

Tuition Set-Aside

The University of Houston is required by law (Texas Education Code, Sections 56.011, 56.012, and 56.465) to set aside a percentage of designated tuition for financial assistance programs.

Senate Bill 1304, passed by the 81st Texas Legislature, directs institutions of higher education to provide notices to students, ([Texas Education Code, Section 56.014](#)) who pay designated tuition, of the amount of the tuition that is set aside for financial assistance.

What can you expect?

- An email notice will be sent to your UH email.

How does the notice affect me personally?

- The set aside **does not** affect financial aid awards, **nor does it** guarantee that you will personally receive financial assistance.
- Eligibility for financial assistance is determined by the information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

Examples of the Financial Assistance Programs funded from tuition set asides are:

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Work-Study Programs
- Student Loans
- Student Loan Repayment Assistance

What is tuition set aside?

Tuition set aside is a portion of the designated tuition paid by resident students (those classified as citizens of the State of Texas), "set aside" and dedicated to providing need-based financial aid to students.

Why are these funds being set aside?

The university is required by law to set aside a portion of designated tuition charged to a resident student. [See Texas Education Code Sections 56.011 and 56.012.](#)

Am I being charged extra?

No, by state law, the University is required to put a portion of the designated tuition that state residents pay into a fund to support financial aid to students. No additional amount is assessed to compensate for this set aside.

Will I benefit from it?

To be eligible for assistance, a student must establish financial need in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. In order to be considered for need based aid, the student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Will this impact my financial aid?

No, tuition set aside does not affect your aid nor does it guarantee that you will receive financial aid. Aid will be determined on a case by case basis and is based on your FAFSA and aid eligibility as determined by the Financial Aid Office.

What if I don't want my money to be used this way?

Unfortunately, UH does not have the ability to change the requirements of the state law. You may direct further questions and concerns to the Texas Legislature.