

# Exemption Programs

Fall 2008

# Definition

- Exemptions allow students to enroll in public institutions of higher education while paying a decreased amount of tuition and/or fees

# Eligible Institutions

- Exemptions can be used while attending
  - Public universities and health-related institutions;
  - Public community and technical colleges; and
  - Public state colleges.

# Who can Qualify?

- Children of
  - Deceased/disabled peace officers, firefighters, public servants;
  - Deceased/disabled Texas veterans;
  - Professional nurse faculty;
  - Members of the military who are MIA or POW; and
  - Clinical Nurse Preceptors.

# Eligible Students, con't.

- Students:
  - Who are Blind or Deaf;
  - Who were in state foster care and/or adopted through the state;
  - Whose parents received TANF for them for 6 months during their senior year in high school;
  - Who are valedictorians;
  - Who are dual-enrolled; and
  - Who play "TAPS" at military funerals.

# To Qualify

- Provide proof of eligibility to the institution.
  - If done prior to the start of the fiscal year, the student's billing will be adjusted;
  - If proof is not provided until after the census date of the semester, student will have to pay, and then get reimbursed by the institution.

# Value of the Exemptions

- **Varies by program**
  - Tuition and fees for life
    - Blind or Deaf
    - Foster Care or Adopted through State
  - Tuition and fees for a limited time
    - TANF (1 year)
    - Children of veterans, MIA/POW deceased/disabled public servants (tuition and limited fees for 150 SCH)

# Value, con't.

- Tuition and fees for a limited time
  - Children of nurse faculty (tuition for 10 semesters)
  - Clinical Nurse Practitioners - (\$500 tuition per semester for 10 semesters)
  - Valedictorians - tuition only for 2 semesters
  - Dual enrolled - while enrolled in dual-enrolled classes - decreased tuition (optional)

# What Counselors Can Do

- Help parents learn about the programs
  - PTO presentations
  - School newsletters
  - School handouts
  - Financial Aid Information Center -
    - 1-888-311-8881

# For More Details

- Go to [www.collegefortexans.com](http://www.collegefortexans.com), click on
  - Paying for College,
    - Types of Financial Aid,
      - Exemptions, and
        - The Individual Program.
- See pp 20-38 of your handout
- Contact a public college admissions office