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**Understanding the Administrative Burdens Associated
with the Texas State College Tuition Waiver
for Foster Care Youth**

About 20% of foster care youth who graduate from high school attend college, and only 3% of them will obtain a college degree. If the Texas State College Tuition Waiver was designed to help foster care youth pay for college, why is their presence in colleges and universities so low? This case study aimed to understand the learning, compliance, and psychological burdens associated with the tuition waiver. The data analysis revealed eight areas that can be improved to make the experience of this often overlooked student population more favorable. Having a higher education can create a new path and open an avenue for upward social mobility among them.

Event Information

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