## Financial Information & Assistance

### 2014-2015 TUITION & FEES SCHEDULE

**TUITION AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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*Students are responsible for paying all tuition and fee charges in full by the payment due date. Students not paying by the due date may be dropped from their classes. Refer to LoneStar.edu/payment for payment due dates.*

### Tuition & Fees per Credit Hour

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**Note:** Minimum tuition rates are set by the state legislature and are subject to change by legislative action. Student tuition and fees are subject to change by the Lone Star College System Board of Trustees. Dual credit students receive a 100 percent discounted tuition rate, all other fees will be assessed at their regular rate. Textbooks and lab fees vary by program.

1, 2 & 3 Notes: Applies to all students enrolled in credit classes: Includes tuition at the rate of $42 per credit hour, a $9 per credit hour technology fee, a $2 per credit hour student activity fee, a $7 per credit hour general use fee, a non-refundable registration fee of $12, and an infrastructure fee of $20.

1 Applies to U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are residents of Aldine, Conroe, Cypress-Fairbanks, Humble, Klein, Magnolia, New Caney, Splendora, Spring, Tomball and Willis Independent School Districts.

2 Applies to U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are residents of Texas but do not reside in the college district. Includes an additional out-of-district tuition fee of $70 per credit hour.

3 Applies to all other students. By legislative action, the tuition may not be less than $200 (minimum tuition). Includes an additional out-of-state tuition fee of $85 per credit hour.

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Students who enroll in the same course for the third or more time will be assessed an additional $60 per credit hour. Certain courses are excluded. See LoneStar.edu/repeatcourse for details.
### Payment Policy

**Please go to LoneStar.edu/payment**

### Differential Fee by Program

Most programs of study have discipline-based differential fees charged per credit in addition to the base credit hour tuition charge. The differential fee offsets the costs incurred for each discipline that are above the base credit hour tuition rate. For the current discipline-based differential fee schedule, please go to LoneStar.edu/tuition.

### Credit Refund Policy

For more details please go to LoneStar.edu/refunds

The refund policy for Lone Star College is based upon the assumption that student tuition and fees provide only a portion of the actual incurred costs to provide educational opportunities. When a student enrolls in a class, a place is reserved which cannot be given to another student. This represents a significant cost to LSCS whether or not class enrollment is continued.

Refunds will be made under the following conditions in compliance with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Policy:

1. If the college cancels or discontinues a scheduled course, a 100 percent refund is granted.
2. Students who drop a course or who totally withdraw before the first class day will have their tuition and fees refunded (EXCEPT for the registration fee, the payment plan service fee, or the late fee – if any are applicable). These refunds are in accordance with the following drops and withdrawals schedule.

#### Fee Schedule*

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<td>Repeated course** (per credit hour) .......................$60</td>
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<td>Specialty fees: liability insurance, uniforms, supplies, etc. By program</td>
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<td>Portfolio evaluations .............................................$60</td>
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* These fees are subject to change by board or legislative action.
** Most courses that are repeated 3 or more times.
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Star College System beginning two weeks after the official day of record. Refunds for courses scheduled outside the sessions listed in this section will be made on a prorated basis in accordance with the refund policy.

**Semester Length Courses**

**Fall and Spring Semesters**

Prior to the first calendar day of the semester ........................................... 100%

During the first 15 calendar days of the semester ............................................. 70%

During the 16th through 20th calendar days of the semester ............................. 25%

After the 20th calendar day of the semester ............................................ None

**Six-Week Summer Semester**

Prior to the first calendar day of the semester ........................................... 100%

During the first five calendar days of the semester ............................................. 70%

During the sixth and seventh calendar days of the semester ............................. 25%

After the seventh calendar day of the semester ............................................ None

**Flex Entry and Non-Semester Length Courses**

Prior to the first scheduled calendar session ............................................. 100%

After classes begin, see drops and withdrawals chart.

**Regulations Concerning Checks**

1. A returned check fee of $30 will be assessed if a check presented for payment of a student’s obligation to the college is returned for any reason or is not honored by your financial institution.

2. Checks returned unpaid for any reason must be promptly redeemed. If your check is returned you must settle your obligation promptly, or registration in the college may be canceled and all records withheld.

**Drops and Withdrawals**

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3. Checks presented for payment of tuition and fees, for deposits, or for the purchase of books or equipment, will not be accepted in an amount greater than the total amount due for the transaction.

4. No temporary or postdated checks will be accepted by the college.

**Charge Cards Accepted**

VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover will be accepted for payment of tuition and fees.

**Collection Costs**

If financial obligations are not paid in full by their due dates, these debts may be referred to an outside collection agency and to the appropriate credit bureaus. The amount referred to the collection agency will be subject to collection costs. Collection fees up to 30 percent may be assessed and will be added to the original debt. The student must pay these costs, as well as applicable interest and fees. Furthermore, all unpaid obligations will result in holds placed on student records affecting the issuance of diplomas and transcripts, and will prevent future registration activity.

**RESIDENT STATUS**

Establishing residency – LSCS must determine the residency status of all students for tuition purposes. All new students will be required to sign an oath of residency and may be required to provide substantiating documentation. Students returning to college after not enrolling for both the prior fall and spring semester will be required to reaffirm their residency status and may be required to provide substantiating documentation.

Some non-US citizens may qualify to pay Texas residency rates:

1. **Texas high school graduates or GED certified**
   
   a. Resident of Texas for 36 months prior to receiving high school diploma or GED.
   
   b. Reside in Texas 12 months prior to enrolling in college.

   c. Provide a notarized affidavit stating that the student will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity that he or she is eligible to do so.

2. **Applied to domicile**

The student submits notification (I-485) that their petition to domicile has been approved. Residency is determined at the time of registration and can only be changed prior to the census date of the semester. Residency is determined by the student’s current address or by the address of the parent or legal guardian if the student is eligible to be claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes. A post office box can be used as a mailing address but cannot be used to establish residency.

It is the responsibility of the student to register under the correct residency classification. If there is a question about classification, it is the student’s responsibility, prior to the time of registration, to discuss this with the admissions office and have an official determination made.

Additional information regarding residency requirements may be found in the college admissions office. The chief student services officer is the final authority on all questions on residency. Deliberate falsification of residence status or documentation will result in the student having to pay the difference in the charges and may subject a student to immediate dismissal.

For tuition purposes, students will be classified according to the following guidelines:

**A. In-district Texas resident**

Students or dependent students whose parents or legal guardians have been a resident of Texas for the 12 months before the date of registration and who reside in the Lone Star College district (within the boundaries of the independent school districts of Aldine, Conroe, Cypress-Fairbanks, Humble, Klein, Magnolia, New Caney, Splendora, Spring, Tomball, and Willis) on the official reporting date are considered
residents of the district. Individuals, or their dependents, who are not residents of the district, but own property which is subject to ad valorem taxation by the district, shall pay tuition and fees at the rate applicable to a student who resides in the district. Persons, or their dependents, applying for such waiver shall verify property ownership by presentation of an ad valorem tax statement or receipt issued by the County Tax Assessor Collector; or by presentation of a deed, property closing statement, or other appropriate evidence of ownership of property which is subject to ad valorem taxation by the district. A foreign student is not eligible for waiver of the nonresident tuition rate due to payment of ad valorem taxes.

B. Out-of-district Texas resident
A student who has been a Texas resident for the 12 months prior to the official reporting date of the semester in which the student is registering and who resides outside the boundaries of the Lone Star College System is considered an out-of-district Texas resident. Any individual who lives in Texas for 36 months immediately prior to high school graduation from a public, home school program, or an accredited private high school or received the GED certificate as an alternative to high school graduation, lived in Texas the 12 months prior to the official reporting date of the semester in which the student is registering, registers as an entering student not earlier than fall 2001, and if not a U.S. citizen, provide an affidavit stating the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident will be considered a Texas resident for payment of tuition. A minor or dependent can establish residency separate from his/her parents.

C. Non-resident of Texas
A student or dependent student whose parent or legal guardian resides out of state or has not been a resident of the state for the 12 months prior to the official reporting date of the semester in which the student is registering is considered a non-resident of Texas.

D. Military personnel
Military personnel or their families should check with the college admissions office for requirements on resident tuition.

E. Transfer students
Students transferring from other Texas higher education institutions and who were enrolled the preceding spring or summer semesters will retain their previous classification unless they apply for residency status change.

Documentation for State Resident/In-District Resident Status
The following documentation may be used to resolve residency issues and may be used to establish that an individual is domiciled in Texas and has maintained a residence in Texas continuously for 12 months prior to the official day of record for the semester.

1. Documents that can support the establishment of a domicile and demonstrate the maintenance of a residency in Texas for 12 months:
   - An employer’s statement of dates of employment.
   - Other documents that show the person has been engaged in activities intended to provide an income to a person or allow a person to avoid the expense of paying another person to perform the tasks (home maintenance or child care).
   - Documents that show a person is self-employed, employed as a home-
maker, or living off his/her earnings, or through public assistance.

- For a homeless person, written statements from the office of one or more social service agencies located in Texas that attests to the provision of services to the homeless person for the 12 months prior to the census date of the term in which the person enrolls.

2. Documents that if maintained for at least 12 months prior to the official reporting date and if accompanied by at least one type of document listed in number three below can support the establishment of a domicile and demonstrate the maintenance of a residence in Texas for 12 months:

- Title to real property in Texas.
- Marriage certificate with documentation to support that the spouse is a domiciliary of Texas.
- Ownership of a business in Texas with documents that evidence the organization or the business as a partnership or corporation and reflect the ownership interest of the person or dependent’s parent.
- State or local licenses to conduct a business or practice a profession in Texas.

3. Documents that do not show the establishment of a domicile but support a student’s claim to have resided in the state for at least 12 months:

- A Texas high school transcript for the full senior year preceding the official reporting date.
- A transcript from a Texas institution showing presence in the state for the 12 months preceding the official reporting date.
- A Texas driver’s license or Texas ID card with an expiration date of not more than four years.
- Canceled checks that reflect a Texas residence for the 12 months preceding the official reporting date.
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- A current credit report that documents the length and place of residence of the person or the dependent student’s parent or legal guardian.
- Texas voter registration card that has not expired.
- Pay stubs for the 12 months preceding the official reporting date.
- Bank statements reflecting a Texas address for the 12 months preceding the official reporting date.
- Ownership of real property with copies of utility bills for the 12 months preceding the official reporting date.
- Registration or verification from licensor, showing Texas address for licensee.
- Written statements from the office of one or more social service agencies, attesting to the provision of services for at least 12 months preceding the official reporting date.
- Lease or rental of real property, other than campus housing, in the name of the person or the dependent student’s parent or legal guardian for the 12 months preceding the official reporting date.

4. Documents which can be used to demonstrate residency within the boundaries of the independent school districts of Aldine, Conroe, Cypress-Fairbanks, Humble, Klein, Magnolia, New Caney, Splendora, Spring, Tomball, and Willis:
   - Driver’s license or Texas ID card showing an address within the district.
   - Rental or lease agreement showing an address within the district.
   - Deed to real property located within the district.
   - Utility bills from an address within the district.
   - A current voter registration card.
   - A current credit report that documents the place of residence of the person or dependent student’s parents or legal guardians.

Students who hold visas that enable them to domicile in the United States are allowed to be treated like permanent residents of the United States if:

- They reside for 12 months in Texas.
- A student is entitled to pay resident tuition if the student has filed for adjustment of status to that of a person admitted as a Permanent Resident under 8 U. S. Code 1255, or under the “registry” program (8 USC 1259), or the Special Immigrant Juvenile Program (8 USC 1101(a)(27)(J)) and has been issued a fee/filing receipt or Notice of Action by USCIS. Students who fall into this category must provide proof of eligibility by showing a copy of their I-485 USCIS receipt or Notice of Action.

A student, including an international student (regardless of their immigration status) who enters a Texas institution of higher education in fall 2001 or later shall be classified a resident of Texas for tuition purposes if he or she:

- Attended a Texas public or accredited private high school for at least 36 months immediately prior to high school graduation.
- Resided in Texas for at least 36 months immediately prior to receiving a GED as an alternative to a high school diploma.
- Continuously resided in Texas for the 12 months prior to the official day of record for the semester in which the student registers.
- Is registering for the first time after fall 2001.
- Provides to the college an affidavit that he or she intends to file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so.
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Changes in Residency Status
If a student continues to enroll in at least one fall or spring semester each year, the student’s residency status will remain the same unless the student files to change the residency status. It is the student’s responsibility to change the residency status if their residency changes. If the student is changing residency status to in-state or in-district and will qualify for lower fees, the student must file the request to change residency status prior to the official reporting date of the semester. Changes made after this date will be effective for the following term.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
The purpose of financial aid is to remove financial barriers that prevent access to educational opportunities. LSCS participates in programs that provide aid through grants, a variety of scholarships, part-time employment and loans. Students choosing to apply for these programs should contact the financial aid office well in advance of registration. Priority is given to those students who apply and complete the process prior to April 1. After the priority date, awards are made as long as funds are available. Scholarships are usually awarded for the fall and spring terms only. Most grants are available for the fall, spring, and summer.

Lone Star College Foundation Endowed Scholarships
Lone Star College System offers a variety of need and scholarship based financial awards. Each spring, the Lone Star College Foundation announces available scholarships. Applications and specific details related to each scholarship are available through the financial aid offices of each college campus. A current list of Endowed Scholarships may be found in the catalog appendix. This list includes the primary criteria and requirements for each award; please see a financial aid advisor for more details.

Grants/Application Processing
1. Apply for aid as soon as possible after January 1 each year for the following fall term.
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web at fafsa.ed.gov. Complete your FAFSA application according to your previous year tax return. If you need assistance in completing the form, contact a financial aid specialist at the college you plan to attend. Complete and submit required documents, if needed.
3. Allow four weeks after submitting the FAFSA application to the federal processing center to receive a response. If you complete the FAFSA via the Web, this process could take as little as four days. You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) and any institution you list on the FAFSA will receive an Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR).
4. It is recommended that you respond promptly to any request made by the financial aid office. Official financial aid communication is sent only to students’ LSCS email accounts.
5. In order to receive financial aid at any college in the system, a student must be admitted as a regular student, must have officially declared a degree or certificate major and must make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in accordance with system policy. For a copy of this policy, contact the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend or review the SAP policy on the financial aid website.

Need-Based (Title IV) Programs
NOTE: Most need-based grants (with the exception of a Federal Pell Grant) are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Students who wish to be considered for these awards should have their file completed PRIOR to April 1 for the following fall and spring enrollment periods.
Federal Pell Grant (PELL) - A federal grant designed to help students with financial need obtain their first undergraduate degree. The maximum annual grant for the 2014-15 year is $5,730. Eligible students may still be considered after April 1 for the Pell Grant.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) - A federal and institution-matched need-based grant. Priority is given to those students who demonstrate a significant need and qualify for a Federal Pell Grant. Most awards at LSCS range from $555 to $5,550 per year.

Federal Work Study Program (FWS) - A federal and college-matched work program which provides jobs for students who have a financial need. Students apply for these jobs through the employment/financial aid office at the college they plan to attend during the school year. Students normally work 15 to 19 hours per week and begin at minimum wage. Diverse positions are available at the campuses. Limited funds are available.

Texas College Work Study Program (TCWS) - A state and institutionally-matched work study program similar to the federal work study program. Awards at LSCS range from $2,000 to $3,200 per year. Program participation is limited to fall and spring terms. Limited funds are available.

Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) - A state grant made available to students who demonstrate high financial need and who are enrolled in at least six hours. The student may not qualify for TEXAS Grant in order to qualify for TEOG. The maximum award is $1,890 per year for fall and spring only.

Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG) - A grant fund made available from tuition revenues to assist LSCS students in financial need. Awards generally range from $100 to $2,000 per year.

Towards Excellence and Success Grant (TEXAS) - A state grant made available to students who graduate from high school with a “Recommended Advanced High School, Advanced High School Honor, or Distinguished High School” seal on their high school transcript. A high school transcript with this seal must be on file at the college the student will be attending. Students must enroll in at least nine hours. Enrollment has to be within 16 months after the month of high school graduation. The maximum award is $1,890 per year for fall and spring only.

Students may contact the financial aid office at the college they plan to attend or may visit our website at LoneStar.edu for a copy of the LSCS award guidelines.

Refund Policy for Students Receiving Financial Aid

A student attending LSCS and receiving Title IV (PELL, FSEOG, FFE loans) assistance is treated differently for refund purposes effective Oct. 7, 2000. This procedure applies only to Title IV recipients who totally withdraw prior to the 60 percent date in the enrollment term.

1. The percent of the term that the student completes will be the percent of the amount of Title IV assistance that the student will be permitted to keep.
2. The percent will be calculated and the remaining amount that the student received will have to be returned to the Title IV funds in the order that the law prescribes.
3. The student must also repay the portion of unearned institution charges which are returned to the Department of Education on their behalf.
4. The student will be notified by the financial aid office of the amount owed to the Department of Education (ED). The student will be allowed 45 days to pay in full to LSCS the debt they owe to ED.
5. The student must pay the debt in full to LSCS.
6. Once refund amounts have been determined for any Title IV recipient, they will
be refunded to the Title IV programs in the following order:

- Unsubsidized Direct Student Loans
- Subsidized Direct Student Loans
- Plus Loan program
- Pell Grant program
- SEOG Grant program

**Other Financial Aid Information**

**On-Campus Employment** - A limited number of jobs are available at each college to employ students part time at minimum wage. These jobs are primarily clerical and aim to assist the student with the cost of education. Students interested in applying for these positions should complete an application for employment or visit the financial aid office at the college where they desire to work.

**Federal Stafford Loan** - The LSCS colleges participate in the Federal Direct Student Loan Program, referred to as FDSL or Direct Loans. The FDSL includes both subsidized and unsubsidized student loans and PLUS loans for parents. In the FDSL, the lender is the United States government through the U.S. Department of Education. To be processed for a Direct Student Loan, students must complete the grant application (FAFSA), complete an online entrance counseling session, and meet all eligibility criteria. The amounts listed below are maximum annual loan limits. Your individual eligibility will be determined by your financial aid counselor. Additionally all federal student loans are disbursed no earlier than 30 days after you begin attending classes. Please contact the financial aid office at the college that you plan to attend for more information.

**Dependent Students**

- Freshman - up to $5,500 (max $3,500 subsidized)
- Sophomore - up to $6,500 (max $4,500 subsidized)

**Independent Students**

- Freshman - up to $9,500 (max $3,500 subsidized)
- Sophomore - up to $10,500 (max $4,500 subsidized)

**Federal Parent Loan for the Undergraduate Student (PLUS)** - A dependent student whose parents’ request a PLUS loan is eligible to borrow up to the cost of attendance minus any other financial aid received. This loan is a credit-based loan. Students who are not making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the college may have a restriction imposed on their application for these loans. Additional information and applications are available in the financial aid offices.

**Installment Payment Plans** - Students may defer one half of eligible tuition and fee charges by obtaining an installment payment plan. This plan is available for fall and spring semesters only, and must be obtained through myLoneStar - Financial Information. One half of eligible tuition and fees is due up front, and the remainder is deferred in two equal installments. A $20 payment plan fee is assessed and due upon enrollment in the plan. A $25 late fee will be assessed on each delinquent installment. For more information visit LoneStar.edu/payment-plan.

**The Hazlewood Act for Texas Veterans** – Texas provides a tuition and fee exemption for any student who:

1. At the time of entry into the U.S. Armed Forces, designated Texas as Home of Record; or entered the service in Texas; or was a Texas resident;
2. Has received an honorable discharge or separation or a general discharge under honorable conditions, and
3. Have no federal Veterans education benefits dedicated to the payment of tuition and fees only (such as Chapter 31 or Chapter 33) that do not exceed the value of Hazlewood benefits;
4. Served at least 181 days of active
duty service (excluding training);
5. Is not in default on a loan guaranteed by Texas, and
6. Veterans must reside in Texas during the semester or term for which the exemption is claimed.

All applicants must register online at https://www1.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/hsh/students/ in the Hazlewood Database Registration website.

Students who wish to use this program for this academic year must have the following:
• Completed Hazlewood application;
• VA form DD214 indicating “Honorable Discharge,” a non-entitlement letter from the VA;
• Proof of current status regarding eligibility;
• Documentation of Texas residency at the time of veteran service;
• Benefits letter from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Scholarships - Various individuals, local businesses, civic groups and organizations contribute to the LSCS scholarship programs. Requirements and award amounts vary. General scholarship applications are available online or you may get an application at the campus financial aid office. College scholarship committees evaluate scholarship applications. You may check with each college’s financial aid office for a comprehensive list of scholarship opportunities and deadlines. The LSCS application deadline is April 1 for fall and Oct. 1 for spring.

The Hope Scholarship Tax Credit - The Hope Scholarship is actually a tax credit, not a scholarship. A family must file a tax return and owe taxes to take advantage of it. The Hope credit is not refundable for families who do not pay taxes, who owe less in taxes than the maximum amount of the Hope tax credit for which the family is eligible or who receive financial assistance that pays tuition and fees.

A family may claim a tax credit of up to $2,500 per tax year for each eligible dependent. This can be done for up to four tax years.

The actual amount of the credit depends on the family’s income, the amount of qualified tuition and fees paid, and the amount of certain scholarships, grants and exemptions subtracted from tuition. The total maximum credit also is based on the number of eligible dependents.

Students must keep a copy of the payments made to LSCS for tuition and fees or ask the business office at the college they are attending for this amount. The form 1098T will be mailed to the IRS and to the students reporting enrollment for the previous fiscal year by January 31.

Tuition Exemptions for Fire Science

Eligibility for tuition exemptions under Texas Education Code 54.208:
• A student must be employed as a firefighter in Texas and have documentation from the Fire Chief of their paid status, or be an active member of a volunteer fire department that holds an accredited advance certificate (or equivalent).
• Tuition exemptions will be granted for all FIRS, FIRT and EMSP courses and will be granted for both credit and non-credit courses.
• Laboratory, equipment rental and other fees will not be exempted.
• Students enrolled in an Associate Degree or Certificate Program in Fire Science may request an exemption for all courses including general education courses required for the degree program. General education courses not required for degree/certificate completion or applied toward that degree or certificate completion will not be exempted.
• Students receiving the Fire Science Ex-
emption as a continuation award must meet Lone Star College’s Financial Aid GPA SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) policy requirement. Students will be required to maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher. The 2.0 GPA SAP requirements do not pertain to students receiving this award for the first time.

**Veteran/Military Educational Benefits**

LSCS is approved by the Texas Veterans Commission under the provisions of Title 38, U.S. Code for VA educational benefits to train veterans and other eligible persons for approved programs and courses required for those programs.

Veterans and other eligible persons using GI Bill education benefits should visit the LSCS Veterans Affairs Center webpage at LoneStar.edu/Veterans-Affairs to receive detailed instructions for the processing and procedures of GI Bill benefits.

Students wanting to use GI Bill benefits should review the Department of Veterans Affairs benefit eligibility requirements by visiting GIBill.VA.Gov.

Each LSCS campus has a Veterans Affairs Advisor available to guide the active duty or guard/reservist member through the GI Bill and/or Tuition Assistance application process. The Campus VA advisor can assist the veteran/dependent student through the Hazelwood Exemption application process as well. Students can find out more about the Hazelwood Exemption by visiting: CollegeForAllTexans.com. In addition students can contact the Veterans Affairs Center at GIBill@LoneStar.edu or call 281.290.2922 for assistance.

**Certification Requirements:**

- Students must follow a LSCS degree plan. Only courses that apply to the specific degree plan will be approved for benefits. Please visit your Campus VA advisor every term to insure classes qualify for benefits. Although students may plan to transfer to a four-year college, all LSCS classes must apply to your designated LSCS degree plan to receive benefits.
- Students must provide official transcripts from all previously attended institutions, including military transcripts, prior to receiving GI Bill tuition assistance certification.

Students who receive VA benefits are responsible for reading and following the guidelines set forth in the GI Bill Handbook at LoneStar.edu/Veterans-Affairs.

**Standard of Progress:**

VA regulations require that a student receiving VA educational benefits make satisfactory progress according to the “academic policies” section in the LSCS catalog. If a student is placed on suspension, the VA will suspend the students VA benefits for the following fall or spring semester.

**Tutorial Assistance:**

The VA provides additional financial assistance for students who need tutorial help. Certain restrictions and requirements apply in order to obtain this assistance.