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TO: Graduate Deans or Graduate Program Administrators at  
Texas Public and Independent Universities

FROM: Charles W. Puls, Ed.D., Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Student  
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DATE: January 26, 2016

RE: 2016-2017 Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship Program

We are pleased to provide the nomination application and instructions for the  
Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship Program for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Dr. Kenneth H. Ashworth was the Commissioner of Higher Education in Texas  
from 1976 to 1997. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board established  
the fellowship program in 1997 to honor Dr. Ashworth for his service as the  
agency's Commissioner. The purpose of the program is to provide financial  
assistance to students enrolled in a master or doctoral program leading to a  
career in public service.

Deans or other graduate program administrators are invited to submit  
nomination packets for up to two applicants enrolled in a graduate program of  
study. The nominated applicants will be ranked and the applicant will be  
selected based on his or her academic ability, career plans, and individual  
qualifications, with an emphasis on leadership and communication skills.

The deadline for submitting nomination packets for consideration to the  
Coordinating Board is **February 22, 2016**. Each packet should include the ranked  
nomination application, a personal essay from the nominee, the nominee's  
resume, and two letters of recommendation. The annual award will be  
determined by the awarding committee and announcements will be made by the  
end of April.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and if you have any questions,  
please feel free to contact Renee Jones at 1-800-242-3062 or  
[grantinfo@theccb.state.tx.us](mailto:grantinfo@theccb.state.tx.us).

Enclosures: Nomination Application and Instructions

cc: Financial Aid Officers  
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