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TO: Directors of Financial Aid
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RE: 2017-18 Net Price Calculator (NPC) Data

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) is required to provide an accessible tool for estimating the cost of attendance (COA) for full-time entering first-year students attending institutions of higher education in Texas. General rules concerning the uniform standards for the publication of COA information as well as a tool to compute an estimated COA can be found in [Chapter 21, Subchapter PP of the Texas Administrative Code](#).

All public institutions are **required** to participate in the State's Net Price Calculator that is posted on the College For All Texan website. Private/independent institutions that are approved to participate in the Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) or Texas College Work-Study (TCWS) program are strongly **encouraged**. Required institutions must log into the [NPC portal system](#) to download the necessary award table excel template and upload the information in CSV format into the system by **May 10, 2017**.

Please note that the financial aid award tables that must be submitted are different from the College Student Budget (CSB) submission process. CSB data is used to report costs of attendance in the NPC and the financial aid award tables are used to estimate potential dollar amounts that a student can receive from a federal or state program at an institution.

The NPC Institutional Guidelines can be found in the "Reports" section on the Student Financial Aid Programs Information Website:
<https://www1.theccb.state.tx.us/apps/SpecialPrograms/MainMenu.cfm>

If you have questions or issues logging into the NPC portal system, please contact Financial Aid Services at 1-844-792-2640 or GrantInfo@theccb.state.tx.us.

Enclosed: [Net Price Calculator Guidelines](#)

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