

College Access Loan Program Fact Sheet (CAL)

The College Access Loan Program provides alternative education loans to Texas students who are unable to meet the cost of attendance. The CAL may be used to cover part or all of the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC); **students do not have to demonstrate financial need**. However, the amount of federal aid for which you are eligible must be deducted from the cost of attendance in determining the CAL loan amount.

This loan program is part of the Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- Students must:

- ★ Be a Texas resident eligible to pay resident tuition at a Texas public or independent institution of higher education
- ★ Be enrolled at least half-time in a course of study leading to an associate, bachelor, graduate or higher degree or be enrolled in an approved Alternative Educator Certification Program
- ★ Meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements set by the institution
- ★ Provide a cosigner who has good credit standing and meets other requirements

ANNUAL LOAN AMOUNTS

- ★ Students may borrow an amount up to the cost of attendance less other financial aid
- ★ A 3% origination fee will be deducted from the proceeds of each loan

COSIGNER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Must be at least 21 years of age
- ★ Must have a regular source of income
- ★ May not be the borrower or the spouse of the borrower
- ★ Must receive a favorable credit evaluation
- ★ Must be a permanent U.S. resident or a U.S. citizen and reside in the U.S. or in a U.S. territory

INTEREST RATE -- Students may choose either:

- ★ A fixed annual rate of **5.25%** or
- ★ A variable rate that is re-set annually and will never be higher than 4 points above the rate at which the loan is made. Currently that rate is **6.84%**

OTHER FEATURES

- ★ No guarantee fees or insurance premiums
- ★ Interest is never capitalized
- ★ The loan will not be sold to another lender
- ★ THECB will service the loan from the time it is originated until it is paid in full
- ★ Six-month grace period before repayment begins
- ★ Ten-year repayment period, with minimum monthly payments of \$50.00 for balances under \$30,000; 20-year repayment for balances of \$30,000 or more
- ★ Postponements of loan repayment and income-sensitive or graduated repayment schedules available

ON-LINE APPLICATION

Apply on-line by visiting [Loans Online](#). Paper applications for fixed rate CAL loans are available at your institution or you may submit an [on-line request](#).

For more information, review [Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 21, Subchapter C](#), [Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 21, Subchapter X](#), and [Texas Education Code, Chapter 52](#). You may also call our Loan Services department in Austin (512) 427-6340 or toll-free (outside Austin metro): 1-800-242-3062 or send an e-mail to [Loan Services](#).

Health Education Loan Program Fact Sheet (HELP)

The Health Education Loan Program provides educational loans to Texas students to become physicians, dentists, public health practitioners, pharmacists, optometrists or veterinarians, and now includes allied health and nursing fields.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Must be a permanent U.S. Resident
- ★ Must be eligible to pay resident tuition at a Texas public or private, non-profit college or university
- ★ Must be enrolled at least half-time in a course of study leading to a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, podiatry, or veterinary medicine; in a course of study leading to a bachelor or master of science degree in pharmacy, a graduate or equivalent degree in public health, or an associate's, bachelor, or graduate degree in nursing or allied health fields
- ★ Must meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements set by their college or university
- ★ Must have good credit standing or provide a payment guarantor who has good credit standing and meets other criteria

ANNUAL LOAN AMOUNTS FOR 2005-2006 ACADEMIC YEAR

- ★ Pharmacy: maximum \$12,500 per academic year; or a lifetime total of \$50,000
- ★ Public health: maximum \$12,500 per academic year; or a lifetime total of \$50,000
- ★ Nursing: maximum \$12,500 per academic year; or a lifetime total of \$50,000
- ★ Allied Health: maximum \$12,500 per academic year; or a lifetime total of \$50,000

- ★ All other programs: maximum \$20,000 per academic year; or a lifetime total of \$80,000

The amount of federal aid for which you are eligible must be deducted from the cost of attendance in determining the HELP loan amount.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Paper Applications are available through the financial aid office after September 15th 2006. Students may also contact the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board directly at (800) 242-3062 to request an application. Students must complete a HELP loan application and a promissory note.

PAYMENT GUARANTOR (COSIGNER) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Must be at least 21 years of age
- ★ Must have a regular source of income
- ★ May not be the borrower or the spouse of the borrower
- ★ Must receive a favorable credit evaluation
- ★ Must be a U.S. citizen and reside in the U.S. or in a U.S. territory

TERMS OF THE HELP LOAN

A 3% origination fee is deducted from the proceeds of each loan. There are no guarantee or insurance premium fees. Simple interest at a fixed rate of 5.25 percent begins to accrue from the date the funds are issued and will accrue until the loan(s) are paid in full.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) does not capitalize interest at any time during the life of the loan. THECB will originate and service the loan until the loan is paid in full.

Repayment of the loan begins nine months after the student ceases to be enrolled full time in an eligible institution. The loan repayment schedule will call for a minimum monthly payment of \$50.00 or an amount required repaying the loan within 25 years, whichever is greater. HELP loan borrowers may be eligible for postponement of loan repayment under certain circumstances.

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