



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Dear College and University Presidents:

In November 2024, I directed all public institutions of higher education in Texas to freeze undergraduate tuition and fees for the 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 academic school years. This letter is intended to make clear that this directive remains fully in effect: No undergraduate tuition or fees should be increased in the forthcoming academic school year.

Higher education must be attainable for Texas students and families. Access to affordable, high-quality higher education is essential to ensure Texans learn the skills needed to secure family-sustaining jobs and meet the demands of a growing workforce.

I appreciate the legislature for codifying my prior directive to freeze undergraduate tuition and fees for general academic four-year institutions. I want to reemphasize that my directive applies to all public institutions of higher education. Tuition and fees will remain frozen through the 2026–2027 academic school year for all two-year and four-year institutions, including both general academic and health-related institutions.

Tuition and fees in Texas have been frozen since 2023, and the State of Texas has continued to make historic investments in higher education, including hundreds of millions of dollars in state financial aid programs and increased institutional funding to support affordability. In 2023, the State invested more than \$680 million to reform community college funding and expand degree pathways for students. In the 2025 budget cycle, the State also increased student financial aid funding by \$328 million to increase access to state financial aid programs for eligible students across Texas institutions. These investments ensure that higher education remains accessible and affordable for all Texans.

Texas must continue leading the nation in creating affordable pathways to higher education while maintaining the high academic standards that make our institutions strong. I look forward to working with the legislature next session to extend this freeze to future academic school years and to partner with institutions to identify additional opportunities to make higher education options more affordable, maintain high academic standards, and best position Texas students for future success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor