

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship Program

Program Procedure and Awards List T-STEM 2016-2018

The Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship Grant Program was established by House Bill 2910, passed by the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, in 2011 and codified as Texas Education Code, Chapter 61, Subchapter GG, Sections 61.9791 through 61.9795. The statute was amended by House Bill 1066, passed by the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, in 2015.

T-STEM provides Texas public community and technical colleges with grants for merit-based scholarships for qualifying, high-achieving students. Participating colleges develop partnerships with local business and industry to identify local employment needs in T-STEM occupations and create part-time employment opportunities for T-STEM scholarship recipients. The following actions have been completed:

- Funding history: At its March 23, 2012, meeting, the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TG) Board had made an initial donation of \$8.5 million to T-STEM for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. In summer 2013, the TG provided additional support of the program for future years, for a total TG donation for T-STEM of \$25 million.
- The Coordinating Board recommended issuance of a Request for Application (RFA) for T-STEM 2016-2018 at its January 2016 meeting. The Coordinating Board committed \$7 million for Academic Years (AY) 2017 and 2018. In February, Coordinating Board staff published the RFA on the agency website at <http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/TSTEM>. Coordinating Board staff emailed the RFA to chief instructional officers of Texas public community and technical colleges.
- The \$7 million committed for AY 2017 and 2018 allows budgeting for approximately 2,670 scholarships, at a maximum scholarship amount of \$2,500 per year. The two-year program period allows institutions to make provisions to support freshmen who first enter in AY 2017 in their pursuit of an associate degree. Institutions may use up to five percent of their award for administration.
- Twenty-six institutions indicated an intent to apply through a Notice of Intent for T-STEM 2016-2018 by March 15, 2016. The Coordinating Board received twenty-three applications for T-STEM 2016-2018 by March 30, with a total request for funding of \$15.7 million.
- The maximum number of scholarships per award was apportioned according to each institution's size as listed in Appendix B of the RFA. Institutional size was determined by the number of students listed in the institutions' Coordinating Board Management (CBM) report who had declared majors classified in T-STEM instructional programs and who were enrolled for 30 or more hours in AY 2015.
- Applicants who requested funds for fewer scholarships than the calculated maximum received full funding requested. The budgets of applicants who requested funds for more scholarships than the maximum received less funding than requested.
- Administrative requests were calculated by institutions at no more than five percent of the award amount. Administrative funds for institutions awarded less than the requested amount were calculated at five percent of total scholarships. Institutions will be permitted to use administration funds for additional scholarships if they do not need the maximum administrative allotment.
- The Coordinating Board authorized the funding of \$7 million in grant awards for T-STEM 2016-2018 from TG funds.

The following institutions have been awarded funding for T-STEM 2016-2018:

T-STEM 2016-2018		Application Estimate of Students	Number# of Scholarships ^ per Award	Portion of Award for Scholarships	Portion of Award Allowed for Administration+	T-STEM Awards for Academic Years 2016-2018
Award List*						
1	TEXAS STATE T. C. CENTRAL OFF.	734	475	1,188,014	59,401	1,247,415
2	ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	762	430	1,075,769	53,647	1,129,416
3	AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	550	227	568,142	28,407	596,549
4	SAN JACINTO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	200	200	500,000	25,000	525,000
5	BLINN COLLEGE	615	152	379,945	19,003	398,948
6	HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM	400	152	379,950	18,998	398,948
7	SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE	324	141	351,410	17,570	368,980
8	TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE	200	139	347,864	18,307	366,171
9	LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM DIST.	120	120	300,000	15,200	315,200
10	EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	262	110	274,706	13,735	288,441
11	DALLAS CO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	375	100	249,732	12,487	262,219
12	PARIS JUNIOR COLLEGE	50	50	125,000	6,200	131,200
13	LEE COLLEGE	60	56	139,940	7,090	147,030
14	CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE	321	50	124,867	6,243	131,110
15	NAVARRO COLLEGE	143	49	123,083	6,154	129,237
16	TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT	130	46	115,639	1,423	117,062
17	MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	132	38	95,433	4,772	100,205
18	GRAYSON COLLEGE	123	25	63,325	3,166	66,491
19	VICTORIA COLLEGE	20	20	50,000	0	50,000
20	RANGER COLLEGE	120	20	50,711	2,669	53,380
21	WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE	36	19	47,270	2,364	49,634
22	ODESSA COLLEGE	117	19	48,698	0	48,698
23	LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	210	30	75,090	3,576	78,666
Totals:		6,004	2,670	\$6,674,588	\$325,412	\$7,000,000

* Awarded institutions are listed in order of institutions' T-STEM enrollment as published in the Request for Applications.

The number of scholarships per award was apportioned in relation to an institutions' T-STEM enrollment as published in the Request for Applications.

^ A "scholarship" has a maximum value of \$2,500 per year. Institutions may award partial scholarships or scholarships with lower monetary value.

+ Administration allocations are based upon requested percentages in institutions' applications, up to 5% of total requested award.