

Dual Enrollment Grant (DEG) Changes

High school student may receive **one additional DEG per semester** for one additional DE course **if** the student has met the **eligibility requirements** for **HOPE**.

Student must have attained a composite score of at least 21 or achieve a 3.0 grade point average for all high school work completed prior to the semester of enrollment as a dual enrollment student. For those students who have yet to attain the 21 ACT composite, still **UNCLEAR** whether HOPE eligibility will be reviewed until satisfied or each semester.

Initial four DEGs are **WITHOUT penalty**.

Funds received from a **FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH,** and **EIGHTH DEG** will be **reduced** from the student's **initial HOPE** Scholarship on a **dollar per dollar basis**.

If a student receives a **FIFTH** grant, **\$300** will be reduced from the initial HOPE award.

If a student receives a **SIXTH** grant, **\$600** will be reduced from the initial HOPE award.

If a student receives a **SEVENTH** grant, **\$900** will be reduced from the initial HOPE award.

If a student receives an **EIGHTH** grant, **\$1,200** will be reduced from the initial HOPE award.

Student who qualifies for the additional grant will still only need to complete **one application** each semester for **both DEGs** after agreeing to the **Additional Courses Agreement (ACA)** which will appear before completing a new application each semester.

Student enrolled in **two institutions** for DE purposes must initiate a **consortium agreement** between the home institution (institution selected on DEG application) and host institution (the other institution the student is attending).

Student who attends **college out-of-state** will **NOT** have to **repay** funds from a fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth DEG. However, **if** student **transfers** back **in-state** and receives **HOPE**, then **reduction** would occur on initial award.

HOPE Scholarship Changes

Students, including nontraditional students, who initially **RECEIVED** the HOPE Scholarship **prior to the Fall 2009 semester** will **NOT** be eligible to use the **award for the summer term**, and the **terminating events** for these students will remain the **same**:

- earn a baccalaureate degree, or
- five (5) years have passed from date of initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution

Students, including nontraditional students, who initially **RECEIVED** the HOPE Scholarship **in the Fall 2009 semester and thereafter** will be eligible to use the HOPE Scholarship for the summer term (beginning with Summer 2012), and the terminating events for those students will be as follows:

- earn a baccalaureate degree, or
- attempt a total of **120 semester hours**, or
- if the program of study requires **more than 120 hours, attempt the number of semester hours required to earn the undergraduate degree or 136 semester hours, whichever is less**, or
- five (5) years have passed from date of initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution

Notwithstanding the terminating events listed above, nontraditional students will be limited to the five-year and semester hour limitations. This will include the years and hours attempted while receiving the HOPE Scholarship as a traditional student and a nontraditional student.

Students who receive summer awards (**beginning with Summer 2012**) will be eligible for the same semester award amounts (**\$2,000** at a four-year institution or two-year institution with on-campus housing/**\$1,000** at two-year institutions) as the fall and spring semesters if they are enrolled **full time**. In addition, students will be eligible to receive their supplemental award for **GAMS (\$500)** or **Aspire (\$750)** for **full-time** enrollment. Students must be enrolled at least **half time** to receive a **prorated summer award**.

One final provision in the bill concerns credit hours attempted during the upcoming summer session. Students who take summer school courses during the **Summer 2011 semester** will **NOT** have those **hours credited against the 120 attempted hour cap**.

HOPE Scholarship Changes (cont.)

Students with **documented medical disabilities**, who are only able to attend **part-time**, may **petition** for an extension of the **five-year limitation**. These students will have up to **10 years** to receive the HOPE Scholarship. Students who have exhausted eligibility because five (5) years have passed since their initial enrollment at a postsecondary extension may appeal to TSAC to regain the HOPE Scholarship. However, these students will not be eligible for a retroactive award.

TSAA Changes

The **completion date** appears in **e*GRands** once a **valid TSAA eligible EFC (0 – 2100)** is established. Awards are made based upon the completion date.

