

Federal Grants

Federal Pell Grant eligibility is based on need as determined by the federal government and the funding level approved by Congress. There is no minimum grade point average or other academic requirements, as long as you attend an eligible school. Awards were up to \$4,731 for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) funds are available to students who show high financial need and are eligible for the Pell Grant. Institutions receive a limited amount of these federal funds each year to award to students.

Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) funds are available to students who are U.S. Citizens eligible for Pell Grant and who have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study. In Texas, the Recommended and Distinguished diplomas meet this requirement. You must be enrolled full time and must maintain a CGPA of 3.0 to be eligible for renewal of this award. First year students receive \$750 and second year students receive \$1,300.

National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (SMART) funds are available to 3rd and 4th year college students who are U.S. Citizens eligible for Pell Grant and who are majoring in: Computer Science, Engineering, Technology, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences or designated foreign languages. You must have a cumulative college GPA of 3.0 or higher, be enrolled full time and must have declared your major by the end of your sophomore year to be considered for this scholarship. Third year students are eligible for \$4,000, which is renewable for a fourth year as long as the student remains in an eligible major, is Pell Grant eligible, and maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH) funds are available to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. Grants are up to \$4,000 per year. Students who receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required teaching service will be required to repay the grants as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. Interest will be charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement. More information will be available once the Department of Education provides its final guidance on this program to the TLU Office of Financial Aid. Visit the TEACH Grant website at www.teach-ats.ed.gov to learn more about the required teaching service for this program, available beginning June 28, 2008.

State Grants

Towards Excellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant funds are available to Texas residents who show financial need and enroll in a non-profit college or university in Texas. The maximum award for 2008-2009 is \$2,460 per semester.

Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) funds are available to Texas residents who show financial need and enroll in a private, non-profit college or university in Texas. The maximum award for 2008-2009 is \$3,331 per year. To be eligible for renewal of this grant, you must complete at least 24 credit hours per year and must maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5.

5th Year Accounting Scholarship funds are available to students enrolled in Texas colleges and universities who have completed at least 120 hours of course work, including at least 15 semester credit hours of accounting, and who plan to take the CPA exam. The maximum award is \$5,000. Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements and be enrolled at least half time to receive this award. [Click here](#) for more information on this scholarship.

Early High School Graduation Scholarship funds are available to students who graduate from a Texas public high school, having completed either the recommended or distinguished achievement high school curriculum in no more than 36 consecutive months. Eligible students must have attended high school in Texas only. To determine eligibility, the student's high school counselor must submit a certification on the student's behalf to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The maximum award is \$2,000. If the student graduates with at least 15 semester credit hours of college credit, he/she may receive an additional \$1,000. This award is renewable for up to six years. [Click here](#) for more information on this scholarship.

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (LEAP/SLEAP) funds are available to Texas residents attending a public or private university who demonstrate financial need. The maximum award is \$5,000 and is determined by the student's level of financial need.