



Texas Financial Aid Information Center

Top 10 Percent Scholarship

The 80th Texas legislature created the *Top 10 Percent Scholarship* to encourage students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class to attend a Texas public institution of higher education. Qualifying students who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 1, 2009** and have financial need are entitled to receive a \$2,000 scholarship if they enroll fulltime in a Texas public college or university in the fall 2009. Students who submit their FAFSA after April 1 will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds have been spent. Funds will only be available until August 31, 2009.

Learn more about this new state financial aid program below:

Initial Eligibility Requirements

- Be a Texas resident
- Demonstrate financial need (to be determined by the college or university financial aid office)
- Complete a 2009-2010 FAFSA and file by April 1, 2009**
- Complete Recommended or Distinguished Achievement HS curriculum
- Rank in the top 10 percent (as of his/her 7th semester or 6th if the college uses that semester for admissions)
- Graduate from an accredited high school in Texas
- Enroll fulltime in a Texas public 2-year or 4-year college or university in fall 2009

Renewal Requirements (contingent upon available funding)

- Complete 30 semester credit hours (SCH) in the previous year
- Maintain cumulative 3.25 GPA
- Complete at least 75% of hours attempted

Application Process

- Students must meet all eligibility and ranking criteria
- Complete a 2009-2010 FAFSA and file by April 1, 2009**
- Students will be notified on their financial aid award notification received from the college to which they apply

**FAFSA must be processed and cannot be in a REJECT status; a 2009-2010 Student Aid Report (SAR) for the student must be on file at the college or university by April 1, 2009.

For more information, log on to our website: www.collegeforalltexans.com/scholarship, or call the Texas Financial Aid Information Center at 1-888-311-8881.