

# 2025 STATE FINANCIAL AID UPDATES AND REMINDERS

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# OVERVIEW

- ▶ New Program Participation Agreement (PPA) & Agreed-Upon Procedures Report
- ▶ Non-resident ISIRs
- ▶ Workforce Ready Grant
- ▶ National Guard Supplemental Grant
- ▶ Minority Teaching Scholarships
- ▶ Transition to Teaching Scholarship
- ▶ Tuition and Fee Exemption Reimbursement Prorated Dollars
- ▶ Frank O'Bannon Grant
- ▶ Claims/Refunds Reconciliation Deadlines



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# PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS

- ▶ Program Participation Agreements will be updated to reflect all current state financial aid programs administered from CHE to our college partners.
- ▶ Once the new PPA is issued, it must be acknowledged with a signature no later than 12/31/2025.
- ▶ Every institution is required to submit a completed Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) Report either annually or biannually.
- ▶ Guidance on your institution's reporting schedule and status will be provided this fall.



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## NON-RESIDENT ISIRs

- ▶ We are still not automatically receiving non-resident ISIRs from US DOE.
- ▶ Verify students' eligibility for military aid by emailing [collegefa@che.in.gov](mailto:collegefa@che.in.gov) if the ISIR is missing in ScholarTrack.
- ▶ Continue to submit ISIR requests in ScholarTrack – notify [collegefa@che.in.gov](mailto:collegefa@che.in.gov) if the request is not fulfilled after 14 days.



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# WORKFORCE READY GRANT

- ▶ HEA 1515-2025 allows a student who previously earned a Workforce Ready Grant (WRG) certificate to use the award again.
- ▶ Eligible student(s) must not have earned an associate or higher.
- ▶ ScholarTrack will automatically offer the WRG at approved institutions for a 2<sup>nd</sup> two-year window.



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# NATIONAL GUARD SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

- ▶ HEA 1111-2025 passed expanding some flexibility with the NGSF recipients.
- ▶ NGSF recipients who are also 21st Century Scholar students are now allowed to use both awards at the same time.
  - ▶ Dual utilization is contingent upon full-time enrollment as required for 21st Century Scholars.
  - ▶ The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars award should be applied first towards tuition and mandatory fees. Up to \$5000 of the NGSF can be used for other items up to COA for a maximum of two years.



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# NATIONAL GUARD SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

- ▶ Part-time students should only receive the NGSG.
- ▶ NGSG recipients can utilize their NGSG at approved institutions to pursue in-demand apprenticeships and other certificate programs.
- ▶ Students can now apply any remaining balance of their NGSG from fall or spring to their summer tuition charges.





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# WILLIAM CRAWFORD MINORITY TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

- ▶ SEA 289-2025 changed eligibility requirements for new applicants.
  - ▶ Any new student applying for the WCMST must currently reside in an underserved county or immediately have resided in an underserved county before enrolling in college.
    - ▶ Underserved county is statutorily defined as **Allen County, Lake County, Marion County, St. Joseph County, and Vanderburgh County.**
- ▶ Re-applying students must identify as Black or Hispanic.
- ▶ The application in ScholarTrack requires students to identify as a new or re-applying applicant. The address on the application should be used to determine eligibility.





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# EARLINE S. ROGERS STUDENT TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITIES

- ▶ SEA 289-2025 changed eligibility requirements for new applicants.
  - ▶ Applicants must currently reside in an underserved county or immediately have resided in an underserved county before enrolling in college.
    - ▶ Underserved county is statutorily defined as **Allen County, Lake County, Marion County, St. Joseph County, and Vanderburgh County.**
- ▶ The application in ScholarTrack requires students to select the county they currently or previously resided in. The address on the application should be used to determine eligibility.
- ▶ The scholarship is a one-time award, so no provision is needed for re-applying students.



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# TRANSITION TO TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

- ▶ Students must submit the T2T application in ScholarTrack.
  - ▶ CHE oversees the application review and selection process.
- ▶ Claims for T2T can be entered into ScholarTrack starting late fall 2025.
- ▶ A training webinar will be led by Tai Casmier later this summer.
- ▶ Standalone T2T grant agreements will be discontinued moving forward as the scholarship will be added to the new Program Participation Agreements (PPAs).



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## TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTION (CVO) REIMBURSEMENT PRORATED DOLLARS

- ▶ We conducted an end-of-year settle-up to ensure the entire appropriation was prorated on actual claims for the 2024-2025 AY.
  - ▶ We ended the fiscal year with \$0 left in the fund.
  - ▶ State statute requires the Commission to make the private colleges whole.
- ▶ We took the CVO claims from FY 2025 and used it as the projection to calculate prorated amounts for the 2025-2026 academic year.
- ▶ Colleges will receive their prorated amounts in July 2025.





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## TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTION (CVO) PRORATED DOLLARS

- ▶ We will conduct a mid-year check-in to inform institutions of current claim expenditures and the remaining prorated balance.
- ▶ We will conduct an end-of-year settlement to ensure the entire appropriation was prorated on actual claims for the 2025-2026 AY.



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## FRANK O'BANNON GRANT

- ▶ HEA 1001-2025 (Sections 242 and 243) made FOB funds reverting and limited FOB spending to appropriation.
- ▶ The Commission's Financial Aid and Business Intelligence Teams are currently working on spending projections for FY 27 and schedule of awards for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- ▶ Preliminary projections indicate the FY26 appropriation will be sufficient; however, spring 2026 awards could be adjusted pending final fall 2025 claims.



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# CLAIMS AND REFUNDS RECONCILIATION

- ▶ To properly manage each appropriation, claims must be inserted into ScholarTrack in a timely manner.
- ▶ CVO and Frank O'Bannon Grant claims for the fall 2025 term must be entered into ScholarTrack by October 17, 2025.
- ▶ Fall 2025 claims for all other state awards, must be entered into ScholarTrack by December 1, 2025.
- ▶ All spring 2026 claims must be entered June 12, 2026.
- ▶ All refunds for FY 26 must be entered June 12, 2026.



# QUESTIONS?

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