

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Certification of Institutional Eligibility to Participate in State Student Financial Assistance Programs

Coordinating Board for Higher Education

December 15, 2016

DESCRIPTION

Institutions must be approved by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) in order to be eligible for participation in state assistance programs administered through the Missouri Department of Higher Education. Bolivar Technical College has submitted the required application materials to participate in the following state student financial assistance programs:

- Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program
- Higher Education Academic Scholarship (Bright Flight) Program
- Competitiveness Scholarship Program (Marguerite Ross Barnett Memorial Scholarship)
- Kids' Chance Scholarship Program
- Minority Teaching Scholarship Program
- Minority and Underrepresented Environmental Literacy Program
- Public Safety Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant Program

Bolivar Technical College previously operated as a branch campus of Texas County Technical Institute. The TCTI governing board decided to operate the two campuses as separate institutions and has completed the related conversion with the U.S. Department of Education and the institution's accreditor. The change for state aid programs is the last step in that process for the institution.

Staff has determined this institution meets the statutory requirements to be approved to participate in these programs as a professional/technical institution. Upon approval, Bolivar Technical College will be able to disburse funds for the above cited programs to eligible applicants beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year.

STATUTORY REFERENCE

Sections 173.1101-173.1108, RSMo – Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program

Section 173.250, RSMo – Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program

Section 173.262, RSMo – Competitiveness Scholarship Program

Section 173.254, RSMo – Kids' Chance Scholarship Program

Sections 161.415, 161.418, 161.421, 161.424, RSMo – Minority Teaching Scholarship Program

Section 173.240, RSMo – Minority and Underrepresented Environmental Literacy Program

Section 173.260, RSMo – Public Service Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant Program

Section 173.1102(3), RSMo – Eligibility provisions for Missouri public institutions to participate in the state student financial assistance programs

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Coordinating Board for Higher Education approve Bolivar Technical College to participate in the state student financial assistance programs administered by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education until recertification of institutional eligibility occurs in September of 2019.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None