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TAMIU Texas Grant Controlled Substance Statement of Student Eligibility

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Effective the 2010-2011 academic year the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will require institutions to collect a statement from each TEXAS Grant recipient prior to the disbursement of funds confirming eligibility in regards to the controlled substance restrictions of the program.

Statement of Student Eligibility

Have you ever 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 controlled substance as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code?

☐ **No** ☐ **Yes***

I hereby certify that the information I have provided is true and correct. I also certify that if in the future while receiving the TEXAS Grant award I am convicted of a felony or an offence under Chapter 481 I will notify the financial aid office at my institution. I understand that if I fail to provide accurate information, I may be required to reimburse the institution, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, State of Texas and penalties may be imposed.

_____ _____

Student Signature Date

* If your answer is yes, contact the financial aid office to determine your eligibility to receive TEXAS Grant.

Reference: Statutory Program Restrictions

A person is not eligible to receive an initial or renewal Texas grant,

"…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."

Citations:
TEXAS Grant initial awards TEC 56.304(b) renewal awards TEC awards TEC 56.305(b)

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Students are only eligible to receive the Texas Grant award for five consecutive years beginning the year the initial award was received. Eligibility ends 5 years from the initial award or when a student earns a bachelors degree or when 150 credits have been attempted, whichever comes first.

Students entering the program based on acquisition of an associate's degree who continue in college and who meet program academic standards can receive awards for up to 90 semester credit hours, until they receive a bachelor's degree, or for three years if enrolled in a 4-year degree plan or four years if enrolled in a 5-year degree plan, whichever comes first.

The academic requirements for continuing in the program are:

❑ **Initial Award**

At the end of the first year, a recipient of the Texas Grant award must be in compliance with the school's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP), which includes the following:

- **Completion Rate:** Complete 75% of attempted hours for each semester,
  Example: Fall enrollment is 12 hrs - must earn 9 hrs to be in compliance, (12 x 75% = 9)
  Spring enrollment is 15 hrs - must earn 11 hrs to be in compliance (15 x 75% = 11).
  (Calculation will be done at the end of each semester including summer.)
- **GPA:** Have an overall TAMIU grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 or above.
- **Maximum Time Frame:** Attempted semester credit hours must be less than 180.

Students not meeting these requirements will be ineligible for the Texas Grant award for the subsequent year, but may make up deficiencies during the summer at TAMIU ONLY.

❑ **Renewal Award**

At the end of the second year and each subsequent year in the program, all students must meet the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requirements, which include the following:

- **Completion Rate:** Complete **75% of attempted hours** in academic year (fall 12 + spring 15 = 27 x 75% = 20 hrs), **AND** Complete **24 semester credit hours** at end of the academic year.
- **GPA:** Overall grade point average (GPA) of at least **2.5 or above.**
- **Maximum Time Frame:** Attempted semester credit hours must be less than 150 hours.

If a student fails to meet these requirements at the end of the spring semester, the student has the summer of the same academic year to meet requirements.

Non-compliance with one or more requirements will result in the loss of your Texas Grant Award. Students may be reconsidered for future awards by completing the requirements at the end of the following academic year.

❑ **Transfer Students**

A student who was a recipient of the Texas Grant program at a previous institution must notify the new institution of their previous award, and must be meeting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requirements as listed above. All prior recipients will be verified through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board website.

Your signature on this document confirms your acknowledgement of the following:

- The information submitted for review is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read each section.
- Providing false information may result in reduced eligibility, repayment of aid, or both, in this year or next year.
- Additional documentation may be required.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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