

Policy Recommendations presented to the 80th Texas Legislature Senate Committee on Higher Education

Regarding interim charge 4 – Monitor the progress of the
Closing the Gaps goals and recommend any legislative action
needed to ensure we stay on target to meet the goals by 2015.

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Introduction

On April 18, representatives from various organizations that serve the interests of Texas community colleges met in Austin at the first-ever Community College Financial Aid Policy Summit. The Summit was hosted by Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TG) – Center for Financial Aid Center Policy in Community Colleges (the Center). The purpose of the Summit was to develop a set of recommendations that streamline the state's financial aid program for community colleges. These recommendations would then be submitted to the 80th Texas Legislature for consideration.

The Summit brought together more than 40 community college financial aid directors and representatives from many of the guiding organizations working on behalf of community colleges in Texas, including the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). Also present was Kate Moore, Committee Director for Senator Royce West (D-Dallas), who chairs the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education.

The recommendations included in this document are intended to further the goals and objectives of Closing the Gaps and Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes' stated purpose of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to:

“...look closely for opportunities both to improve educational outcomes and improve cost efficiency ...” in financial aid ... “It is unlikely that the TEXAS Grant program will be fully funded and while the B-on-Time program has much to recommend it, it is not the answer for many of our students...”

Commissioner's report to the THECB – January 26, 2006

Basis for recommendations

It is important to consider the environment in which these recommendations are being proposed. In October 2000, the state of Texas implemented a laudable fifteen-year master plan for higher education, *Closing the Gaps by 2015*. This plan sets an enrollment goal of 630,000 additional students by the year 2015. During this period, Texas community colleges are projected to experience unprecedented enrollment growths, enrolling nearly 70 percent of all new students in postsecondary education.

Already community colleges make up the largest sector of higher education in Texas, representing 50 independent districts with locally-appointed boards. Approximately one million students are enrolled in college credit and non-credit courses. According to the TACC, community colleges educate 73 percent of all lower division students and 76 percent of all lower division minority students in Texas.

Today's community colleges face a dynamic landscape. They are experiencing changing federal and state policies, including reduced regulatory state funding, increased cost of tuition, increased accountability measures, shifts from need-based to merit-based financial aid, and increased reliance on student loans.

Community colleges continue to enroll a majority of Hispanics in postsecondary education. Hispanics are not only the fastest growing population in Texas they continue to have the lowest college participation rates. Hispanics also earn incomes at the lower median levels in the state of Texas.

If Texas is to effectively address the changing education landscape and meet the goals of *Closing the Gaps*, the state must reexamine the role of financial aid and the multitude of policies that may be hindering community colleges' ability to enroll tomorrow's students. The following statutory recommendations are intended to increase funding available to students at two-year public institutions without increasing additional costs to the state.

Recommendation for statutory change in the Texas Education Code 56.301 – SUBCHAPTER M. TOWARD EXCELLENCE, ACCESS, & SUCCESS (TEXAS) GRANT PROGRAM

Recommendation: TEOG Recipients and Renewal TEXAS Grant Eligibility

We respectfully request a statutory change to authorize recipients of the Texas Equal Opportunity Grant (TEOG) to be eligible to receive a renewal TEXAS Grant upon transfer to a four-year institution from a two-year public institution.

Need for change:

This provision enables students to transfer more easily from two-year to four-year institutions. Without the change, these students are only eligible to apply for initial TEXAS Grant funds, which form a diminishing component of the TEXAS grant allocation at institutions.

Recommended action:

Amend Texas Education Code Section 56.305 -CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY AND PERFORMANCE: Section (g) to read as follows: (g) A person who attended a Public junior college or a public technical college shall be eligible to receive a renewal TEXAS Grant award if the person completes the core curriculum or an associate's degree.

See complete (recommended) statutory language for section 56.305 below:

§ 56.305. CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) After initially qualifying for a TEXAS grant, a person may continue to receive a TEXAS grant during each semester or term in which the person is enrolled at an eligible institution only if the person:
 - (1) meets financial need requirements as defined by the coordinating board;
 - (2) is enrolled in an undergraduate degree or certificate program at an eligible institution;
 - (3) is enrolled for at least three-fourths of a full course load for an undergraduate student, as determined by the coordinating board;
 - (4) makes satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree or certificate; and
 - (5) complies with any additional nonacademic requirement adopted by the coordinating board.
- (b) A person is not eligible to continue to receive a TEXAS grant under this section 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
- (c) If a person fails to meet any of the requirements of Subsection (a) after the completion of any semester or term, the person may not receive a TEXAS grant during the next semester or term in which the person enrolls. A person may become eligible to receive a TEXAS grant in a subsequent semester or term if the person:

- (1) completes a semester or term during which the student is not eligible for a scholarship; and
- (2) meets all the requirements of Subsection (a).
- (d) A person who qualifies for and subsequently receives a TEXAS grant, who receives an undergraduate certificate or associate degree, and who, not later than the 12th month after the month the person receives the certificate or degree, enrolls in a program leading to a higher-level undergraduate degree continues to be eligible for a TEXAS grant to the extent other eligibility requirements are met.
- (e) For the purpose of this section, a person who is initially awarded a TEXAS grant before the 2005 fall semester makes satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree or certificate only if:
 - (1) in the person's first academic year the person meets the satisfactory academic progress requirements of the institution at which the person is enrolled; and
 - (2) in a subsequent academic year, the person:
 - (A) completes at least 75 percent of the semester credit hours attempted in the student's most recent academic year; and
 - (B) earns an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on coursework previously attempted at public or private institutions of higher education.
- (e-1) For purposes of this section, a person who is initially awarded a TEXAS grant during or after the 2005 fall semester makes satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree or certificate only if:
 - (1) in the person's first academic year the person meets the satisfactory academic progress requirements of the institution at which the person is enrolled; and
 - (2) in a subsequent academic year, the person:
 - (A) completed at least 24 semester credit hours in the student's most recent academic year; and
 - (B) has earned an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on coursework previously attempted at institutions of higher education.
- (f) A person who is eligible to receive a TEXAS grant continues to remain eligible to receive the TEXAS grant if the person enrolls in or transfers to another eligible institution.
- (g) A person who attended a public junior college or a public technical college shall be eligible to receive a renewal TEXAS Grant award if the person completes the core curriculum or an associate degree.
- ~~(g)~~ h The coordinating board shall adopt rules to allow a person who is otherwise eligible to receive a TEXAS grant, in the event of a hardship or for other good cause shown, including a showing of a severe illness or other debilitating condition that may affect the person's academic performance or that the person is responsible for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person and that the person's provision of care may affect the person's academic performance, to receive a TEXAS grant:
 - (1) while enrolled in a number of semester credit hours that is less than the number of semester credit hours required under Subsection (a)(3); or
 - (2) if the student's grade point average or the student's completion rate or number of semester credit hours completed, as applicable, falls below the satisfactory academic progress requirements of Subsection (e) or (e-1).

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1590, § 1, eff. June 19, 1999.

Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 919, § 2, eff. June 20, 2003; Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1181, § 34, eff. Sept. 1, 2005; Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1230, § 7, eff. June 18, 2005.

Recommendations for statutory changes in the Texas Education Code 56.401 – SUBCHAPTER P. TEXAS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Recommendation #1: TEOG Recipients and Renewal TEXAS Grant Eligibility

We respectfully request a statutory change to authorize students attending public two-year institutions or public technical colleges who receive a TEOG to be eligible to receive a renewal TEXAS Grant upon transfer to a four-year institution (This is a corresponding amendment to the recommendation regarding the TEXAS Grant, on page 2)

Need for change:

This amendment makes a change to a corresponding amendment for the TEOG (see recommendation for TEXAS Grant program, on page 2).

Recommended action:

Amend Texas Education Code Section 56.404 -Create a new section: 56.408 Eligibility for Texas Grant to read as follows:

56.408 Eligibility for TEXAS Grant

A person who attended a public junior college or a public technical college and received a TEOG, shall be eligible to receive a renewal TEXAS Grant award if the person completes the core curriculum or an associates degree.

See complete (recommended) statutory language for section 56.404 below:

SUBCHAPTER P. TEXAS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

§ 56.401. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

- (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- (2) "Eligible institution" means:
 - (A) a public junior college;
 - (B) a public technical institute; or
 - (C) a public state college.
- (3) "Public junior college," "public technical institute," and "public state college" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 624, § 1, eff. June 11, 2001.

Renumbered from V.T.C.A., Education Code § 56.351 by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1275, § 2(35), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

§ 56.402. PROGRAM NAME; PURPOSE.

- (a) The student financial assistance program authorized by this subchapter is known as the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program.
- (b) The purpose of this subchapter is to provide a grant of money to enable eligible students to attend two-year public institutions of higher education in this state.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 624, § 1, eff. June 11, 2001.

Renumbered from V.T.C.A., Education Code § 56.352 by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1275, § 2(35), eff. Sept. 1, 2003. Amended by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1181, § 39, eff. Sept. 1, 2005.

§ 56.403. ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM.

- (a) The coordinating board shall administer the grant program and shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the grant program or this subchapter. The coordinating board shall consult with the student financial aid officers of eligible institutions in developing the rules.
- (b) The coordinating board shall adopt rules to provide a grant under this subchapter to an eligible student enrolled in an eligible institution in a manner consistent with the administration of federal student financial aid programs.
- (c) The total amount of grants awarded under the grant program may not exceed the amount available for the program from appropriations, gifts, grants, or other funds.
- (d) In determining who should receive a grant under this subchapter, the coordinating board and the eligible institutions shall give highest priority to awarding grants to students who demonstrate the greatest financial need.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 624, § 1, eff. June 11, 2001.

Renumbered from V.T.C.A., Education Code § 56.353 by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1275, § 2(35), eff. Sept. 1, 2003. Amended by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1181, § 40, eff. Sept. 1, 2005.

§ 56.404. INITIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANT.

- (a) To be eligible initially for a grant under the grant program, a person must:
 - (1) be a resident of this state as determined by coordinating board rules;
 - (2) meet financial need requirements as defined by the coordinating board;
 - (3) be enrolled in an associate degree or certificate program at an eligible institution;
 - (4) be enrolled as an entering student for at least one-half of a full course load for an entering student in the associate degree or certificate program, as determined by the coordinating board;
 - (5) have applied for any available financial aid or assistance; and
 - (6) comply with any additional nonacademic requirement adopted by the coordinating board under this subchapter.
- (b) A person is not eligible to receive a grant under this subchapter 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 been released from the resulting ineligibility to receive a grant under this subchapter.
- (c) A person is not eligible to receive a grant under this subchapter if the person has been granted an associate or baccalaureate degree.
- (d) A person may not receive a grant under this subchapter for more than 75 semester credit hours or the equivalent.
- (e) A person may not receive a grant under this subchapter if the person is eligible for a TEXAS grant.
- (f) A person's eligibility for a grant under this subchapter ends on the fourth anniversary of the initial award of a grant under this subchapter to the person and the person's enrollment in an eligible institution.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 624, § 1, eff. June 11, 2001.

Renumbered from V.T.C.A., Education Code § 56.354 by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1275, § 2(35), eff. Sept. 1, 2003. Amended by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1181, § 41, eff. Sept. 1, 2005.

§ 56.405. CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) After initially qualifying for a grant under this subchapter, a person may continue to receive a grant under this subchapter during each semester or term in which the person is enrolled at an eligible institution only if the person:
 - (1) meets financial need requirements as defined by the coordinating board;
 - (2) is enrolled in an associate degree or certificate program at an eligible institution;
 - (3) is enrolled for at least one-half of a full course load for a student in an associate degree or certificate program, as determined by the coordinating board;
 - (4) makes satisfactory academic progress toward an associate degree or certificate; and
 - (5) complies with any additional nonacademic requirement adopted by the coordinating board.
- (b) A person is not eligible to continue to receive a grant under this section 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 been released from the resulting ineligibility to receive a grant under this subchapter.
- (c) If a person fails to meet any of the requirements of Subsection (a) after the completion of any semester or term, the person may not receive a grant under this subchapter during the next semester or term in which the person enrolls. A person may become eligible to receive a grant under this subchapter in a subsequent semester or term if the person:
 - (1) completes a semester or term during which the student is not eligible for a scholarship; and
 - (2) meets all the requirements of Subsection (a).
- (d) For the purpose of this section, a person makes satisfactory academic progress toward an associate degree or certificate only if:
 - (1) in the person's first academic year the person meets the satisfactory academic progress requirements of the institution at which the person is enrolled; and
 - (2) in a subsequent academic year, the person:
 - (A) completes at least 75 percent of the semester credit hours attempted in the student's most recent academic year; and
 - (B) has earned an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on course work previously attempted at institutions of higher education.
- (e) A person who is eligible to receive a grant under this subchapter continues to remain eligible to receive the grant if the person enrolls in or transfers to another eligible institution.
- (f) The coordinating board shall adopt rules to allow a person who is otherwise eligible to receive a grant under this subchapter, in the event of a hardship or for other good cause shown, including a showing of a severe illness or other debilitating condition that may affect the person's academic performance or that the person is responsible for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person and that the person's provision of care may affect the person's academic performance, to receive a grant under this subchapter:
 - (1) while enrolled in a number of semester credit hours that is less than the number of semester credit hours required under Subsection (a)(3); or
 - (2) if the student's grade point average or completion rate falls below the satisfactory academic progress requirements of Subsection (d).

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 624, § 1, eff. June 11, 2001.
Renumbered from V.T.C.A., Education Code § 56.355 by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1275, § 2(35),
eff. Sept. 1, 2003. Amended by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1181, § 42, eff. Sept. 1, 2005.

§ 56.406. GRANT USE.

A person receiving a grant under this subchapter may use the money to pay any usual and customary cost of attendance at an eligible institution incurred by the student. The institution may disburse all or part of the proceeds of a grant under this subchapter to an eligible person only if the tuition and required fees incurred by the person at the institution have been paid.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 624, § 1, eff. June 11, 2001.
Renumbered from V.T.C.A., Education Code § 56.356 by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1275, § 2(35),
eff. Sept. 1, 2003. Amended by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1181, § 43, eff. Sept. 1, 2005.

§ 56.407. GRANT AMOUNT.

- (a) The amount of a grant under this subchapter for a student enrolled full-time at an eligible institution is the amount determined by the coordinating board as the average statewide amount of tuition and required fees that a resident student enrolled full-time in an associate degree or certificate program would be charged for that semester or term at eligible institutions.
- (b) The coordinating board may adopt rules that allow the coordinating board to increase or decrease, in proportion to the number of semester credit hours in which a student is enrolled, the amount of a grant award under this section to a student who is enrolled in a number of semester credit hours in excess of or below the number of semester credit hours described in Section 56.404(a)(4) or 56.405(a)(3).
- (c) The amount of a grant under this subchapter may not be reduced by any gift aid for which the person receiving the grant is eligible, unless the total amount of a person's grant plus any gift aid received exceeds the total cost of attendance at an eligible institution.
- (d) Not later than January 31 of each year, the coordinating board shall publish the amounts of each grant established by the board for the academic year beginning the next fall semester.
- (e) The total amount of grants that a student may receive in an academic year under this subchapter and under Section 61.221 may not exceed the maximum amount authorized under Section 61.227.
- (f) An eligible institution may not:
 - (1) charge a person attending the institution who also receives a grant under this subchapter an amount of tuition and required fees in excess of the amount of the grant under this subchapter received by the person; or
 - (2) deny admission to or enrollment in the institution based on a person's eligibility to receive a grant under this subchapter or a person's receipt of a grant under this subchapter.
- (g) An institution may use other available sources of financial aid, other than a loan or a Pell grant, to cover any difference in the amount of a grant under this subchapter and the actual amount of tuition and required fees at the institution.

56.408 Eligibility for TEXAS Grant

A person who attended a public junior college or a public technical college and received a TEOG, shall be eligible to receive a renewal TEXAS Grant award if the person completes the core curriculum or an associates degree

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 624, § 1, eff. June 11, 2001.
Renumbered from V.T.C.A., Education Code § 56.357 and amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1275,
§ 2(35), 3(9), eff. Sept. 1, 2003. Amended by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1181, § 44, eff. Sept. 1, 2005.

Recommendation #2: TEOG and Authority to Transfer Funds

We respectfully request a statutory change to include the TEOG in the current provision for “Authority to Transfer Funds.” Current law does not authorize transfers to and from the TEOG. Institutions are able to transfer funds between the TEXAS Grant and Texas Work Study in a given fiscal year, up to the lesser of two amounts – 10 percent of funds or \$10,000. Also in this same provision, we recommend authorizing two-year public institutions and public technical colleges to transfer up to 25 percent of the funds between TEXAS grant, Texas College Work Study and the TEOG.

Need for change:

Two-year public institutions need additional flexibility to maximize the financial aid packaging for their increasing student population. Because of the lack of flexibility in the existing program, some institutions are required to return funds to the state even though a large amount of unmet need exists within their student population.

Recommended actions:

Amend the following existing statutory rider to read as follows:

45. Appropriations Transfers.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may allow each institution, except a public junior college or public technical institute, to transfer the lesser of 10% or 10,000 between the Texas College Work-Study Program, TEXAS Grant Program, and the Tuition Equalization Grant Program.

Establish a new statutory rider specifically for public community colleges and technical colleges to read as follows:

Appropriations Transfers for Two-year Public Institutions.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may allow two-year public institutions and public technical institutes to transfer 25 percent between the Texas College Work Study Program, TEXAS Grant Program, and the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program.

Recommendation #3: Funding Levels for TEXAS Grant and TEOG

We respectfully request a statutory change to increase funding levels for the TEXAS Grant and the TEOG for community and public technical colleges.

Need for change:

A variety of factors drive the necessity for this recommendation. These include:

- Increased enrollment
- Inadequate funding levels

Increased enrollment

The THECB Fall 2005 preliminary enrollment report indicate the following trends:

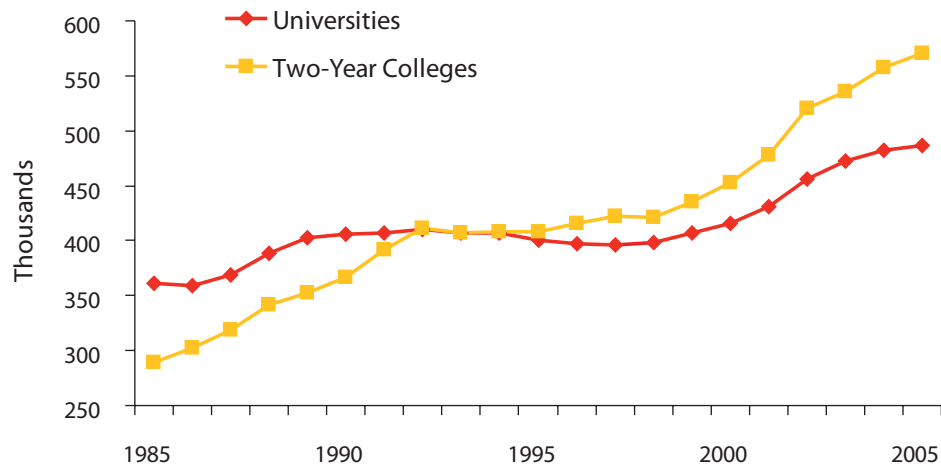
- 67 percent of growth is in the two-year colleges
- Two-year colleges enroll an increasingly higher proportion of higher education students
- Community college enrollment increased the most from 2000 to 2005

67% of growth is in Two-year colleges

	Preliminary Total	Change from 2004	Percent Change
Public Universities	486,582	4,093	.85
Public Two-Year Colleges	570,180	12,807	2.3
All Health-Related	18,442	682	3.8
Independent Colleges and Universities	117,404	1,552	1.3
Total*	1,192,243	19,134	1.6

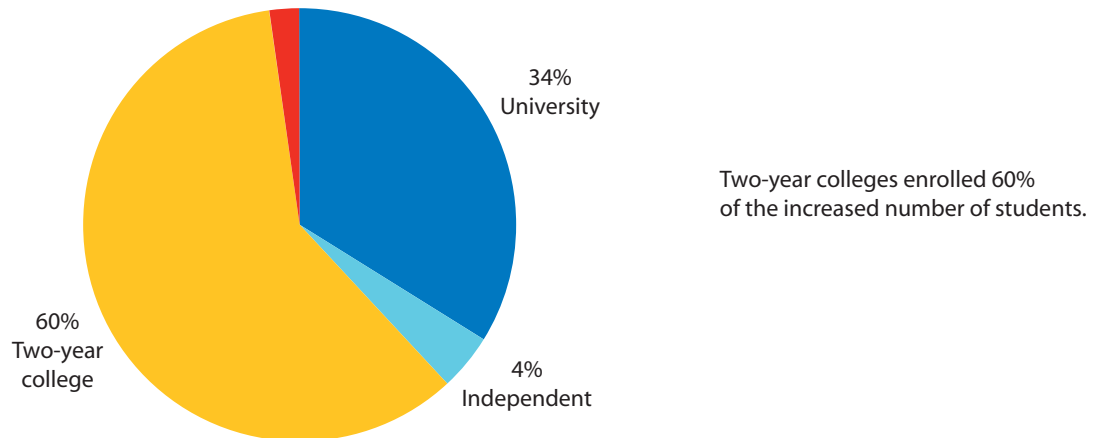
**Career College data not included.
Source: THECB 10/2005*

Two-year colleges enroll an increasing proportion of higher education students



Source: THECB 10/2005

Community college enrollment increased most from 2000-2005



Source: THECB 10/2005

Inadequate funding levels

Funding levels for the TEXAS Grant and the TEOG are not adequate for increasing demand in community colleges.

- In FY 2006, public colleges, including community colleges, technical colleges, and state colleges received approximately 13 percent (\$22,100,020 out of \$142,558,900) of the funding appropriated through the TEXAS Grant Program.
- Community colleges received approximately 11 percent of TEXAS Grant appropriations in FY 2006.
- The TEOG program is an excellent program that meets the needs of some community college students. However, it is a relatively small program providing approximately \$4.5 million per year, which must be widely distributed among two-year public colleges.

TEXAS Grant FY 2006 Initial and Renewal Allocation

Institutions	FY06 Initial Allocation	FY06 Renewal Allocation	FY06 Total Allocation
Public Community Colleges	\$ 14,657,070.00	\$ 6,038,850.00	\$ 20,695,920.00
Public Universities	31,504,660.00	110,899,580.00	142,404,240.00
Public State Colleges	179,740.00	217,360.00	397,100.00
Public Technical Colleges	572,400.00	434,600.00	1,007,000.00
Public Health Related Institutions	-	154,660.00	154,660.00
Totals	\$ 46,913,870.00	\$117,745,050.00	\$ 164,658,920.00

Source: THECB 10/2005

Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)

Institutions	FY06 Initial	FY06 Renewal	FY06 Total
Public Community Colleges	\$ 1,609,090.00	\$ 2,421,890.00	\$ 4,030,980.00
Public State Colleges	41,800.00	58,520.00	100,320.00
Public Technical Colleges	98,050.00	172,250.00	270,300.00
Totals	\$ 1,748,940.00	\$ 2,652,660.00	\$ 4,401,600.00

Source: THECB 10/2005

Recommended action:

Increase funding levels for the TEXAS Grant and the TEOG for community and public technical colleges by 50 percent FY 2007.

Policy and informational resources on Texas community colleges

Consider these resources for questions on how particular regulations, policies, or legislation affects the public two-year community colleges in Texas

- **Center for Financial Aid Policy in Community Colleges**

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