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TO: Directors of Financial Aid
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FROM: DeCha Reid
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DATE: April 26, 2016

RE: 2016-2017 Top Ten Percent (Top 10%) Scholarship Program

The General Appropriations Act for the 2016-2017 Biennium limits Top 10% Scholarship funding to eligible renewal students only. Based on the budgeted appropriation, the award maximum for fiscal year 2017 is \$2,000 and will initially be limited to "Priority 1" recipients.

Award Type	Max Award	Priority 1	Priority 2
Initial Year (IY)	No Award	No Award	No Award
Renewal Year (RY)	\$2,000	Yes	TBD
Workforce Bonus	No Award	No Award	No Award

The cut-off for "Priority 1" eligibility (established by [TAC Rule §22.200](#)) is March 15. To meet this eligibility requirement, the award recipient's FASFA (or TASFA) must have been submitted in time to generate the CPS results with an EFC in a non-rejected status by March 15, 2016.

The need component will continue to be: COA - EFC - Pell Eligibility > \$0.

Institutions are encouraged to submit files as early as possible. Reimbursement request files can be submitted as early as August 1. The deadline to clear duplicates and confirm eligibility of students reported with verification pending is **October 3**.

Based on the number of payments issued for "Priority 1" students, we will send out information in late-September pertaining to the approval of funds for "Priority 2" students.

If you have questions or need further clarification, please contact Financial Aid Services at 1-800-242-3062 or TopTen@theccb.state.tx.us.

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