



GREATER TEXAS FOUNDATION

Community College Scholarship Program *for the year 2010*

Call for Grant Proposals

I. Background

Since 2003, Greater Texas Foundation has provided \$8.6 million in scholarship grants for post-secondary institutions in the state of Texas. Providing need based aid remains a significant interest of the foundation. Additionally, Greater Texas Foundation understands community college students often have unique financial needs, based on many factors; students may be working adults or traditional-age students, attend school full- or part-time, parents of young children or first generation students, certificate or degree seeking, etc.

To help meet these unique needs and continue its commitment to remove barriers to education, Greater Texas Foundation announces the 2010 *Community College Scholarship Program*. The program will provide \$25,000 each to twelve community colleges for a total of \$300,000 in need based aid to community college students in 2010. Fiscal year 2010 will be the last this specific scholarship program will be offered.

II. Statement of Purpose

Community colleges play an important role in our state's post-secondary educational environment. The *Community College Scholarship Program* is meant to respond to the greatest scholarship needs of full- and part-time students seeking a certificate or associates degree at a Texas community college.

III. Eligibility

The *Community College Scholarship Program* is open to each community college in the state of Texas. This program is effective for 2010 only. Proposals are due January 11, 2010.

IV. Funding Priorities

The foundation will give greater consideration to proposals that best demonstrate how the grant amount requested for the institution's scholarship program would support its students' unique financial needs and contribute to student success through credential completion.

V. Application Procedures

All grant proposals must be submitted online at www.greatertexasfoundation.org. To submit your proposal, go to the RFP Information section of the foundation's website. Requirements have changed; therefore, duplicates of proposals submitted in previous years will not be accepted. Questions regarding the scholarship program or the online application procedure should be directed to:

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V. Application Procedures (Continued)

The foundation requires applicants to submit no more than a seven page proposal that includes the following:

- A. A brief institutional profile, including the demographics and characteristics of the general student population.
- B. A data or evidence based description of the landscape in which community colleges function in Texas. In addition, specifically discuss your institution's role in Closing the Gaps, and its participation in the national impetus for moving students into, through, and to completion of a post-secondary credential (certificate, associate's degree, or transfer to 4 year institution).
- C. An explanation of the unique financial needs of the student population or sub-population targeted for this scholarship program, and how this relates to closing the education gap in Texas. Please include an overview of the institution's past successes in supporting these needs and an explanation of the institution's current programs to assist this student population and how these funds would complement existing strategies. Community colleges that received *Community College Scholarship Program* funds in 2008 and/or 2009 should include an overview of the program's successes and failures, lessons learned, and an explanation of how the college, if funded, plans to change, improve, or modify, the program in 2010.
- D. A description of the scholarship program that would be established by the requested grant award, including:
 - a. an explanation of how the program and the grant amount would meet the unique financial needs of the institution's student population;
 - b. an explanation of how the scholarship program builds upon or is aligned with the institution's existing strategy to provide aid to students;
 - c. a rationale for how scholarship funds will contribute to student success and credential completion;
 - d. an explanation of how *Community College Scholarship Program* funds will be disbursed i.e. in what amount(s), to how many students, over what timeframe.
- E. Requestor information to include:
 - a. Name of organization, department, contact information—phone, address, and email—for at least one primary contact.
 - b. If the authorized signatory for a grant agreement which might result from this proposal is different from the primary contact, please indicate and include name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address.
 - c. If the fiscal contact for any grant payments which might result from this proposal is different from the primary contact, please indicate and include name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address.
- F. Please include the following attachments:
 - a. on your organization's letterhead, a currently dated affirmative statement regarding your organization's status as a 501(c)(3) or other tax exempt organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Code signed by an authorized representative of your organization; and
 - b. a member listing of the organization's board of directors or regents including occupation/profession.

Additional information may be requested to fully understand the grant proposal.

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VI. Limitations and Expectations

- A. The *Community College Scholarship Program* award to any institution will not exceed \$25,000.
- B. The program as described in this document is effective for 2010 only, and the deadline for proposals is January 11, 2010. An announcement of awards should be expected in early March. This program will not be offered in 2011.
- C. *Community College Scholarship Program* funds will be disbursed based on a competitive proposal process until resources allocated for 2010 are exhausted.
- D. The *Community College Scholarship Program* is a cash, non-endowed program. All funds awarded through the *Community College Scholarship Program* must be disbursed to students by September 1, 2011.
- E. The funded institution is obligated to acknowledge "Greater Texas Foundation" in any written materials related to the scholarship(s) e.g. student award notifications, advertisements, publications, event programs, brochures, etc.
- F. Institutions participating in the *Community College Scholarship Program* will provide Greater Texas Foundation a report each semester (by the 50th class day) with the name, classification, major, mailing address, and grade point ratio for each *Community College Scholarship Program* scholarship recipient until all funds are dispersed.
- G. When award funds are exhausted, funded institutions will provide a final report to Greater Texas Foundation including an evaluation of the results obtained through disbursement of *Community College Scholarship Program* funds. The final report should include the total number of students served, the number of students academically eligible to be retained (or completed certificate/degree) for another year of study with individual end of year grade point ratios, and a statement affirming that all *Community College Scholarship Program* funds were disbursed to students. A report template will be provided to funded institutions.