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RE: Maximum Award Amounts for 2019-20 (FY 2020)

Enclosed are the maximum award amounts for state financial aid programs for the 2019-20 academic year.

Type of Institution	TEXAS Grant Maximum Award	TEXAS Grant Target Award	BOT Maximum Award	TEOG Maximum Award
Public Universities & Health Related-Institutes	\$9,792/year \$4,896/semester	\$5,000/year	\$9,792/year \$4,896/semester	-
Private Universities/Colleges	-	-	\$9,792/year \$4,896/semester	-
Public State Colleges	-	-	\$5,876/year \$2,938/semester	\$5,876/year \$2,938/semester
Public Technical Institutes	-	-	\$5,988/year \$2,994/semester	\$5,988/year \$2,994/semester
Public Community Colleges	-	-	\$3,272/year \$1,636/semester	\$3,272/year \$1,636/semester

Toward Excellence, Access and Success Grants (TEXAS Grant) and Texas Educational Opportunity Grants (TEOG)

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) would like to clarify the use of the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) when awarding Initial Year funds. In prior years, the guidance in the award amount memo and guidelines for the TEXAS Grant and TEOG program provided an EFC for Initial Year (IY) awards to determine eligibility. To align with statute and administrative rules, institutions must give highest priority in awarding grants to students who demonstrate the *greatest financial need*. The priority EFC set by the THECB should serve as a method for prioritizing IY awards for eligible students, and is not an eligibility requirement to receive an award. The calculated priority EFC for 2019-20 is **\$5,875**.

As a reminder, Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) has been included in the award calculation maximums for both public technical institutes and public state colleges. LIT will need to determine which TEOG award maximum is most appropriate to utilize when awarding students at the institution.

Tuition Equalization Grants (TEG)

An announcement for the 2019-20 TEG maximum award amounts for private institutions will be sent separately.

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