

Early High School Graduation Scholarship (for students who graduate on or after 09/01/2003)

(EHS) Web link to official site: <http://www.collegefortexans.com/cfb/tofa2.cfm?ID=133>

Program Purpose

To increase efficiency in the Foundation School Program and provide tuition assistance to students completing grades 9 - 12 early; thus, enabling and encouraging the student to attend college in Texas.

Who can apply?

Individuals who:

- Graduate from a Texas public high school on or after 09/01/2003
- Have completed either the recommended high school curriculum or the distinguished achievement high school curriculum* in no more than 36 consecutive months**
- Have attended high school in Texas only and
- Are Texas residents.

*A student graduating high school after 09/01/2003 who does not satisfy the high school curriculum requirement will be considered to have satisfied those requirements if the high school from which the student graduates notes on the student's transcript that the student was unable to complete the appropriate curriculum within the time allowed because the necessary courses were unavailable due to course scheduling, lack of enrollment capacity or another cause not in the student's control.

**For students graduating after 09/01/2003, the maximum time allowed to complete the requirements for grades 9 - 12 may be extended to 41 months (with a lesser award); or to 46 consecutive months if the student also graduates with at least 30 hours of college credit.

NOTE: For student's who graduate high school after 09/01/2003, eligibility to receive an award through this program begins with the first regular semester or term following high school graduation (excluding the summer session between graduation and the first fall term). Eligibility ends six years later, unless the student seeks and is granted a hardship extension.

Where may the awards be used?

May be used at both public and private, non-profit colleges and universities in Texas. If the award is used at a Texas non-profit private college or university, the college or university must provide a **MATCHING** scholarship (or combination of smaller scholarships) of matching value to use this credit. No funds may be used to pay for continuing education classes for which the college receives no state tax support.

How much can be awarded?

- if the student graduates in less than 36 months, \$2,000 (an additional \$1,000 is awarded if the student also graduated with at least 15 hours of college credit);
- if the student graduates in more than 36 but less than 41 months, \$500 (an additional \$1,000 is awarded if the student also graduated with at least 30 hours of college credit); or
- if the student graduated in more than 41 months but less than 46 months and also has at least 30 hours of college credit, \$1,000.

How large is the program?

In 2003-2004, 232 students received awards in this program.

How can I apply?

To obtain an application for this program, [click here to download](#); call 512/427-6387 (Austin area) or 800/242-3062, ext. 6387 (outside Austin) or by email us.

Where can I get additional information?

- To read more about this program check out:
- [Texas Education Code, 56.203](#) and
- [Coordinating Board Rule, Chapter 21, Subchapter CC](#)