschooled and have been certified by the mother to have completed the high school curriculum requirements. Can they be admitted to our institution, and if so, can they receive funding through the financial aid programs?	January 31, 2013