

SPRING 2012
Consumer Information
Financial Aid and Veterans
Programs

Financial Aid is awarded based on eligibility. Timing, grades, course start dates, and enrollment status affect eligibility and disbursement dates. For more details review:

http://www.harlingen.tstc.edu/FinancialAid/Students_Responsibilities.aspx

Class Schedule, Class Participation, and Attendance- Show / No Show

- All Title IV Federal Aid recipients are required to participate and attend class, in order to be eligible for the aid awarded.
- Be sure to sign in, answer roll call, and participate in every class.
- Awards will be reduced for those, not participating/attending class.
- Refunds are placed on 'hold' when students are no shows.
- Attend all classes, to remain eligible. Complete assignments.
- Confirm your schedule and attend all classes.
- Logging-in to an on-line class does not meet the requirements. Complete assignments.
- More information about No Shows can be found at:
<http://www.harlingen.tstc.edu/FinancialAid/NoShow.aspx>

Scholarship, Loan Session, and other important dates:

<http://www.harlingen.tstc.edu/FinancialAid/CriticalDates.aspx>

Award Balances, Disbursements, and Refunds

The Student Receivables Office (Business Office) processes refunds to students. Refund dates can be found on the Payment Information (12/SP) tab on the Student Receivables web page.

<http://www.harlingen.tstc.edu/acctsreceivable/index.aspx>

- **Evening of January 23rd**, Student Receivables will transmit balances to HigherOne TechOne accounts.
www.techonecard.com.
- Students reported as a No Show, in one or all their classes will not receive a refund.
- No Show students will owe monies back to Financial Aid programs and/or to TSTC.
- Students are responsible for initiating and completing class drops and changes.

E-Mails to students

TSTC will communicate with students by e-mail. The approved and preferred e-mail account for this communication is the student's *TSTC mymail account*. Be sure to read this correspondence in this account.

TSTC Financial Aid Office Facebook – coming soon!

Mustang E-Blast – Look for TSTC news every week, usually on Monday!

Privacy, Information, and Identity

Protect your privacy, information, and identity. When you call our office, we will need your TSTC student ID and your security PIN.

To update and personalize your PIN follow these steps:

- ✓ Log in to the TSTC portal.
<https://my.tstc.edu/portal/main.html>
- On WebAdvisor -
- ✓ Select the Students Menu
- ✓ On the Communication tab, select PIN Modification
- ✓ Enter a number or phrase that you want to use.
- ✓ Keep it in a secure location.
- ✓ Provide us your ID and your PIN when you contact our office.
- ✓ Do not share your PIN.

For login assistance, click on the **HELP** tab and/or call the HelpDesk 956.364.5000

Re-apply for Financial Aid - 2012-2013 FAFSA www.fafsa.gov

It is FAFSA time again! Anyone interested in applying for financial aid for Fall 2012- Summer 2013 is required to complete the 2012-2013 FAFSA. Use your and your family's 2011 income information to complete it.

FAFSA application deadline: March 29, 2012.

Notice: Workstudy Employees

All current workstudy employees are required to complete the FAFSA by the deadline. Failure to meet the deadline will affect your employment, after April 27th.

Direct Loan Application required steps for all Direct Loan borrowers.

Step 1: Complete the Entrance Counseling at: <http://studentloans.gov>

Step 2: Sign Master Promissory Note: <http://studentloans.gov>

- ✓ Select: **Sign Master Promissory Note**
- ✓ Use your FAFSA PIN
- ✓ Requires two references with different address and phone numbers.

Step3: Complete and submit the "Loan Request/Cancellation" form.

This form is available on-line: <http://www.harlingen.tstc.edu/FinancialAid/OnlineForms.aspx>

Step 4: New borrowers, at TSTC, are required to attend the group loan session.

Register for a pre-loan session at the follow link:

<http://www.harlingen.tstc.edu/FinancialAid/CriticalDates.aspx>

Step 5: Financial Aid Literacy

Life Skills Modules are required for all Direct Loan borrowers.

- ✓ **Subsidized Loan** borrowers should complete two lessons in the 200 Level curriculums
- ✓ **Unsubsidized Loan** borrowers are required to complete two lessons from the 400 Level and two from the 200 level curriculum.

The *Life Skills Student Guide* is available at:

<http://www.harlingen.tstc.edu/FinancialAid/CriticalDates.aspx>

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