$1,000 Tuition Rebate for Texas Residents

Why? To provide a financial incentive for students to complete their bachelor’s degree with as few courses outside the degree plan as possible. Minimizing the number of courses taken by students results in financial savings.

Who can apply? Individuals who
- Are Texas residents;
- Took their first college course in Fall 1997 or later;
- Have taken all coursework at Texas public institutions of higher education; and
- Have been entitled to pay in-state tuition at all times while pursuing his or her degree.

When? Students must apply prior to receiving their bachelor’s degree. Contact Student Business Services for the form and a packet of information giving full details.

What are the key eligibility requirements? Students qualify for the rebate if they have attempted no more than three semester credit hours in excess of the minimum number of hours required for their degree. For example, a student who completes a bachelor’s degree that requires 120 credit hours in 123 hours or less may qualify for this rebate.

What could disqualify an individual? Attempted hours include every course for which the student has registered, as of the official Census Date (the 12th class day), in every semester, including: developmental courses, repeated courses and courses from which the student withdraws. If you have dropped more than one course after the official Census Date, you may not qualify for the rebate. All credit earned by examination used to be counted, as well. However, because of a recent change in the law, the first nine hours of credit earned by examination (credit earned on the basis of AP courses, CLEP or credit granted for high SAT or ACT scores) does not count as hours attempted. Dual credit courses – courses taken in high school for both high school and college credit – continue to count as hours attempted.

Where can I get additional information?
- Student Business Services at Texas Tech University, 301 West Hall, 742-3272. Student Business Services has a packet of information including FAQs and the texts of the legislation and rules from the Texas Legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The FAQs answer such questions as the effect of study abroad courses, the effect of financial aid, and the use by the state of the tuition rebate money toward student loans.