

Adopted Students (TDFPS) (collegeforalltexas.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=551)	
Program Purpose	<p>To provide college financial assistance to students who once were in foster care and have been adopted</p>
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Two types of adopted students meet the eligibility requirement those who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> were in foster care and adopted on or after September 1, 2000 were adopted and the subject of an adoption assistance agreement with TDFPS under Subchapter C, Chapter 165, Texas Family Code <p>Senate Bill 110, 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session adds a Grade Point Average requirement only for those adopted students subject to an adoption assistance agreement to receive continuation awards through the program. The bill also establishes a limit to the total number of hours cumulative that a student may take and continue to receive awards through this program. This became effective the fall of 2011. Contact your institution for more information. Students adopted on or after September 1, 2000 must enroll in an institution of higher education as an undergraduate student or in a dual credit course or other course not later than the student's 25th birthday.</p>
Eligible Institutions	<p>Available only for use at a Texas public college or university. Most public institutions of higher education have designated a liaison officer to provide assistance to their students formerly under the conservancy of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.</p>
Award Amount	<p>Tuition and fees for courses for which the college receives support. There are no durational limitations in statute referencing how many semesters or years an adopted student may receive this exemption.</p>
Applicant Process	<p>Provide the college registrar written proof from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) of eligibility. To obtain a letter of eligibility from TDFPS contact a representative in one of the regional offices. Form 010100 is the TDFPS verification of written proof.</p>
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General questions may be located at the Department of Family and Protective Services or contact TDFPS adoption assistance eligibility staff for additional assistance at Regional Adoption Assistance Contacts. Achieving Success: Guidance for Colleges to Better Support Foster Youth is a resource guide for college liaisons that highlights recommendations of actions that colleges can take to improve access to higher education for foster youth nationwide. It pledges that colleges can take to create tangible change on their campuses and information about tuition waiver options for foster youth. The pledges are a start to creating college support groups on campus.

