

TUITION AND STUDENT FEE EXEMPTIONS

Texas currently maintains a variety of programs aimed at exempting tuition, fees, and other expenses related to attending public colleges or universities. These exemption programs are targeted to specific populations that the Texas Legislature has identified as warranting special consideration related to paying for higher education costs.

All exemptions are processed through the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Claims for exemption from any charges must be supported by evidence sufficient to enable the Office of Student Financial Assistance to verify the student's exempt status and determine the duration of the exemption and the charges to which it is applicable. Each section below refers to information found in the corresponding Texas Education Code (TEC).

Blind/Deaf (TEC §54.364)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	Yes
Other Mandatory Fees	Yes	Course Specific Lab Fees	Yes
Breakage Deposit	Yes	Testing Fee	Yes
Parking	Yes	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Children of POWs and MIAs (TEC § 54.343)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	Yes
Other Mandatory Fees	Yes	Course Specific Lab Fees	No
Breakage Deposit	Yes	Testing Fee	Yes
Parking	Yes	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Dependents of Disabled Firefighters and Police (TEC § 54.351)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	Yes
Other Mandatory Fees	Yes	Course Specific Lab Fees	No
Breakage Deposit	Yes	Testing Fee	Yes
Parking	Yes	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Hazlewood-Texas Veterans Dependent Children and Spouse of Texas Veterans (TEC § 54.341)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	No
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Other Mandatory Fees	Yes	Course Specific Lab Fees	Yes
Breakage Deposit	No	Testing Fee	Yes
Parking	Yes	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Foster Care Children (TEC §54.366)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	No
Other Mandatory Fees	Yes	Course Specific Lab Fees	Yes
Breakage Deposit	No	Testing Fee	Yes
Parking	Yes	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Adopted Students Formerly in Foster or Other Residential Care (TEC §54.367)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	Yes
Other Mandatory Fees	Yes	Course Specific Lab Fees	Yes
Breakage Deposit	No	Testing Fee	Yes
Parking	Yes	Room Board	No
Books	No		

High School Valedictorian (TEC §54.301)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	No
Other Mandatory Fees	No	Course Specific Lab Fees	No
Breakage Deposit	No	Testing Fee	No
Parking	No	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Awarded yearly to the highest-ranking graduate of any accredited high school in Texas. Recipients are exempt from tuition payment for the two long semesters of their freshman year, providing that they attend the same school for both semesters. Eligible students should send or bring their certificate to the Office of Student Financial Assistance prior to registration.

Survivor of Public Servant (Killed in the Line of Duty) (TEC §54.354)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	Yes
Other Mandatory Fees	Yes	Course Specific Lab Fees	Yes
Breakage Deposit	Yes	Testing Fee	Yes

Parking	Yes	Room Board	Yes
Books	Yes		

Breakage Deposit	No	Testing Fee	Yes
Parking	No	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Senior Citizen (6 SCH Limit) (TEC §54.365)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	No
Other Mandatory Fees	No	Course Specific Lab Fees	No
Breakage Deposit	No	Testing Fee	No
Parking	No	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Nursing Faculty/Staff (TEC §54.355)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	No
Other Mandatory Fees	No	Course Specific Lab Fees	No
Breakage Deposit	No	Testing Fee	No
Parking	No	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Peace Officers Enrolled in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice Courses (TEC §54.3531)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	No
Other Mandatory Fees	No	Course Specific Lab Fees	Yes
Breakage Deposit	No	Testing Fee	No
Parking	No	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Peace Officers Disabled in the Line of Duty (TEC §54.352)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	Yes
Other Mandatory Fees	Yes	Course Specific Lab Fees	Yes
Breakage Deposit	No	Testing Fee	Yes
Parking	No	Room Board	No
Books	No		

Educational Aide Exemption (TEC §54.363)

Tuition	Yes	Student Service Fees	Yes
Other Mandatory Fees	Yes	Course Specific Lab Fees	No