

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Survey Answers**

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12. Financial Aid Programs and Residency Laws and Regulations (see attached)
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15. (see attached)

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board State Financial Aid Programs for Texas-Mexico Border Communities

Below is a list of financial aid programs that benefit border and cross-border populations. For more information, please go to: www.collegefortexans.com.

Border County Doctoral Faculty Education Loan Repayment Program

The purpose of the Border County Doctoral Faculty Education Loan Repayment Program is to recruit and retain persons holding the doctorate as full-time faculty with instructional duties at Texas institutions of higher education located in counties that border Mexico.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Must have received a doctoral degree on or after September 1, 1994 , from a public or private independent institution of higher education as required by program rules, and as defined in Section 61.003, of the Texas Education Code, or from an out-of-state institution that is accredited by a recognized accrediting agency.
- ★ Must be employed full-time as a doctoral faculty member with instructional duties at an eligible institution of higher education located in a Texas county that borders Mexico;
- ★ Must work full-time as doctoral faculty with instructional duties in the approved institution for one full academic year; and
- ★ Submit a completed application to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) during the annual application period between March 15 and May 15 for eligible service during the current academic year being completed (fax copies are not accepted)

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOCATED IN COUNTIES THAT BORDER MEXICO

★ El Paso Community College	El Paso, TX	El Paso County
★ Laredo Community College	Laredo, TX	Webb County
★ South Texas Community College	McAllen, TX	Hidalgo County
★ Sul Ross State University	Alpine, TX	Brewster County
★ Texas State Technical College - Harlingen	Harlingen, TX	Cameron County
★ Texas Southmost College	Brownsville, TX	Cameron County
★ Texas A&M International University	Laredo, TX	Webb County
★ University of Texas - Brownsville	Brownsville, TX	Cameron County
★ University of Texas - El Paso	El Paso, TX	El Paso County
★ University of Texas - Pan American	Edinburg, TX	Hidalgo County

SERVICE PERIOD

The year of service begins on September 1 and ends on May 31.

ANNUAL LOAN AMOUNTS

- ★ The maximum annual state funded loan repayment for an eligible faculty member is \$5,000.
- ★ The maximum number of years a person may be eligible to receive loan repayment is 10 years.
- ★ Repayment under this program is considered TAXABLE INCOME by the Internal Revenue Service and will be reported as such by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

LOANS ELIGIBLE FOR REPAYMENT

- ★ Have been granted for undergraduate or graduate education at a public or private independent institution of higher education as required by program rules, and as defined in Section 61.003, of the Texas Education Code, or at an out-of-state institution that is accredited by a recognized accrediting agency; and
- ★ Must not be in default at the time the application is received

Applications are processed through the institutions named above. The president of the university or college will determine which of their eligible faculty members may apply for loan repayments. Renewal applicants will be given first consideration. Selected candidates may remain eligible for a maximum of 10 years, contingent upon availability of funds.

For more information, please visit our web site www.collegefortexans.com, or call the THECB Loan Services at 1-800-242-3062 ext. 6404 (outside Austin), or at 512-427-6404 (Austin area).

Good Neighbor Scholarship Program

The purpose of this program is to provide assistance for tuition to students from other nations of the Western Hemisphere (other than Cuba).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Students who have been born in and are current residents of a nation of the Western hemisphere other than Cuba or the United States;
- ★ Intend to return to the eligible country upon completion of the program of study; and
- ★ Are scholastically qualified for admission.

This scholarship is a one year award to cover tuition in the fall, spring, and summer, and is limited only to Texas public colleges and universities. 219 awards were made in 2004-05. (2005-06 data is not yet available). To apply, the student must contact the Student Financial Aid Office and/or the International Student Affairs Office at the

institution he/she is enrolled at for an application. The deadline for participating institutions to submit student recommendation forms is March 15 of each year.

For additional information, contact the college or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at 512/427-6323 (Austin area) or 800-242-3062 (outside Austin). To read more about this program check out: [Texas Education Code, 54.207](#) and [Coordinating Board Rule, Chapter 21, Subchapter K](#) .

Mexican Citizens with Financial Need-Border County Waiver

The purpose of this program is to provide a waiver of nonresident tuition for students from Mexico with financial need to enroll in certain public institutions in Texas while paying the resident tuition rate.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Students who are citizens of Mexico, residing in Mexico;
- ★ Show financial need; and
- ★ Attend an eligible Texas institution.

These awards are limited to Texas public universities and counties bordering Mexico, including:

- ★ Sul Ross State University
- ★ Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- ★ Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- ★ Texas Southmost College
- ★ Texas State Technical College-Harlingen
- ★ The University of Texas at Brownsville
- ★ The University of Texas at El Paso, and
- ★ The University of Texas Pan American

2,613 students received waivers in 2004-05 (2005-06 data is not yet available).

The process for applying for a tuition waiver varies from college to college. Normally, the office of the registrar processes tuition waivers. However, waivers may also be processed by the admissions office and/or financial aid.

Generally, student eligibility for a waiver must be established prior to or at the time of enrollment. The student must contact their college for additional information. To read more about this program, go to: [Texas Education Code, 54.060 \(b\)](#) or [Coordinating Board Rule, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, Section 26](#) (Pertaining to Exceptions).

Mexican Citizens with Financial Need-Border Nations Waiver

The purpose of this program is to permit a small number of individuals with financial need, who are citizens of Mexico, to enroll in any public university in Texas while paying the resident tuition rate.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Students who are citizens of Mexico and reside in Mexico;
- ★ Show financial need; and
- ★ Attend an eligible Texas public university.

This waiver is limited to public universities in the state of Texas.

A university may enroll 5 students or 2 students per thousand enrolled at the university, whichever is more. In other words, a university with an enrollment of less than 3,000 students (total) could enroll 5 students from Mexico through this program. An institution with 10,000 students could enroll 10 x 2 or 20 students through this program.

274 students received waivers in 20004-05 (2005-06 data is not yet available).

The process for applying for a tuition waiver varies from college to college. Normally, the office of the registrar processes tuition waivers. However, waivers may also be processed by the admissions office and/or financial aid.

Generally, student eligibility for a waiver must be established prior to or at the time of enrollment. Students must contact their college for additional information. To read more about this program, go to: [Texas Education Code, 54.060 \(b\)](#) or [Coordinating Board Rule, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, Section 26](#) (Pertaining to Exceptions).

Waiver for Students from Mexico Enrolled in Graduate Degree Programs in Public Health

The purpose of this program is to provide a waiver of nonresident tuition to individuals from Mexico who have financial need and enroll in public institutions in Texas.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Are residents of Mexico;
- ★ Demonstrate financial need; and
- ★ Enroll in a graduate degree program in public health conducted by a public university or health-related institution in a county immediately adjacent to Mexico.

Non-immigrant students living in Texas who are citizens of Mexico are eligible for this program.

This waiver is limited to public universities offering graduate degree programs in public health that are located in a county adjacent to Mexico.

No students received waivers in 2004-05 (2005-06 data is not yet available).

The process for applying for a tuition waiver varies from college to college. Normally, the office of the registrar processes tuition waivers. However, waivers may also be processed by the admissions office and/or financial aid. The student must be able to provide the college or university with proof that he/she meets the program eligibility requirements.

Generally, student eligibility for a waiver must be established prior to or at the time of enrollment. The student must contact their college for additional information. To read more about this program, go to: [Texas Education Code, §54.060\(b\)\(4\)](#); and [Coordinating Board Rule, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, Section 26](#) (Pertaining to Exceptions).

Waiver of Nonresident Tuition for Foreign Service Officers Stationed in Mexico Attending Public Institutions of Higher Education in Texas

The purpose of this program is to provide a waiver of nonresident tuition for officers in the U.S. Foreign Service who are assigned to a post in Mexico and are attending a public institution of higher education in Texas.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students who:

- ★ Are foreign service officers employed by the U.S. Department of State;
- ★ Are assigned to duty in an office of the U.S. Department of State located in Mexico; and
- ★ Are enrolled in a public institution of higher education in Texas.

Non-immigrant students are not eligible for this program as they would not be serving as foreign service officers for the United States.

This waiver is limited to public institution in Texas.

No students received waivers in 2004-05 (2005-06 data is not yet available).

The process for applying for a tuition waiver varies from college to college. Normally, the office of the registrar processes tuition waivers. However, waivers may also be processed by the admissions office and/or financial aid. The student must be able to provide the college or university with proof that he/she meets the program eligibility requirements.

Generally, student eligibility for a waiver must be established prior to or at the time of enrollment. The student must contact their college for additional information. To read more about this program check out: [Texas Education Code §54.069 and Coordinating Board Rule, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, Section 26](#) (Pertaining to Exceptions).