

## Lamar University

### Designated Tuition Set Aside

Lamar University is required by state law (Texas Education Code, Sections 56.011, 56.012, and 56.465) to set aside a certain portion of a student's designated tuition for financial assistance programs. Senate Bill 1304, passed by the 81<sup>st</sup> Texas Legislature, requires institutions of higher education to provide notices to students (Texas Education Code, Section 56.014 Notice to Students Regarding Tuition Set Aside for Financial Assistance) who pay tuition of the amount of the tuition that is required to be set aside for financial assistance.

### Set Aside Calculations

The chart below is a guide to assist the students in knowing the amount set aside. The amount set aside is based on the student's level of enrollment and hours registered in that term:

#### 2010-2011 Resident Designated Tuition Set Aside Chart

Hours Registered	Undergraduate Set Aside	Graduate/Doctoral Set Aside
1	12.40	9.30
2	24.80	18.60
3	37.20	27.90
4	49.60	37.20
5	62.00	46.50
6	74.40	55.80
7	86.80	65.10
8	99.20	74.40
9	111.60	83.70
10	124.00	93.00
11	136.40	102.30
12	148.80	111.60
13	161.20	120.90
14	173.60	130.20
15	186.00	139.50
16	198.40	148.80
17	210.80	158.10
18	223.20	167.40
19	235.60	176.70
20	248.00	186.00
21	260.40	195.30

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **What is tuition set aside?**

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

### **Why are these funds being set aside?**

Lamar University is required by state law to set aside a portion of designated tuition charged to a resident student. See Texas Education Code Sections 56.011 and 56.012.

### **How much of my tuition is set aside?**

Fifteen percent (15%) per semester credit hour of designated tuition in excess of \$46.00 per credit hour for an undergraduate resident and fifteen percent (15%) per credit hour of designated tuition in excess of \$46.00 per credit hour for a graduate resident are set aside. See Texas Education Code Sections 56.011 and 56.012.

### **Am I being charged extra?**

No, the amount being set aside for this fund does not require students to pay any additional cost.

### **How is this money used? Can I use it?**

To be eligible for assistance under this section, a student must establish financial need in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Priority shall be given to students who meet the coordinating board definition of financial need and whose cost for tuition and required fees is not met through other non-loan financial assistance programs. (Texas Education Code, Sec. 56.011. Resident Undergraduate Student Assistance (b) and (c)) In order to be considered for need based aid, a student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Need based financial aid is awarded based on your FAFSA and aid eligibility as determined by the Financial Aid Office.