

Fast Track Your Path to Texas Universities

Texas First Program

We're excited to introduce the **TEXAS FIRST PROGRAM**. This prestigious opportunity enables you to graduate early with the Distinguished Level of Achievement AND receive a scholarship for college.

As one of Texas' top students, you may be eligible to accelerate your path to college and receive a scholarship for one or two semesters at any Texas public institution of higher education, including colleges, universities, and technical colleges.



Talk to your counselor today to see if this exciting new opportunity is the right path for you!

For more information, visit [our website](#) or scan the QR code on the left.

Counselors: Complete the [Texas First Diploma Eligibility Confirmation Form](#) and verify your student's eligibility for the **Texas First Diploma**.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board website link above includes a detailed list of eligibility requirements.

THE FINE PRINT:

Here's what you need to be eligible:

- Texas residency
- FAFSA completion
- At least 22 high school credits and a final GPA equivalent to 3.0 or higher
- Additional academic requirements, including college readiness test scores, STAAR exam participation, and demonstration of mastery in various subjects

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If you graduate two or more semesters before your class, you'll receive a two-semester scholarship, equivalent to the amount of the TEXAS grant, upon admission to any Texas public institution of higher education, including colleges, universities, and technical colleges. You may also be eligible for additional financial aid at most of these institutions!

The Texas First Diploma does not guarantee automatic admission for students. Ask your counselor if your grade point average at graduation qualifies you for automatic admission under the state's top 10 percent law.

You can apply to any college or university you choose; however, the scholarship will apply only at the Texas public institution of higher education where you have been admitted.

Use it or lose it! The scholarship offer will expire at the end of the first academic year following your graduation, so we encourage you to attend college directly after high school.

NOTE: Before September 1, 2023, the Texas First Scholarship was only applicable at 10 Texas public universities. However, effective September 1, 2023, the number of

institutions of higher education eligible to award the Texas First Scholarship to eligible Texas First Diploma graduates expanded from 10 universities to all Texas public institutions of higher education, including colleges, universities, and technical colleges (Senate Bill 2294, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session). Please see your high school counselor for information regarding eligibility requirements to graduate early under the Texas First Program and receive a scholarship up to one year upon admission to any eligible Texas public institution of higher education, per Texas Education Code, Section 61.003.