

# ***Tuition Rebates for Undergraduate Students***

Senate Bill 1907, 75<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Texas Education Code Sec. 54.0065.

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This program is to provide tuition rebates that will provide a financial incentive for students to prepare for university studies while completing their high school work, avail themselves of academic counseling, make early career decisions, and complete their baccalaureate studies with as few courses outside the degree plan as possible. Minimizing the number of courses taken by students results in financial savings to students, parents, and the state. To be eligible for a rebate under this program, a student must:

- Have enrolled for the first time in an institution of higher education in the fall 1997 semester or later;
- Request a rebate for coursework related to a first baccalaureate degree received from a general academic teaching institution;
- Have been a resident of Texas as set forth under Chapter 21, Subchapter B, Section 21.730 of this title (relating to Determining Residence Status) and have been entitled to pay resident tuition at all times while pursuing the degree;
- If enrolled for the first time in fall 2005 or later, graduate within four calendar years for a four-year degree or within five calendar years for a five-year degree if the degree is in architecture, engineering, or any other program determined by the Board to require more than four years to complete; and
- Have attempted no more than three hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete the degree under the catalog under which the student graduated.

A. Hours attempted include:

1. transfer credit;
2. course credit earned exclusively by examination (except that, for the purposes of this program, only the number of semester credit hours earned exclusively by examination in excess of nine semester credit hours is treated as hours attempted);
3. courses dropped after the official census date;
4. optional internship and cooperative education courses; and
5. repeated courses.

B. Courses attempted shall not include:

1. course credit that is earned to satisfy requirements for a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program but that is not required to complete the degree program;
2. course credit, other than course credit earned exclusively by examination, that is earned before graduating from high school; and
3. courses dropped for reasons that are determined by the institution to be totally beyond the control of the student.

C. For students concurrently earning a baccalaureate degree and a Texas teaching certificate, required teacher education courses shall not be counted to the extent that they are over and above the free electives allowed in the baccalaureate degree program.

### Responsibilities of Students:

- Students desiring to qualify for tuition rebates are responsible for complying with all rules and regulations related to administration of the program.
- Students desiring to qualify for tuition rebates are solely responsible for enrolling only in courses that will qualify them for rebates.
- A student who has transferred from another public or independent institution of higher education is responsible for providing to the institution awarding the degree official transcripts from all institutions attended by the student.
- Students must apply for rebates prior to receiving their baccalaureate degrees on forms provided by the institution and must keep the institution apprized of their addresses at least 60 days after their graduation date.

The rebate for eligible students is a maximum of \$1,000. To apply for the rebate, please complete the attached application form and submit it to your academic dean.

# *Tuition Rebates for Certain Undergraduates*

Texas Education Code Sec. 54.0065.

This form is to be completed by an applicant wishing to receive the Tuition Rebate authorized by the Texas Education Code Sec. 54.0065. The completed form is to be submitted to the applicant's academic dean **prior to receiving their baccalaureate degree**. The applicant is to keep the Business Office and Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs apprised of his/her address for at least 60 days after their graduation date. The institution will provide the appropriate rebate within 60 days after graduation or the institution will provide a statement explaining the reason the applicant is ineligible for the rebate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ K Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Local or Permanent)

Address after Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you seeking teacher certification? For students concurrently earning a baccalaureate degree and a Texas teaching certificate, required teacher education courses are not counted to the extent that they are over and above the free electives allowed in the baccalaureate degree program.

Are you a resident of the state of Texas? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive federal student loans at any time while attending college? \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, we will forward your tuition rebate to the lending institution you specify here for application to the total balance of your loan(s). Please specify lender here:

(If you do not specify a lending institution, TAMU-Kingsville will apply your tuition rebate to the loan with the highest interest rate. The Tuition Rebate will apply to loan balance and does not constitute a monthly payment(s).)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

To be completed by Academic Dean

Number of Hours Required for Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Hours Attempted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Catalog Under Which Applicant is Graduating:

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is eligible for the tuition rebate as specified in Texas Education Code Sec. 54.0065.

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic Dean \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If eligible, FORWARD TO PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.

If ineligible, provide student with statement of reason(s) and copy of Dispute Resolution. (copy to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

To be completed by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

After certification by the academic dean, this application is to be submitted to the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for appropriate authorization before processing by the Business Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

If eligible, FORWARD TO BUSINESS OFFICE.

If ineligible, provide student with statement of reason(s) and copy of Dispute Resolution.

To be completed by Business Office

Amount of Tuition Rebate: \_\_\_\_\_ (Not to exceed \$1,000 and must be paid within 60 days of graduation date)

Amount of rebate sent to lending institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of rebate sent to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date rebate was mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

Bursar \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

A student's written request for an appeal must be received by Texas A&M-Kingsville's Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs within 30 days following the date of commencement exercises for the semester the degree was conferred or 30 days following the date in which an ineligible decision was given. Appeals will be reviewed by the Tuition Rebate Committee, which is composed of the Registrar, the Bursar, and the Dean of the related college. The Tuition Rebate Committee will review the appeal within five working days after receipt of the request and will notify the student in writing of the decision.

Decisions of the Tuition Rebate Committee may be appealed to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.