

# PAUL QUINN

## Tuition Equalization Grant Policy

Paul Quinn College follows the Program Guidelines for the Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) for awarding purposes. Program guidelines can be found on the [Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board website](#).

A summary of eligibility and the Paul Quinn hardship policy can be found below.

## 2022-2023 TEG Program Guidelines

### ELIGIBILITY

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ([TAC, Title 19, Section 22.24](#))

#### TO RECEIVE AN AWARD, A STUDENT MUST:

- ✓ be classified by the institution as a Texas resident;
- ✓ be registered with Selective Service, or be exempt (see [Selective Service Statement](#));
- ✓ have financial need;
- ✓ be enrolled at least 3/4 time;
- ✓ be an undergraduate **or** graduate student enrolled in a degree plan leading to a **first** associate, baccalaureate, master's, professional, or doctoral degree (excluding degree plans that are intended to lead to religious ministry);
- ✓ maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution (see [SAP section](#));
- ✓ not have earned a degree for which they are currently enrolled;
- ✓ not be a recipient of an athletic scholarship (i.e., the student is obliged to play an intercollegiate sport as a result of receiving the scholarship) during the semester(s) a TEG is awarded; and
- ✓ be required to pay more tuition than is required at a comparable public college or university and be charged no less than the tuition required of all similarly situated enrolled at the institution.

#### DISCONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY ([TAC, Title 19, Section 22.26](#))

Unless an extension of eligibility (due to a hardship circumstance) is granted, a student's eligibility ends if any of the following maximums have been met:

DEGREE TYPE	IF ENROLLED IN A DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM OF FOUR YEARS OR LESS	IF ENROLLED IN A DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM OF MORE THAN FOUR YEARS
RECIPIENT WORKING TOWARD AN ASSOCIATE OR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE	5 years from the first semester awarded	6 years from the first semester awarded
RECIPIENT WORKING TOWARD A MASTER'S, PROFESSIONAL, OR DOCTORAL DEGREE	No maximum time limit	

**Note:** An award cannot be granted to a student pursuing a second degree of one already earned.

ACADEMIC YEAR	SAP REQUIREMENTS		
END OF 1ST ACADEMIC YEAR	Institutional SAP policy		
END OF 2ND ACADEMIC YEAR OR LATER – <b>UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS</b>	Completion of at least 24 SCHs in the most recent academic year	75% completion rate	2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4-point scale or its equivalent
END OF 2ND ACADEMIC YEAR OR LATER – <b>GRADUATE STUDENTS</b>	Completion of at least 18 SCHs in the most recent academic year		

### Awarding Process

Awards will be prioritized to students who meet the January 15<sup>th</sup> financial aid priority deadline and meet all other requirements including GPA and SAP status. Awards amounts may vary based on financial need and resources available. EFC cap for 2022-2023 is \$23,400.

### Texas Residency Core Questionnaire

Institutions are required to verify that all TEG recipients are Texas residents based on the data collected using the required Core Residency Questions. The Office of Financial Aid will send requests and collect forms from new students once they are registered for courses.

### Hardship Provisions

According to the Program Guidelines, each institution must adopt a hardship policy and have the policy available for public review.

A student who is ineligible for a TEG award based on grade point average (GPA), completion rate, or number of completed hours for satisfactory academic progress, or enrollment less than three-quarter time may be deemed eligible under a hardship provision. Each institution must adopt a hardship policy and have the policy available for public review. All hardship decisions must be documented in the student's record and be available for submission to the THECB, upon request.

### Paul Quinn College Hardship Policy

Students who are deemed ineligible under regular eligibility criteria based on grade point average (GPA), completion rate, or number of completed hours for satisfactory academic progress, or enrollment less than three-quarter time can be considered for TEG. Award determinations are subject to funding availability and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

If a student was placed on financial aid suspension due to not meeting satisfactory academic progress, they need to follow the SAP policy process to be considered under the hardship policy. If a student's SAP appeal is approved, they can be considered for TEG. SAP appeal approval does not guarantee approval of TEG awarding under the hardship policy.

While hardship eligibility award determination will be made on a case-by-case all students who wish to be considered:

- Must have a complete financial aid file, demonstrate financial need and meet EFC criteria
- Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Cannot be on financial aid SAP suspension
- May be required to submit a supplemental appeal

Funds are not guaranteed.

### **Special Hardship Provisions due to COVID-19**

Due to the pandemic and COVID-19 implications, students who meet the institutional SAP policy but do not meet the TEG typical awarding requirements, may not be required to submit an appeal for consideration. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis based on individual student situations.