



Texas A&M International University

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**Texas Grant Controlled Substance Statement of Student Eligibility**

Effective with the 2010-2011 academic years the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will require institutions to collect a statement from each TEXAS Grant recipient prior to the disbursement of funds confirming eligibility in regards to the controlled substance restrictions of the program.

Statement of Student Eligibility

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or an offense under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act), or under the law of another jurisdiction involving controlled substance as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code?

☐ No☐ Yes*

I hereby certify that the information I have provided is true and correct. I also certify that if in the future while receiving the TEXAS Grant award I am convicted of a felony or an offense under Chapter 481 I will notify the financial aid office at my institution. I understand that if I fail to provide accurate information, I may be required to reimburse the institution, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, State of Texas and penalties may be imposed.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

* If your answer is yes, contact the financial aid office to determine your eligibility to receive TEXAS Grant.

Reference: Statutory Program Restrictions

A person is not eligible to receive an initial or renewal Texas grant,

“...if the person has been convicted of a felony or an offense under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act), or under the law of another jurisdiction involving a controlled substance as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, unless the person has met the other applicable eligibility requirements under this subchapter and has:

- (1) Received a certificate of discharge by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or a correctional facility or completed a period of probation ordered by a court, and at least two years have elapsed from the date of the receipt or completion; or
- (2) Been pardoned, had the record of the offense expunged from the person's record, or otherwise has been released from the resulting ineligibility to receive a grant under this subchapter.”

Citations:

TEXAS Grant initial awards TEC 56.304(b)

renewal awards TEC awards TEC 56.305(b)

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TAMU ID _____

Student's Last Name _____

Student's First Name _____

Students are only eligible to receive the Texas Grant award for five consecutive years beginning the year the initial award was received. Eligibility ends 5 years from the initial award or when a student earns a bachelors degree or when 150 credits have been attempted, whichever comes first.

Students entering the program based on acquisition of an associate's degree who continue in college and who meet program academic standards can receive awards for up to 90 semester credit hours, until they receive a bachelor's degree, or for three consecutive years if enrolled in a 4-year degree plan or four consecutive years if enrolled in a 5-year degree plan, whichever comes first.

The academic requirements for continuing in the program are:

Initial Award

At the end of the first year, a recipient of the Texas Grant award must be in compliance with the school's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP), which includes the following:

- ☛ **Completion Rate (PACE):** Complete 67% of all attempted hours,

$$\text{Calculation: } \frac{\text{Total OVERALL hours passed}}{\text{Total OVERALL hours attempted}} = \text{PACE \% (percentage)}$$
- ☛ **GPA:** Have an overall TAMU grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 or above.
- ☛ **Maximum Time Frame:** Attempted semester credit hours must be less than 180.

Students not meeting these requirements will be ineligible for the Texas Grant award for the subsequent year, but may make up deficiencies during the summer. If not meeting GPA requirement student must enroll at TAMU ONLY during the summer.

Renewal Award

At the end of the second year and each subsequent year in the program, all students must meet the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requirements, which include the following:

1. **GPA:** Overall grade point average (GPA) of at least **2.5 or above.**
2. **Completion Rate:** Complete **24 semester credit hours** at end of each academic year.
3. **Maximum Time Frame:** Attempted overall semester credit hours must be less than 150 hours.
4. **Submit FAFSA or TASFA by July 1st of each year.**

If a student fails to meet these requirements at the end of the spring semester, the student has the summer of the same academic year to meet requirements. *Note: Student must meet all requirements at end of summer if trying to meet at least one item above.*

Non-compliance with one or more requirements will result in the loss of the Texas Grant Award for the upcoming year.

If student met items 2 and 3 at end of year but does not have the GPA requirement student may regain eligibility for spring semester IF overall GPA is a 2.5 or above after fall semester. Students may be reconsidered for future awards by completing the requirements at the end of the following academic year. Please notify the Office of Financial Aid when you meet these requirements.

Transfer Students

A student who was a recipient of the Texas Grant program at a previous institution must notify the new institution of their previous award, and must be meeting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requirements as listed above. All prior recipients will be verified through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board website after July when information becomes available and will be awarded accordingly.

Your signature on this document confirms your acknowledgement of the following:

- ☛ The information submitted for review is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- ☛ I have read each section.
- ☛ Providing false information may result in reduced eligibility, repayment of aid, or both, in this year or next year.
- ☛ Additional documentation may be required.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

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Date Received in OFA: _____

Entered on RRAAREQ by: _____

RRAAREQ Code: TXELG

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