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TO: Directors of Financial Aid
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FROM: DeCha Reid
Director, Financial Aid Services

DATE: April 26, 2016

RE: 2016-2017 College Access Loan (CAL) Program

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) is pleased to announce we have made a change regarding the CAL allocation process for the 2017 fiscal year that we feel is a better fit for the needs of our participating institutions.

THECB will no longer calculate allocation amounts for each institution; instead, you can certify eligible CAL loans throughout the academic year. You can begin certifying loans on May 23. For monitoring purposes, THECB will continue to include dollar amounts on certain loan reports.

As a reminder, when you are certifying a CAL loan application (established by [TAC, Rule §21.55](#)), you are certifying that the amount of the requested loan does not exceed the difference between the total cost of attendance and other forms of student assistance for which the student borrower is eligible.

If you have any questions, please contact Financial Aid Services at 1-800-242-3062 or GrantInfo@theccb.state.tx.us.

CC: Ken Martin, Assistant Commissioner
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