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TODAY'S AGENDA:

- Program Recap
- What's on the schools' web page
- TMDI Update
- Piloting the invoice
- Awards – the specifics
- Spring 2027
- How you doin'?
Share any wins or challenges you've been encountering with STA this semester?



OVERVIEW

STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE COVERS:

- Eligible tuition and fees AFTER other forms of support.
- Up to 10 semesters or five years (whichever occurs first.)
- Undergraduate and graduate courses including vocational or technical courses at eligible Texas institutions of higher education.*
- Private colleges and non-formula programs in Texas are funded at the average public school award amount from the previous semester.
- The certified amount plus adjustment (if applicable,) not to exceed 12 credit hours.

▶ *Ed Code 61.003



*See website for full
eligibility requirements*

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- Enlisted (E1-E9)
- Officer (O1-O5)
- Warrant Officer (W1-CW3)
- AGR, ADOS, & M-Day
- Actively drilling Service Member in the TXARNG, TXANG, or TXSG. In good standing with unit and serving with no flags.
- ETS date after course end date
- Army ROTC Cadets are required to either complete Basic Training or complete MS2 and receive a valid GRFD control number. Exceptions to Policy are available for prior program participants.



TMD STA FOR SCHOOLS PAGE

[HTTPS://TMD.TEXAS.GOV/STATE-TUITION-ASSISTANCE-PROGRAM](https://tmd.texas.gov/state-tuition-assistance-program)

- **Institutional Needs Assessment** survey.
- The **STA Process Map** for schools.
- The **Current Flyer** to inform our Service Members who attend your school about the opening and closing of the STA application window for the upcoming Semester. We ask for this downloadable flyer to be printed and displayed in your Financial Aid Office, or any relevant place where it can get some traffic.
- **FAQs.**
- Instructions on **Requesting Installation Access** – this is if your school will be visiting Camp Mabry.
- **TMDI.**
- **Pilot invoice.**



TMDI RECAP

Policy Outlined May 15 2026

Signed/Published Sept 3 2026

- Where to find it
- Why this was needed
- What it means



INVOICE

STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE — COMPILED INVOICE LIST

Use the Add New Invoice macro in the macro-enabled version. Each student invoice feeds this list automatically.

ADD NEW INVOICE

Student Name	Institution	Student ID #	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Other Charges	Other Aid/Payments	Student Payments	Student Refunds	Expected STA Award	Remaining Balance
Jean Doe	University of Camp Mabry	5128675309	\$3,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00
Bobby B	University of Camp Mabry	5128675310	\$4,500.00	\$1,300.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,800.00	\$0.00
Jean Doe	University of Camp Mabry	5128675309	\$3,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00
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Jean Doe	University of Camp Mabry	5128675309	\$3,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00

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you would like to test
the invoice calculator

Institution:	University of Camp Mabry	
Student Name:	Jean Doe	
Student ID #:	5128675309	
Tuition:	\$3,200.00	Mandatory Fees will be Audited
Mandatory Fees:	\$1,600.00	
Other Charges:	\$8,000.00	
Total:	\$12,800.00	
Other Grants/Aid/Payments:	\$10,000.00	Should be applied to 'Other Charges' before Tuition and Fees.
Student Loans/Payments:	\$5,000.00	Student Loans/Payments are eligible for refund after STA payment
Student Refunds:	\$5,000.00	
Expected STA Award:	\$2,800.00	
Remaining Balance:	\$0.00	

AWARDS

Under Texas Government Code § 437.226(i), the STA grant is based on the average award amount paid per student at a public institution for the same semester, not the full private-school tuition rate.

The STA award will also not exceed the actual eligible in-state tuition and mandatory fees, and covers 3–12 credit hours per semester.



What this means:

- There may be a gap between the STA award and the school's actual charges, the Service Member/student is responsible for any remaining balance.
- For planning purposes, the estimated average public-school award for this semester is projected to fall between \$3,734 (last semester's average) and \$5,366 (THECB average for all public universities).



This is an estimate only; the actual award will be the lesser of the applicable amount or the eligible charges and is subject to available funding and final verification

CERTIFIED AMOUNT

www.highered.texas.gov/legislative-appropriations-overviews/tuition-and-fees-data/

The THECB publishes
total academic charges
annually, the STA
Certified Award will
be based on THECB
tuition and fee data.

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/legislative-appropriations-overviews/tuition-and-fees-data/>

Tuition & Fees Data

About

The tuition and fees data reported reflects the average amounts charged to resident undergraduate students enrolled in 15 semester credit hours (SCHs) per semester at Texas public universities. Amounts reported include statutory tuition, designated tuition, average mandatory fees, and average college course fees. A student's actual charges may vary based on the student's classification and level of enrollment, the college the student attends within the university, the student's specific personal circumstances, or for other reasons deemed appropriate by the institution.

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STUDENT REFUNDS

Circumstances where a Service Member receiving STA may receive a refund are listed below.*

Refunds are only allowed through the school - by statute STA can't refund the Service Member. Because STA is defined as a needs-based program, STA should be applied after other financial aid has been applied to all institutional charges and tuition/mandatory fees remain.

YES:

- Student Payments
- Loans (any type:
Stafford, Subsidized,
Non-Subsidized)

NO: (not complete list)

- Scholarships
- Grants/Waivers (Ex. Pell)
- Federal Tuition Assistance
- FASFA
- Post 9/11/Hazlewood

*STA is needs based, and if all student's institutional charges are satisfied by other support, there is no need for STA

SPRING 2027

Eligible Students who Apply between 15SEP and 15NOV will be certified for an award before the semester starts. **Students who apply 16NOV** may be certified/identified for an award.

BOTTOM LINE: Eligible Service Members who apply late are not guaranteed an award* by STA and will only be certified after the semester starts.

FAQS

- How many TMD Service Members are sponsored by STA each semester? For the Fall26 Semester, approximately 1,300 SM will apply, and about 950 will be sponsored by STA.
- Can we apply the STA award to the student's account as a credit as soon as we are notified? Yes.
- Is State Tuition Assistance award applied before other financial aid? STA is applied to the remaining tuition and mandatory fee charges after other aid has been applied to the student's balance; however, there shouldn't be a surplus to be refunded in the SM's student account.
- What about Pell grants or other aid that isn't tuition and fee specific? Pell Grants and non-specific aid should be applied to ALL institutional fees before being applied to tuition or mandatory fees. If there are no tuition/fees remaining after applying the non-specific aid, the student will have no eligible charges.
- Can refunds be sent directly to the Service Member/student (SM)? By law, refunds can't be sent directly to the SM; however, they can be applied to the SM's student account to cover a deficit or credited for future semesters.
- Will STA recoup funds from SM who dropped late or who failed? The STA recoupment process is a collection instituted by the Comptroller's office. This collection is reported by the Comptroller to Credit Agencies and enforced by the Attorney General's Office. It is far better for the student if the institution returns funds to STA vs. STA recouping.
- How does TMD STA let us know which students are covered? We'll send a roster of SMs who are approved, with a certified award amount prior to class starting.
- Can that document include an amount? The certified award will be indicated on the roster; the amount will be adjusted as needed after Census Day.
- Will the list of Certified SMs change after the term begins? It can increase due to late applicants; we will sponsor eligible SMs until we've expended our budget for the semester. It can also change due to SMs who withdraw from class.
- What format is the Certification list provided in? Certification lists are sent as Excel documents but can be sent in a requested format.
- How do you define "Mandatory" or "Non-Mandatory" Fees? However your institution defines "mandatory fees" with the THECB is up to your Student Accounts Department. As stewards of the STA program, it is in our interest that those fees are consistent for all students and will be upheld if audited by the LBB. Note: If Mandatory Fees exceed more than 30% of a student's bill STA will audit those charges.
- Since STA is last payer, when STA is applied and a student is later awarded or accepts a scholarship/grant, are we expected to adjust the STA award amount? Yes. This is consistent with STA being last payer.
- Our system can't track whether a specific sponsor has covered a class before. Can STA require SMs to submit their list of classes before funding is approved so STA can check for duplicate and repeat classes? STA tracks SMs course history by requiring them to submit their previous semester transcripts. It's noted on their account if they have failed a course and if their cumulative GPA has fallen below 2.0.



**ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS/
DISCUSSIONS**