

## Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) Policy

The Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) program is funded by appropriations by the Texas Legislature. The purpose of the TEG program is to promote the best use of existing educational resources and facilities within the state, both public and private, by providing need-based grants to Texas residents enrolled in approved private or independent Texas colleges or universities.

To receive a first award, a student must:

1. Have Texas residency established 12 months prior to the first day of fall class for fall admits **OR** 12 months prior to the first day of spring class for spring admits.
2. Have financial need based on the results as determined by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
3. Be enrolled at least 3/4 time (minimum of 9 credit hours per semester)
4. Maintain satisfactory academic progress
5. If male, be registered for the selective service

STCLH does not require an application for TEG. Texas residency is determined based on two criteria:

1. Admissions application data
2. FAFSA application data

If a student's residency is in doubt, the Financial Aid Office will request documentation from the student that establishes proof of Texas residency. Examples of documentation include home mortgage payment or apartment lease dated twelve months prior to enrollment.

Students who become Texas residents after enrolling at STCLH will not become eligible for TEG as a result of that fact.

The State of Texas allocates funds to STCLH to distribute to eligible students. The Financial Aid Office attempts to award all eligible students an equal portion of the allocation during the fall and spring semesters. TEG is not available during the summer. Amounts vary semester to semester depending upon the total allocation and total number of eligible students.

First time recipients of TEG are evaluated for renewal after the spring semester grades are posted. Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by STCLH's SAP policy located at <http://www.stcl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/SAP-Policy-Revised-012518.pdf>.

Continuing recipients are evaluated for renewal after spring semester grades are posted and must meet the following conditions for renewal:

1. Completion of at least 18 credits
2. 75% completion rate
3. 2.5 cumulative GPA for all coursework attempted

TEG awards are disbursed to students 30 days after the first day of class each semester.

