

SHSU Financial Aid and Scholarships Policy – TEXAS Grant Hardship Policy

To remain eligible for the TEXAS Grant, students must meet the following renewal criteria as outlined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB):

TO RECEIVE A RENEWAL YEAR (RY) AWARD, A STUDENT MUST:

- ✓ be a prior recipient of the TEXAS Grant
- ✓ be classified by the institution as a Texas resident
- ✓ be registered with Selective Service, or be exempt
- ✓ have financial need
- ✓ be enrolled in at least 9 hours
- ✓ maintain [satisfactory academic progress](#)
- ✓ not have earned a baccalaureate degree
- ✓ not have been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance or under the law of any jurisdiction involving a controlled substance as defined by [Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code](#) (Texas Controlled Substances Act)

Hardship Provision- Final Semester Exception Only ([TAC, Title 19, Section 22.231](#))

Students who do not meet the standard enrollment requirement may still qualify for the TEXAS Grant under the hardship provision applicable only in the final semester of their degree program, and under the following conditions:

1. The student's final semester has less than 9 hours remaining to complete their degree plan.
2. The student must be enrolled in no fewer than 6 credit hours. ([TAC, Title 19, Section 22.230\(c\)](#))
3. The student completed 24 credit hours and maintained a 2.50 overall GPA in the most recent academic year ([TAC, Title 19, Section 22.229](#)), and has not exceeded 150 attempted credit hours as a part of general eligibility requirements. ([TAC, Title 19, Section 22.230](#))
4. The student otherwise meets all other renewal requirements outlined above.

The institution will conduct a thorough, individualized review of each student's academic record to determine whether they meet the criteria to be considered for hardship approval. This review will be conducted in conjunction with the students' official degree plan to ensure alignment with academic requirements and program completion goals.