

Early High School Graduation Scholarship Instructions and Application

This application should be completed by the HS Counselor. Please do not leave any blank spaces. We ask that you only complete the section of Part II that applies to the student's graduation date. All data entered on the application should be carefully typed or printed in ink using block letters. (It is very important that we are able to read the text). If illegible, the application will not be processed and will be returned to the high school. Also, when making multiple copies of the application, please use white paper.

PART I - Required for all applicants.

1. Social Security Number (SSN) – If the student graduated prior to June 15, 2007, students may provide a school ID only if they do not have a social security number. For students graduating on or after June 15, 2007 a social security number is required to be eligible.

2. Student's Date of Birth – self explanatory.

3. Student's Last Name, First Name, MI– self explanatory.

4. Permanent Home Address – The permanent home street address for the student (typically the parents' address).

5. College student plans to attend – The school the student is most likely to attend. If the student does not know or is not sure then he/she should give his/her best guess. For a list of eligible schools please visit: <http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/index.cfm?ObjectID=D57D0AC5-AB2D-EFB0-FC201080B528442A&CFID=1035643&CFTOKEN=97739670>. The student may contact the Coordinating Board to change his/her school of choice at any time at earlygrad@theqb.state.tx.us.

6. Date student entered 9th grade – The date of student's first day of 9th grade. The date must be complete and accurate i.e. MMDDYYYY. (This will help us determine the number of months in high school).

7. Date graduation requirements completed – Please report the date the student completed all requirements for graduation. The date must be complete and accurate i.e. MMDDYYYY. (This will help us determine the number of months in high school). The following rule applies only to students graduating on or after September 1, 2005: **“The months to graduation will be measured beginning with the student's first full month in the ninth grade through the date the high school counselor certifies on the application as the date the student completes all the requirements for graduation.”** (THECB rules 21.953(e)).

8. - 9. School Name, Address, and School Number – The TEA designated campus name and school number. To access the TEA website and school listings please visit: <http://mansfield.tea.state.tx.us/tea.askted.web/Forms/Home.aspx>

10. Is the student currently delinquent 30 days or more on child support payments? - If the student is making child support payments, the payments must not be more than 30 days delinquent. Per state law, persons more than 30 days delinquent cannot receive state aid. If this question does not apply to the applicant, answer no.

11. Has the student registered for the selective service or is the student exempt from the requirement?
- A male student who has reached his 18th birthday must be registered with Selective Service to be eligible. Male students under the age of 18 and females are exempt from this requirement.

PART II - Only complete the section (A, B, or C) of Part II that applies to the student's high school graduation date.

A. FOR STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

12. Did student only attend a Texas public high school? - The student must have attended only public high schools in Texas to be eligible. If the answer is no, the student is not eligible. PLEASE NOTE: The college will also verify that the student is a Texas resident.

B. FOR STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED ON/AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 AND BEFORE JUNE 15, 2007

13. Did student only attend a Texas public high school? - The student must have attended only public high schools in Texas to be eligible. If the answer is no, the student is not eligible. PLEASE NOTE: The college will also verify that the student is a Texas resident.

14. self explanatory.

15. IF YOUR ANSWER TO 14 WAS NO, was it because of a shortage of qualified teachers; lack of enrollment capacity; or another cause not within the student's control? - Program statute indicates a student who does not satisfy the curriculum requirements mentioned in item 14 may be considered to have satisfied those requirements if the high school from which the student graduated indicates that the student was unable to complete the appropriate curriculum within the time prescribed solely because of a shortage of qualified teachers; lack of enrollment capacity; or another cause not within the student's control. For auditing purposes, please make sure to keep a file of all supporting documentation.

16. Will the student receive college credit hours from tech prep, dual/concurrent enrollment, articulation agreement, AP/CLEP exams or from classes the student has taken on his/her own that will qualify the student for the bonus award? - Hours must be completed prior to graduating high school. Eligibility for the bonus award may be verified by going to the following link: <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=417> . If a student is eligible for the college bonus award, please submit an official college transcript along with their early high school graduation scholarship application, or an official college transcript may be submitted once all of their college credit hours have posted to their transcript to: The Coordinating Board, Office of Grants and Special Programs.

C. FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING AFTER JUNE 15, 2007

17. self explanatory.

18. IF YOUR ANSWER TO 17 WAS NO, was it because of a shortage of qualified teachers; lack of enrollment capacity; or another cause not within the student's control? - Program statute indicates a student who does not satisfy the curriculum requirements mentioned in item 17 may be considered to have satisfied those requirements if the high school from which the student graduated indicates that the student was unable to complete the appropriate curriculum within the time prescribed solely because of a shortage of qualified teachers; lack of enrollment capacity; or another cause not within the student's control. For auditing purposes, please make sure to keep a file of all supporting documentation.

19. Will the student receive college credit hours from tech prep, dual/concurrent enrollment, articulation agreement, AP/CLEP exams or from classes the student has taken on his/her own that will qualify the student for the bonus award? - Hours must be completed prior to graduating high school. Eligibility for the bonus award may be verified by going to the following link: <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=417> . If a student is eligible for the college bonus award, please submit an official college transcript along with their early high school graduation

scholarship application, or an official college transcript may be submitted once all of their college credit hours have posted to their transcript to: The Coordinating Board, Office of Grants and Special Programs.

20. Is the student a US citizen or lawfully authorized to be present in the United States?

The student must be a US citizen, Permanent Resident or hold a visa or other immigration documents that allow him/her to be in the US. The high school counselor should answer to the best of his/her knowledge, but the college will confirm the student’s status prior to the disbursement of any funds. If the answer is no, the student is not eligible.

21. Has the student completed the majority of high school while attending one or more public high schools in Texas? – If the student attended a private high school or high school outside of Texas for the majority of time the student was in high school the student is not eligible. The majority of time is measured by semesters if possible; or weeks if necessary. To qualify the student must have completed more than 50% of their time at a Texas public high school. If the answer is no, the student is not eligible.

PART III – Required for all applicants.

Certification statement – The H.S. Counselor and H.S. Principal’s signatures are evidence of the integrity of the application’s data. Signatures are required.

Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program requirements and award amounts:

| Requirement/Aspect | Students graduating on/after 6/15/2007 | Students graduating 9/1/2005-6/14/2007 | Students graduating prior to 9/1/2005 |
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| Curriculum | Recommended or distinguished achievement | Recommended or distinguished achievement | n/a |
| Residency | Must be a U.S. Citizen and lawfully authorized to live in the U.S. | Texas residents only (includes undocumented) | Texas residents only (includes undocumented) |
| Location of High School(s) Attended | Varies. Spent a Majority of high school attending a Texas public school | Texas Only | Texas Only |
| Must Graduate from | Texas public high school | Texas public high school | Texas public high school |
| Meet Selective Service Registration Requirements | Required | Required | Required |
| Time to graduation | Less than or = 36 months | Less than or = 36 months | Less than or = 36 months |
| | Less than or = 41 months | Less than or = 41 months | n/a |
| | Less than or = 46 months | Less than or = 45 months | n/a |
| Value/Uses of EHS Award | | | |
| Less than or = 36 months | \$2,000 for tuition & fees | \$2,000 for tuition & fees | \$1,000 for tuition only |
| Less than or = 41 months | \$500 for tuition & fees | \$500 for tuition & fees | n/a |
| Less than or = 45 or 46 months | \$0 | \$0 | n/a |
| \$1,000 Bonus for College Credits | ≤ 36-month graduates with 15 hours | ≤ 36-month graduates with 15 hours | n/a |
| | ≤ 41-months graduates with 30 hours | ≤ 41-months graduates with 30 hours | n/a |
| | ≤ 46 -month graduates with 30 hours | ≤ 45-month graduates with 30 hours | n/a |

