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TO: Directors of Financial Aid  
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RE: Updated FY2017 TEOG Award Amounts for Public State and Technical  
Institutes

In a memo dated January 28, 2016, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) provided information regarding the student financial aid programs available to public institutions of higher education. The memo included guidance on award maximums for the TEXAS Grant, TEOG, and the B-On-Time Loan program, as well as target award levels for TEXAS Grant and guidance on EFC caps, pro-rated awards, and maximum hours.

THECB discovered that the maximum TEOG award amounts for the public state colleges has been calculated using the average tuition and fees for general academic teaching institutions. While Lamar State College – Orange and Lamar State College – Port Arthur are both general academic teaching institutions per the definitions outlined in the Texas Education Code under the General Provisions of Chapter 61 (Sec. 61.063(3)), the only eligible institutions for the TEOG program are "public junior colleges," "public technical institutes," and "public state colleges" (Sec 56.401).

In addition, it appears that the award maximum calculation for TEOG has not been including all public technical institutes. Per Sec 61.003(8), both the Lamar Institute of Technology and the Texas State Technical College System are "public technical institutes." Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) is defined as both a public technical institute (Sec. 61.003(7)) and as a public state college (61.003(16)).

THECB has recalculated the maximum award amounts for 2016-2017 academic year. LIT has been included in the calculations of the award maximums for both public technical institutes and public state colleges. LIT will need to determine which TEOG award maximum is most appropriate to utilize in awarding students at the institution. The agency encourages LIT to consider the students' best interests in making this determination.

**New Maximum Award Amounts**

Type of Institution	TEOG Maximum Award
Public State Colleges	\$5,486/year; \$2,743/semester
Public Technical Institutes	\$4,756/year; \$2,378/semester

**Texas Educational Opportunity Grants (TEOG)**

EFC Cap for Initial Awards will be \$5,233 for Public Community Colleges, State, and Technical institutions.

If you have any questions, please contact Financial Aid Services at (800) 242-3062 or [Grantinfo@theccb.state.tx.us](mailto:Grantinfo@theccb.state.tx.us).

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