

<b>Adopted Students (TDFPS)</b> ( <a href="http://collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=551">collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=551</a> )	
Program Purpose	To provide college financial assistance to students who once were in TDFPS foster care and have been adopted.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Two types of adopted students meet the eligibility requirement. Those who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Were in foster care and adopted on or after September 1, 2009;</li> <li>Were adopted, and the subject of an adoption assistance agreement with TDFPS under Subchapter D, Chapter 162, Texas Family Code</li> </ul> <p>Contact your institution for more information.</p>
Eligible Institutions	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.
Award Amount	Tuition and fees for courses for which the college receives tax support. There are no durational limitations in statute referencing how many semesters or years an adopted student may receive this exemption.
Applicant Process	Provide the college business office 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 K-908-1003 is the TDFPS verification of written proof. Complete Complete LSC's Acknowledgement Agreement for the Texas Foster Care & Adoption Exemptions each semester the exemption is to be used and turn in to the college business office.
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General questions may be located at the <a href="#">Department of Family and Protective Services</a> or contact TDFPS adoption assistance eligibility staff for additional assistance at <a href="#">Regional Adoption Assistance Contacts</a>.</li> <li><a href="#">Achieving Success: Guidance for Colleges to Better Support Foster Youth</a> is a resource guide for College Liaisons. It highlights recommendations of actions that colleges can take to improve access to higher education for foster youth nationwide, pledges that colleges can take to create tangible change on their campuses, and information about tuition waiver options for foster youth. The pledges (pgs. 12-13) are a start to creating college support groups on campus.</li> <li><a href="http://www.CollegeForAllTexans.com">www.CollegeForAllTexans.com</a></li> </ul>

<b>Foster Care (TDFPS)</b> ( <a href="http://collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=429" style="color: white;">collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=429</a> )	
Program Purpose	To provide college financial assistance to students who are currently or were formerly in the conservatorship of TDFPS.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>A student is exempt from the payment of tuition and fees, including tuition and fees charged by an institution of higher education for a dual credit course or other course for which a high school student may earn joint high school and college credit, if the student: was under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on the day preceding the student's 18th birthday;</li> <li>on or after the day of the student's 14th birthday, if the student was also eligible for adoption on or after that day; or</li> <li>on the day the student graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma; or</li> <li>the date permanent managing conservatorship (PMC) of the student is awarded to a person other than the student's parent, if that date is on or after September 1, 2009.</li> </ul> <p>The student must enroll in an institution of higher education as an undergraduate student or in a dual credit course or other course <b>not later than the student's 25th birthday</b>.</p>
Eligible Institutions	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.
Award Amount	Tuition and fees for courses for which the college receives tax support; however, once a student has been determined eligible for the benefit and has enrolled in higher education, the benefit continues indefinitely. There are no durational limitations in statute referencing how many semesters or years a student may receive this exemption.
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Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For assistance from TDFPS contact the Preparation for Adult Living-Regional and State Contacts to verify tuition exemption eligibility of foster care students and PMC students</li> <li>Assistance with locating temporary housing between academic terms (fall, spring and summer) is also available to eligible former foster care students who were enrolled full-time at a public institution in the previous term and are registered or committed to enrolling full-time at a public institution in the subsequent term. To read more about this program, check out House Bill 452, 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature <a href="http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=82R&amp;Bill=HB452">http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=82R&amp;Bill=HB452</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.CollegeForAllTexans.com">www.CollegeForAllTexans.com</a></li> </ul>



## Acknowledgement Agreement for the Texas Foster Care & Adoption Exemptions

**Please complete and submit this form each term to your campus Business Office prior to the term's start date.**

I understand that to be eligible to receive the Exemption for Adopted Students Formerly in Foster or Other Residential Care, or the Exemption for Students under the Conservatorship of Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS), I must provide a copy of a completed and signed K-908-1003 form from the TDFPS to a Lone Star College (LSC) business office.

I also understand that by signing this agreement I am aware of and agree to the following terms and conditions:

- I understand the exemptions only cover formula funded courses.
- I understand courses taken three or more times are no longer state funded and therefore, are not covered by the exemptions.
- I understand the exemptions do not cover repeat course fees and incidental fees, such as returned check fees and payment plan late fees.
- I understand the exemptions do not cover balances that result from student financial aid pullbacks.
- I understand that I am responsible for any and all charges to my student account balance not covered by the exemptions. Any unpaid balance is **my** responsibility and **will be paid within 30 days of receipt of my bill from LSC.**
- I understand I may be withdrawn from some or all of my classes if timely payment is not received.
- I understand that if I fail to pay by the scheduled due date, a hold will be placed on my account preventing me from registering for future classes and requesting official transcripts.
- I understand and accept that if I fail to pay or make acceptable payment arrangements to bring my account current, LSC may refer my delinquent account to a collection agency, and I will be assessed a collection fee not to exceed 30% of the total amount due on my account.

Forms may be faxed or emailed to any Campus Business Office or Bursar's Office:

North Harris fax: (281) 618-5747 [nhcbusinessoffice@lonestar.edu](mailto:nhcbusinessoffice@lonestar.edu)

Kingwood fax: (281) 312-1436 [kwbusinessoffice@lonestar.edu](mailto:kwbusinessoffice@lonestar.edu)

Tomball fax: (281) 351-3322 [tomball.bursarsoffice@lonestar.edu](mailto:tomball.bursarsoffice@lonestar.edu)

Montgomery fax: (936) 273-7200 [mc.businessoffice@lonestar.edu](mailto:mc.businessoffice@lonestar.edu)

CyFair fax: (281) 290-3995 [cfbusinessoffice@lonestar.edu](mailto:cfbusinessoffice@lonestar.edu)

University Park fax: (281) 290-2996 [upbusinessoffice@lonestar.edu](mailto:upbusinessoffice@lonestar.edu)