

TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE PROGRAM ELEMENTS AND COST-SHARE RATES
PROGRAM PROCEDURES

3.3 TIFMAS Training Tuition Grant Guidelines for Firefighter Training

Training tuition grants are subject to the following standards:

3.3.1 Eligibility

Only firefighters from departments eligible for TIFMAS Grants are eligible for training tuition grants.

3.3.2 Approved Courses

Courses certified by TCFP, SFFMA or NWCG are eligible. Courses leading to the following firefighter certifications and credentials are eligible:

- Structural Firefighting
- Wildland Firefighting
- Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting
- Marine Fire Fighting
- Industrial Firefighting
- Rescue
- Driver/ Operator
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Fire Service Officer
- Hazardous Materials Technician
- Incident Command System

Some online courses may also be eligible. Training leading to the EMR, EMT or Paramedic credential is not eligible. Training leading to a law enforcement certification is not eligible. Non-fire related courses are not eligible.

NWCG courses, other than S-130 and S-190, must be taught by an NWCG member agency. NWCG courses not offered or sanctioned by an NWCG member agency are not eligible for grant assistance.

All training courses must be taught within the State of Texas.

3.3.3 Approved Schools

Most regional schools are approved, provided the curriculum is certified by TCFP, SFFMA or NWCG.

Training schools and courses not leading to a certification by SFFMA, TCFP, or qualifications under the NWCG "Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide" will not be approved.

3.3.4 Instructors and Training Facilities

Training must be conducted by a lead instructor holding the Texas Instructor I credential or higher.

NWCG training must be conducted by a qualified lead instructor holding qualifications as required by the NWCG Field Manager's Course Guide, PMS 901-1.

Training fields, classrooms, and training facilities should be certified by TCFP.

3.3.5 Other Approved Training

The program will provide reimbursement grants for registration fees for attendance at the following conferences:

- Line of Duty Death Conference
- SFFMA of Texas Annual Conference
- Texas Fire Chiefs Academy Annual Conference
- TIFMAS Symposium

3.3.6 Limitations

Grant assistance is not available for reimbursement of transportation, meals, or lodging expense.

Training tuition grants are provided up to a maximum of \$129 per day, not to exceed \$645 per trainee per school.

The maximum amount of training tuition grant assistance a department may receive in a fiscal year (September through August) is \$12,500.

Written application for a training tuition grant must be received by TFS before the course start date. An application received on or after the course start date is not eligible for grant assistance.

3.3.7 Training Tuition Payments

Grant payments for Training Tuition to the TEEX Spring Fire School and the TEEX Municipal Fire School may be made directly to TEEX on behalf of the grant recipient. Tuition and related expenses must be listed on an itemized master invoice provided by TEEX. Grant reimbursement payments for tuition at all other schools will be made directly to the grant recipient.

Grant payments for training tuition to the Capital Area Interagency Wildfire and Incident Management Academy and other TFS academies may be paid directly to TFS on behalf of the grant recipient.